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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 32,500 students 2016-2017.
- 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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Superintendent's Message: Choose2Matter

"All that I am I owe to my angel mother," has long been one of my favorite quotes from Abraham Lincoln. Recently, I gained a new-found appreciation for this "angel mother" of Honest Abe.

While reading The Civil War: A Narrative, by Shelby Foote, I was reminded that Mr. Lincoln's birth mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, died when he was nine years old. About one year later, Abe's father married Sally Bush Lincoln, a widowed mother of three children. I hadn't realized it before, but Sally Bush Lincoln is the "angel mother" this great man credited in his famous quote.

I believe that two statements from Mr. Foote summarize why Abraham Lincoln felt the way that he did about Sally's influence in his life:

"She brought to Abraham all the love and affection she had given her own."

"She saw to it that the boy went to school. Previously he had not gone much deeper into learning

than his ABC's... Now at intervals he was able to fit in brief weeks of schooling... Between such periods of formal education he studied at home."

In other words, Sally chose to matter. She chose to give young Abe the same level of love, attention, affection, and access to education that she gave to her own children. The foundation of compassion and knowledge which he formed under her care proved to be essential as he successfully navigated a difficult personal, professional, and political life.

While none of us knows the heights that our students may rise to, we know that they require nurturing and knowledge to obtain those heights. My hope is that we will continue to follow the example of Sally Bush Lincoln and "Choose2Matter" in the lives of children.




Follow and Rate Nebo District on Social Media

Follow Nebo School District on **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/Nebo-School-District-194221497263098/> and **Twitter** <https://twitter.com/NeboDistrict>.



Also, take time to **rate** our school district as well as your own school. Often times the only people that rate a school or district are those that are upset. It would be beneficial to have our own employees rate our district and schools.

Thank you for taking this time to **rate** Nebo District.

A retirement luncheon will be held for all retirees on May 3, 2017 at 12:00. If you are planning on retiring please make an appointment with Dwight Liddiard in the Human Resource Department by calling 801-354-7414.

Dates to Celebrate:

March 1-31
Music in Our Schools Month
Youth Art Month

March 2
Read Across America Day
Dr. Seuss's Birthday

March 3
Adoption of U.S. National Anthem in 1931.
World Wildlife Day

March 6-10
National School Breakfast Week
School Social Work Week

March 7
Peace Corps Day
Commemorating creation of the Peace Corps in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy

March 8
International Women's Day

March 12
Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17
St. Patrick's Day

March 20
First Day of Spring

March 20-24
World Folktales and Fables Week

March 21
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence



Nebo Employees Win Safety Award

Nebo School District received the E-MOD Hot Rod Safety Award by the Utah School Boards Insurance Association (USBIA). The USBIA honors school districts that promote workplace safety through their E-MOD Hot Rod recognition program.

Superintendent Rick Nielsen and district Risk Manager, David Gneiting, accept the E-MOD Hot Rod Award.

Gneiting said, "We thank all Nebo School District employees that make working safely a personal priority. Those who have not consciously made that decision, please jump on

the band wagon and make workplace safety a priority."

Like all other insurance programs, the USBIA is always encouraging their clients to promote workplace safety and to do things that will help reduce claims. Claim reduction over time translates into a lower experience modification factor (E-MOD), which is a component in calculating an insurance premium.



Classified Employees of the Year 2016-17



Chris Hall
Secretary, Spanish Fork Junior



Faye Fuller
Special Education, Payson Junior



RaeAnn Nelson—District Classified Employee of the Year
Superintendent Rick Nielsen, School Board President Kristen Betts,
Human Resource Coordinator Sandra Jarvis



Todd Cook
Maintenance, District Wide



Andrew Goudy
Custodian, Santaquin



Patricia Sanborn
Dispatch, Transportation



Russell Graham
Technical Services, District Wide



RaeAnn Nelson
Educational Technician, Riverview Elem.



Patty Maloy
Food Service, Cherry Creek, Elem.

Choose2Matter

Liz Worthen, Secretary, SHHS, "Liz is happy, cheerful, and complimentary. She makes others' days better because she is positive and caring." Recognized by Lee Gillie.

David Jex, Mapleton Junior, "David makes a difference in the lives of the children he teaches. I am a 'fan' of your work and commitment to our youth." Recognized by Jessica Devenish.

Lynn Steele, Printer, IMC, "Lynn is the most friendly and outgoing person. Her personality is infectious. She goes above and beyond because she cares." Recognized by Lindsey Hughes.

McKell Cope, Teacher, Sierra Bonita, "McKell goes above and beyond to make sure her students master concepts. She is a positive influence in the community." Recognized by Kendra McPherson.

Starr David, Teacher, Cherry Creek, "Mrs. David is so happy, kind-hearted and a gentle teacher. She is inspiring and an empowered teacher." Recognized by Clint Cornwall.

Janell Haskell, Secretary, East Meadows, "Janell goes above and beyond. She is willing to do anything asked of her. Problem solving is her specialty." Recognized by Katherine Beck.



February PEAK Awards



To read the nomination submissions, go to:

February 2017 PEAK Awards:

www.nebo.edu/news/2084

To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee

page and scroll down, or go to: www.nebo.edu/PEAK



Nominated by: Brenda Bales & Brent Taylor
PEAK Award: Keith Bellows, Custodian, Springville Junior
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Lynn Adams & Adam Gull
PEAK Award: Mary Joy Dekker, Teacher, Rees Elementary
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Ryan Pitcher & Linda Baird
PEAK Award: Zach Hanks, IT, Meadow Brook & Hobbie Creek
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Julie Carlisle, Alesha LeMmon, John Plaisted,
Rachel White, Laurel Spencer
PEAK Award: Blake Mortensen, Dean Students, Payson Jr.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Jenna Lambert, McKensie Bellomy, Chrissie
Robinson, Carolyn Aagard
PEAK Award: Heidi Dimmick, Teacher, Spanish Oaks Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Debra Hudson, Lynette DeGraffenried,
Carwynn Carter
PEAK Award: Brenda Burgess, Sweeper, Goshen
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



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If your successes are not listed, please get awards to lana.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line.



Nebo District's Celebrations

Student Celebrations

Megan Newbold, MJHS, placed 2nd in the Make it with Wool contest at the State Junior Division.

Jack Stewart, Payson Jr., was honored by Payson Mayor Moore.

Anna Caldwell, Cherry Creek, was honored by Springville Mayor Clyde.

Teni Worthen, Larsen Elementary, selected as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

Conner Gates, SFJHS, won the Patriot's Pen writing contest for the State of Utah.

Bennett Brinton, SFHS, placed 2nd at DECA in Quick Server Restaurant, represent the state.

Employee/Program Celebrations

Angela Harmon, SFJHS orchestra teacher, was honored with the Superior Accomplishment Award by the Utah Music Education Association (UMEA).

Ben Ford, PHS principal, was honored as the Outstanding Administrator of the Year by the Utah Music Education Association (UMEA).

Salem Junior and Springville Junior choirs asked to perform at Abravanel Hall. Only two were asked in the state. Both from Nebo School District.

Ben Gowans, Orchard Hills, honored as Outstanding Elementary Educator by the Utah Science Teachers Association.

Employee/Program Celebrations Cont.

Payson High Students on National "This American Life" broadcast.

Scott Neilson, MMHS, elected to the State School Board of Education for the State of Utah.

Dwight Liddiard, Human Resource Coordinator, selected as Special Contributor of the Year for the state of Utah by the UAESP.

Scott Nielson, PHS, honored as Outstanding Physics Educator by the Utah Science Teachers Association.

Nebo School District received the **E-MOD Hot Rod Safety Award** by the Utah School Boards Insurance Association.

Alan Ashton, Nebo's Career & Technical Education Coordinator, was honored as Administrator of the Year by the Utah Association Career and Technical Education UACTE.

Josie Reynaud, SHHS CTE teacher, was honored as CTE Teacher of the Year by the Utah Association Career and Technical Education UACTE.

Samantha Wilson, Hobble Creek, selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

Kimberly Ipson, SHS, selected as Teacher of the Year by the Utah Art Education Association.



Choose2Matter Cont.

Eileen Lisonbee, Teacher, Orchard Hills, "She is always willing to help out and go the extra mile as a team leader. She is amazing support." Recognized by Debbie Sperry.

Diana Steele, Secretary, Payson High, "She handles the attendance and treats everyone with equal respect. She enjoys working with students." Recognized by Connie Mattinson.

Dallas Pruitt, Teacher, SHHS, " We are so appreciative of Mr. Pruitt's positive influence on our daughter. He is sensitive to her struggles and focused on her abilities." Recognized by Marcey Humpherys.

Dave Brooks, Teacher Special Assignment, Landmark, "Dave has a positive attitude and willing to help anyone. He encourages students to do their best." Recognized by Lynn Mecham.

If you have noticed any wonderful people or experiences that need to be recognized, please email them to lana.hiskey@nebo.edu.