



Nebo News



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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

Captain Scott Kelly is a decorated United States astronaut who completed a record-setting 340 day mission to the International Space Station. He recently spoke to public educators and school board members about his space adventures, and the pathway that brought him to world-renowned fame. Two of his life experiences stood out to me as an educator who wants to make a difference:



- ◆ Scott was not a great student. In fact, he struggled quite a bit in school and was fortunate to graduate from high school and attend a small college. While walking through the college bookstore one day, The Right Stuff, by Tom Wolfe, caught his eye. He bought it, read it, and decided at that moment to become an astronaut. Scott's teachers obviously impacted him by instilling in him a passion for learning, a thirst for knowledge, and a determination to succeed.
- ◆ Captain Kelly almost failed to become a test-fighter pilot when his tailhook slammed into the side of the aircraft carrier during his daytime examination. His only other chance to qualify was to pass the nighttime exam – a much more difficult test. A veteran pilot, who offered to coach Captain Kelly, noticed that Scott became too comfortable while things

were going smoothly in flight and neglected to make small, but necessary adjustments to prepare for landing. The lesson learned, Captain Kelly passed the night test and became a test-fighter pilot.

These examples, and the many other life experiences that he shared, all point to one theme: others in his life "Chose2Matter", helping Captain Scott Kelly succeed in ways that may have seemed impossible at times.

Thank you, Nebo employees, for making a difference in the lives of students. We may have astronauts

among us, we may not, but every child deserves the gift of your influence and your genius. You Matter!

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:

- April 1-30
National Autism Month
Celebrate Diversity Month
- April 2
International Children's Book Day
Inspiring the love of reading
- April 3-7
National Blue Ribbon Week
Preventing Child Abuse
- April 5
Paraprofessionals Day
- April 7
World Health Day
- April 10-14
National Library Week
- April 13
Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
- April 16
Easter
- April 17—21
Safe Kids Week
- April 22
Earth Day
- April 26
Administrative Professionals/
Secretaries Day
- April 27
Take Our Daughters and Sons to
Work Day
- April 28
National Arbor Day



Nebo Administrative Appointments 2017-18



Julie Warren
Associate Superintendent Curriculum



David Rowe
Elementary Director



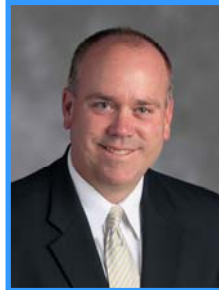
Alicia Rudd
Elementary Coordinator



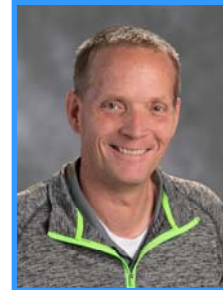
Matt Gledhill
Operations Director



Frank Daybell
Operations Coordinator



Robert Fleming
Human Resource Coordinator



Ben Ford
Administrator Peak Center



RaShel Anderson Shepherd
Principal Payson High



David Knudsen
Principal Salem Junior



Nathan Whitney
Principal Mapleton Junior



Alesha LeMmon
Assist. Principal Spanish Fork Junior



Shea Bradshaw
Assist. Principal Maple Mountain



Cheri Campbell
Assist. Principal Payson Junior



Teresa Jordan
Principal Spring Lake Elementary



Danalee Beckert
Principal Brookside Elementary

Nebo District Receives Highest Bond Rating

In March, Dale Okerlund, Nebo School District Financial Advisor, announced that Nebo School District received the highest bond rating of AAA by Fitch Ratings, Inc. Nebo's bond rating was upgraded from AA to AAA. While the AA rating is very good, the new AAA is the highest rating possible.

Fitch stated, "The revised criteria highlight the district's strong revenue growth prospects, solid expenditure control, a low long-term liability burden, and exceptionally strong gap-closing capacity. The district benefits from a positive state funding environment, a very flexible labor environment, and well-funded pensions." Fitch Ratings, Inc. is one of the big three credit rating agencies, the other two being Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

Mr. Okerlund said, "The AAA bond rating will result in even better market reception of the district's bonds when they are sold and get a better interest rate for the patrons and taxpayers in the district."

Rick Ainge, Nebo School Board member and past president, stated, "This AAA bond rating equates to someone having a personal FICO credit score of 850."



March PEAK Awards

To read the nomination submissions, go to:

March 2017 PEAK Awards:

www.nebo.edu/news/2121



To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee

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



Nominated by: Dave Hansen, Brad Condie, Amanda Houghton
PEAK Award: Lindsay Priday, Music Tech., Salem Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Namahan & Semisi Tukuafu
PEAK Award: Shaun Black, Teacher, Spanish Fork High
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Thresa Holthaus
PEAK Award: Katie Barth, Teacher, Mapleton Elementary
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: J. Lynn Jones, Brent Coffman & Mike Larsen
PEAK Award: Anita Stewart, Secretary, Special Education
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: Cami Chang
PEAK Award: Shaun Ward, Custodian, Wilson Elementary
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



Nominated by: DeAnn Carter, Sherri Peterson, Angela Lindstrom & Kali Brown
PEAK Award: Lindsey Downey, Librarian, Spanish Oaks Elem.
Superintendent Rick Nielsen & Board President Kristen Betts



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



Nebo District's Celebrations

Student Celebrations

Brody Howarth, Orchard Hills Elementary, selected the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

SHS Boys' Basketball State Champions!

Brandyn Van Tassell, MMHS, and Chayce Loveless, PHS, Wrestling State Champions.

Kate Larsen, Foothills, received an Honorable Mention for photography at state PTA Reflections program.

Matthew Allphin, Nathan Allred, Nathan Bingham, Kyle Rodgers, SHS, are the State Chess Champions.

McKenzie Taylor, SHHS, wins Award for Aspirations in Technology.

Dallas Williams, SHHS, wins UVU Writing Contest.

Employee/Program Celebrations

Deon Bradford, Mt. Loafer Elementary, selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

Nicole Draper, Diamond Fork Jr., and Cash Williams, SHHS & SaJHS, recognized with Honorary State FFA Degree.

PHS TV Program, recognized nationally by eMagazine.

Allissa Huffaker, SHS, recognized as Track & Field Coach of the Year by the National Federation.

MMHS, Tyler Christmas, Ben Warnick, Tosh Davis win Gold SkillsUSA.

SFHS, Maricruz Torres & Kyle Coombs win Gold SkillsUSA.

Choose2Matter

Jodi Beck, Teacher, Payson High, "Exceptional service should be her middle name. She always encourages and watches out for the one." Recognized by Jeri Carter.

Rebekah Jensen Springer, Teacher, Salem Elem., "She has active students and is always smiling through it all. She gave her car keys to an ill employee for the day." Recognized by Bristy Brower.

Lisa Draper, Teacher, Mt. Loafer, "She makes others feel so special. She makes every day exciting and special even to a quiet and shy student and recognizes others." Recognized by Lee Gillie.

Carolyn Bernier, Sp. Ed. Tech., Mapleton Junior, "She always has a smile on her face. Her focus is students with special needs. She is professional and a team player." Recognized by Melissa Heaton.

Matt Larsen, Technology, Springville High, "Matt goes the extra mile and found a printer when the office printer didn't work. It didn't cost the school a dime." Recognized by Teresa Gordon.

Aimee Kelly, Tutor/PE, Spanish Oaks, "She works with students who are struggling. She is so patient and kind. She makes PE fun and rewarding." Recognized by Sherri Peterson & Susan Phelps.

Karen Thomas, Teacher, Meadow Brook, "She goes above and beyond providing technology services. She uses her own personal time to provide training." Recognized by Bethany Brown.

Loretta Walker, Music Specialist, Summit Center, "She puts in countless hours to ensure success of teachers. She always makes time for others." Recognized by Rachel Marie Kimball.

Deana Edmondson, Tracker, Salem Hills High, "She takes on the 'school mom' role for students who are struggling. She works well with these students." Recognized by Brett White.

Brittany Bray, Payroll, District, "She is always cheerful and willing to help others. She is a 'rock'. We treasure the time with Brittany." Recognized by Janelle Bond.

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