



# Nebo News

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## NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 32,000 students 2014-2015.
- Nebo District has over 3,600 employees.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 5th largest employer in Utah County.

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## “BE THE MAGIC”

NEVER EVER SAY “THAT’S NOT MY JOB” – DON’T EVEN THINK IT!

Author Kirk Weisler describes an event that took place when he was acting his five-year-old son’s assistant soccer coach. He recounts:

“My family and I showed up to the soccer field where my son was going to play as the two previous teams finished up. As our boys gathered, some helpful parents from the playing teams pointed out a large pile of dog poop on the field, and warned us to point it out to our boys. A few moments later, the coaches of the departing teams also pointed out the dog poop, and gave us the same admonition. Next came the referees assigned to the field for the evening, who told us the same thing!

“After this third warning, my son’s other coach and I looked at each other and... went in search of something we could use to scoop up the poop. We found a large piece of cardboard and had it cleaned off the field in less than a minute.

“As I viewed all the parents that lined the field, and pondered all the parents and coaches who had been there throughout the day – each one dutifully and diligently passing along the ‘Poop Warning’—I marveled that NONE had taken the initiative to clean it UP! What an opportunity to teach, by example, the important principles of service, teamwork, selflessness, and INITIATIVE...

“The ever-growing mindset of ‘It’s not my job,’ or ‘Someone else will do it,’ plays itself out all too often in ways that impact us on a daily basis.”

This experience and realization led Kirk to write a picture book called “The Dog Poop Initiative” to help convey the importance of everyone in an

organization being a leader in taking initiative to get things done. His message can be summed up in four short lines from his book:

- The scoopers take initiative and are the ones who lead the way.
- They make the field a better place for all the rest to play.
- They don’t waste time pointing, complaining, or worrying who’s to blame.
- They simply do what must be done, and then get on with the game.

To quote Dennis Snow: “Being your best and doing your best is not always easy... but we all know that certain companies and certain employees do stand out. They outshine the competition because they are willing to go the extra mile. It requires a sense of ownership and responsibility. It requires commitment to doing whatever it takes to do a job well, no matter what that job is” (p. 86).

The ‘BE THE MAGIC!’ “lesson at hand is not about doing everything; it’s about making sure things get done” (p. 83).



## Administrative Appointments

### Dates to Celebrate:

February 1-28  
National Black History Month  
American Heart Month  
Dental Health Month

February 1  
National Freedom Day  
*Commemorating the end of slavery on the date of passage of the 13th Amendment in 1865.*

February 2  
Groundhog Day

February 2-6  
School Counseling Week

February 12  
Abraham Lincoln's birthday

February 14  
Valentine's Day

February 15  
Susan B. Anthony Day  
*Celebrating the birthday of the women's rights leader and the adoption of the 19th Amendment (for women's suffrage) in 1920*

February 16  
Presidents' Day

February 17  
National PTA Founder's Day

February 19  
Chinese New Year

February 22  
George Washington's birthday



Clifton Jex  
Transportation Supervisor



Alison Hansen  
STEM Grant Facilitator



Lorraine Nelson  
Principal Brockbank Elementary



Shannon Acor, Kristen Betts, and Rick Ainge  
All elected for a second term on the Nebo School Board of Education

**Letters of Intent**  
**Due by:**  
**February 13, 2015**

## A New Year with New School Menus?

Download our FREE smartphone app or check out our new menu website.

Our district has a long history of putting our customers first when it comes to school food service. That's part of why we're so proud to announce an exciting update to our school menus!

Here's what's new:

- More information about each food, including a photo and description
- A new menu website: <http://nebo.nutrislice.com>
- A FREE app for iPhone and Android, **School Lunch by Nutrislice**
- A mobile website: <http://nebo.nutrislice.com/mobile>
- And you can still print a PDF of the menu by visiting the menu website above.

We've worked hard over the past few months to get the new site up and running. We've updated our menus and are serving some tasty new foods. We hope you'll check out our new menus and let us know what you think! Nebo Food Services

**Nominations for Classified**  
**Due by:**  
**February 13**

# National School Breakfast Week

Nebo School District is celebrating National School Breakfast Week during the week of March 2-6.

Eating breakfast is beneficial in so many ways! Children are provided essential nutrients when they eat breakfast, which helps them function throughout the school day.

Breakfast at school can provide even more benefits to students. These includes better attendance, less tardiness, better alertness and focus, and better academic performance. These are all benefits that help students to progress and grow in their academic life.

The National School Breakfast Program has regulations in place to provide the healthiest foods to students. More whole grains, fresh fruit, and milk will be served in schools as part of this program. This ensures that each student can grow both physically and mentally.

Every year, the school district celebrates the National School Breakfast Program by holding an event in the beginning of March. This spring, the event theme is "Make the Grade with School Breakfast." This theme highlights

how eating a nutritious breakfast helps students not only grow physically, but to accomplish success in the classroom, which correlates with the benefits of eating breakfast and improved academic performance.

This event will have fun games and activities that promote eating a healthy breakfast. This is a great event, so mark your calendars and come join us in celebrating school breakfast this spring!

Please visit [www.nebo.edu/food-services](http://www.nebo.edu/food-services) for more information!



# January PEAK Awards

To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee page and scroll down, or go to: [www.nebo.edu/PEAK](http://www.nebo.edu/PEAK)



Nominated by: Debbie Riggs  
**PEAK Award:** Caralee Steele, Food Services, Taylor Elem.  
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Ashley Black  
**PEAK Award:** Kacie Johnson, Teacher, Salem Hills High  
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Kristi Jensen  
**PEAK Award:** Alison Hansen, Principal, Brockbank Elem.  
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Garrett Andersen  
**PEAK Award:** Kim Head, Secretary, Larsen Elementary  
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Mike Duncan  
**PEAK Award:** Kami Christensen, Mentor, District Wide  
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Rhet Rowley & Tiffanie Miley  
**PEAK Award:** Brenda Bales, Secretary, Springville Jr. High  
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



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*If your successes are not listed above, please get awards to [iana.hiskey@nebo.edu](mailto:iana.hiskey@nebo.edu) with Award Nebo News in the subject line. (I may pull items off your school website if time permits.)*

# Nebo District's Celebrations

## Student Celebrations

**Oaklee Harris**, Spanish Fork Jr., honored as Daily Herald Student of the Week.

**Heidi Liddle**, Mt. Nebo Jr., honored as Daily Herald Student of the Week.

## Employee/Program Celebrations

**Kristen Jenkins**, Sierra Bonita, honored as Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

**Jodi Beck**, Payson High, honored as Daily Herald Educator of the Week.



## February is Charitable Giving

The Charitable Giving campaign, "Spread the Sunshine" is a great way to donate to great causes. This years' campaign includes the opportunity to give to United Way, Nebo Foundation, Community Shares Utah and Community Health Charities. The most effective way to give is through payroll deduction. Last years' campaign brought in \$5,394 in new payroll deduction donations and another \$463 in one time donations. We thank you for your contributions. Our goal this year is to have every Nebo employee donate \$1 per month through payroll deduction.

This years' Charitable Giving campaign begins on February 5, with a kick-off meeting for Charitable Giving Representatives. All schools' Charitable Giving Representatives will meet on February 5, in the Board Room at 3:15. The campaign in your schools and workplaces will run February 9-27. If you have been the recipient of charity, please consider offering to help your building rep to "Spread the Sunshine".