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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 32,000 students 2015-2016.
- 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 Rick Nielsen Teach Like a Pirate – “Top Ten Treasures”

I have loved our “Teach Like a Pirate” theme this year, with the focus on Treasures. The level of enthusiasm, passion, and optimism I feel from our employees is contagious! As we begin to wrap up the school year, I thought it would be fun to share my “Top Ten Treasures” from Dave Burgess to help us keep up our energy through the school year and throughout life:

- ◆ “What is it about being an educator that drives you? What ignites a fire inside you? Tap into it and feel the power surge through your soul!” (p. 5, 8)
- ◆ “My purpose is too mighty to be dragged down by negativity. I just can’t afford it. What I’m trying to accomplish is too significant and game changing to allow anything to slow me down.” (p. 148)
- ◆ “Much of your success as an educator has to do with your attitude towards teaching and towards kids.” (p. 84)
- ◆ “Your passion will help you become absolutely relentless in the pursuit of excellence.” (p. 10)
- ◆ “Building rapport is all about interacting with your students as fellow human beings.” (p. 21)
- ◆ “I’m selling education...a life-altering product that can transform the human spirit and literally change the world one student at a time.” (p. 32)
- ◆ “I can think of no higher purpose or calling than teacher. We help shape the minds of future generations. We have the ability to literally change the world.” (p. 149)
- ◆ “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” (p. 65, quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson)
- ◆ “There is nothing more contagious on this planet than enthusiasm.” (p. 71, quoting Carlos Santana)
- ◆ “To ascend to the level of greatness, you have to be on fire with passion and enthusiasm.” (p. 147)

Thanks for all that you do for students and for each other!



Nebo District Purchases Neways Building in Salem

It's official! Nebo District has purchased the Neways Building in Salem and will soon begin to work with an architect on concept designs for the facility. Initial ideas for use of the 210,000 square foot facility include:

- ◆ Career and Technical Education Programs (such as Digital Manufacturing Technology, Industrial Automation and Design, Web Programming and Development, Aeronautics, and Home Construction)
- ◆ Relocation of the Maintenance Department and the Warehouse from their current locations near the District Office
- ◆ An Athletic Fieldhouse (indoor turf, netting, sports flooring, play/practice areas, and storage)

While all of these ideas are dependent on architectural design constraints and capital funding availability, we are excited at the prospects this purchase provides to our students, employees, and the community. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

A retirement luncheon will be held for all retirees on May 4, 2016, at 12:00. If you are planning on retiring, please make an appointment with Ken Van Ausdal or Sandra Jarvis in the Human Resource Department by calling 801-354-7414.

Dates to Celebrate:

- April 1-30
National Autism Month
National Poetry Month
- April 2
International Children's Book Day
Inspiring the love of reading
- April 7
World Health Day
- April 10-16
National Volunteer Week
National Library Week
Week of the Young Child
- April 13
Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
- April 18
Anniversary of Paul Revere's ride
- April 22
Earth Day
- April 27
Administrative Professionals Secretaries Day
- April 28
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- April 29
National Arbor Day

Classified Employees of the Year 2015–2016



*Robby Finch
Maintenance*



*Hope Crandall—District Classified Employee of the Year
School Board President Kristen Betts, Superintendent Rick Nielsen,
Human Resource Ken Van Ausdal*



*Ross Johnson
Custodian
Spanish Fork High*



*Marlena Losser
Food Service Manager
Payson Junior*



*Kamee Diamond
Special Education
Spanish Fork Junior*



*Jeremy Luckau
Bus Driver
Transportation*



*Carrie Christensen
Secretary
Salem Hills*



*Hope Crandall
Educational Technician
Mapleton Elementary*

Nebo Administrative Appointments 2016-17



Suzanne Kimball
Coordinator Curriculum



Dwight Liddiard
Coordinator Human Resources



Matt Christensen
Principal Spanish Fork Junior



Curtis Burton—Assistant Principal
Spanish Fork High



Elizabeth Reynolds—Assistant
Principal Salem Hills High

“X” Marks the SPOT

Dyan Gordon, Secretary, Mapleton Elementary, “She helps everyone with smile. She uplifts and encourages others. She has endless diligence,” recognized by Alyssa Wright.

Susan Phelps, Teacher, Spanish Oaks, “She is exceptional, and I am grateful she loves my child and pushes him to succeed and do his best,” recognized by Sarah Ogwin.

McKell Nelson, Psychologist, Taylor/Mt. Nebo Jr., “She wants students to feel safe and successful at school. She teaches students habits of highly effective people. She is available for ALL students,” recognized by Nan Davis.

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March PEAK Awards

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



Nominated by: Amanda Renzello, Karen Ripple, Matt Cope
PEAK Award: Kristeene Zeeman, Secretary, Landmark

Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Amy Darrington, Ryan Kay, Charlene Hatch, Jody Thorne

PEAK Award: Adam Gull, Title I Coordinator, Park
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Melissa Heaton, Ann Peay, RaShel Shepherd, Jessica Devenish, Jodi Partridge, Hilary Miner, Danielle Lopez

PEAK Award: Flora Chappell, Counselor, MJHS
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Bridgette Sahlin
PEAK Award: Becky Jorgensen, Teacher, Brookside Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Sarah Blac khurst
PEAK Award: Nicole Draper, Science Teacher, DFJHS
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Melissa Hartley
PEAK Award: Wendi Nelson, History Teacher, SFHS
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts

Nebo District's Celebrations



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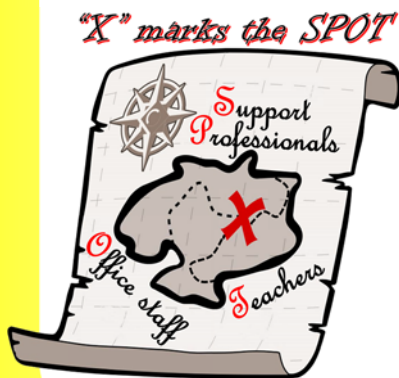
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If your successes are not listed above, please get awards to iana.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line.



Student/Program Celebrations

SFHS team, wins SheTech Challenge, Sarah Rowley, Ashley Brimhall, Emily Rowley, Elise Wilson, Aubrey McConnell.

PHS won Best Daily Show at the Utah High School Broadcast Awards. Jacob Hank won Best Male Anchor.

SHHS Debate team took Second at State.

SHS Cheer wins West Coast Championship.

Sakia Brost, SHHS, elected as State FFA President.

SHS Chamber Singers join Alex Boyé in concert.

Jacob Theodosis, Spanish Oaks Elementary, was selected as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

SHS Girls' Basketball, finished second at State.

MMHS Wrestling finished second at State.

Taylor Lamont, MMHS, Wrestling Champion at Nationals and nominated for Male Athlete of the Year.

Easton Shelley, Riverview, First grader wins Wrestling Triple Crown in Colorado.

FCCLA, MMHS, Five Golds at State. Ashley Chidester elected State President for 2015-16.

Employee Celebrations

Sarah Shuler, SHHS, selected as Utah's Art Teacher of the Year by the Utah Art Education Association.

Señor Travis Moss, SFJHS, receives Outstanding Educator Award by the PTA Region 10 as well as the State of Utah.

Kali Brown, Spanish Oaks, receives Outstanding Educator Award by the PTA Region 10.

Denise Taylor, Spring Lake Elementary, was selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

KyLynn James, Salem Jr., awarded Health Educator of the Year by Utah Association of Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Lillian Clark, Spring Lake, received the Outstanding Contribution by the Utah Speech & Hearing Association.

Nebo's CTE Carpentry students build and sell beautiful home in Salem this month.

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Alece Tomadakis, Teacher, East Meadows, "Alece comes to school every day with a smile on her face. She analyzes her students' learning and reteaches expertly," recognized Jentry Youd.

Amber Capell & Michelle McClain, Math Teachers, Mt. Nebo Jr., "They went the extra mile to cover for a math teacher reassigned, prepared lesson plans, and met the needs of students," recognized by Kaye Isakson.

Alexander McCarty, Custodian, Salem Hills, "The athletic fields look spectacular! He always asks what more he can do. He is supportive of students," recognized by Lee Gillie.

Mary Lynn Lewis, Instructional Coach, Art City/Maple Ridge, "She provides exceptional coaching and modeling. She believes all students deserve an opportunity to grow and progress," recognized by Lynne Lowe.

Quinn Johnson, Adult Sweeper, Landmark, "He looks for ways to help wherever he can. He always goes the extra mile and stays late to finish a task," recognized by Scott Carson.

Ellen-Anita Olson, Media Specialist, Diamond Fork Jr., "She makes our library one that students want to visit. She provides puzzles, learning activities, and inviting learning displays. She also provides pop in Fridays for faculty and staff," recognized by Cecily Yeager.

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