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Nebo News



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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 34,000 students in 2020-2021.
- Nebo District has approximately 4,500 employees.
- Nebo District is the 7th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest employer in Utah County.

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Superintendent

Magic – An Extraordinary Power or Influence

The national news has spent the past few weeks reporting on strategies for the “reopening of schools.” They continue to focus on things like distancing, ventilation, barriers, mask wearing, and other structural strategies designed to get kids back for “in-person learning.” While these strategies are important, and were key to our own reopening nearly eight months ago, these plans all neglect to focus on the most important element required for providing high quality, safe “in-person learning” for students: **YOU!**

Without each of **YOU**, we would not have successfully navigated these past eight months for Nebo students. **YOU** helped students manage mask wearing, cleanliness, physical distancing, and the host of other things required to keep everyone in the building safe. **YOU** provided educational and other support services to isolated, quarantined, and remote students. **YOU** supported colleagues and strengthened each other during times of sorrow, stress, and uncertainty. While there are many important things to consider about school operations, especially during a pandemic, **YOU** have always been the **MAGIC** that makes school a vital and important part of each child’s life.



As former Disney Executive Lee Cockerell observed, “No matter how good your products and services are, you can’t achieve true excellence unless you attract great people, develop great people, and keep great people.” He then continues, “At the end of the day, there are no untold stories. Whether we like it or not, we’re always being watched and we’re always teaching . . . when we’re walking down hallways, or leaving parking lots, or talking on cell phones to our kids. That is why we have to conduct ourselves impeccably at all times . . . True professionalism is mainly about attitude and demeanor and the image you project to the world.”

(Creating Magic, by Lee Cockerell, p. 86, 230-231)

Thanks to each of **YOU** for being great people who tell great stories through your **Mindful**, **Appreciative**, **Gritty**, **Innovative**, and **Caring** actions and attitudes. Nebo students and families are blessed by your extraordinary influence. They are blessed by the **Magic of YOU!**



Nebo School Board Earned Master Award Ninth Year in a Row

The Nebo School Board of Education was honored with the prestigious Master Board Award (MBA) for the ninth year in a row. The MBA award recognizes excellence in leading public schools in local neighborhoods and strengthening communities across the state. It is important that as leaders in Utah, it is critical to work together to ensure high achievement for every student.



Superintendent Rick Nielsen, Shauna Warnick, John Taylor, President Christine Riley, Rick Ainge, Shannon Acor, Scott Card, Vice President Lisa Rowley, and Business Administrator Michael Harrison

Dates to Celebrate:

April 1-30

National Autism Month
National Poetry Month
School Library Month

April 1

April Fools' Day

April 2

International Children's Book Day

April 3

National Paraprofessionals Day

April 4

Easter

April 4-10

National Library Week

April 7

World Health Day

April 5-9

National Assistant Principals Week

April 18-24

National Volunteer Week
National School Leadership Week

April 21

Administrative Professionals/ Secretaries Day

April 22

Earth Day

April 30

National Arbor Day



Nebo Academy Summer Classes 2021

Click on the link for brief overview of offerings:

Nebo Academy Course Listings

REGISTRATION FEES: If you are NOT an employee of Nebo School District, the cost for all classes is \$50. Please contact Lisa Pruitt at 801-354-7423 to register.

STIPENDS: Framework and New Teacher Induction courses have a \$20/hour stipend. For other courses, stipends need to be approved by your principal.



Nebo Graduations:

Monday May 24

Landmark High, 11:00 a.m., SF Rodeo Grounds

Tuesday, May 25

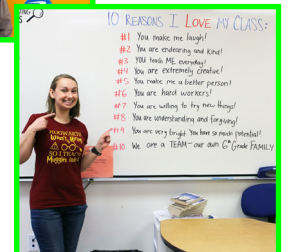
Payson High, 10:00 a.m., SF Rodeo Grounds
Maple Mountain, 2:00 p.m., SF Rodeo Grounds

Wednesday, May 26

Spanish Fork High, 10:00 a.m., SF Rodeo Grounds
Springville High, 2:00 p.m., SF Rodeo Grounds

Thursday, May 27

Salem Hills High, 10:00 a.m., SHHS
Legacy, 7:00 p.m., Summit Center



Nebo School District Teachers of the Year 2020-21



Dennis Olsen — Nebo Teacher of the Year

*School Board President Christine Riley
Secondary Director RaShel Shepherd, Superintendent Rick Nielsen*



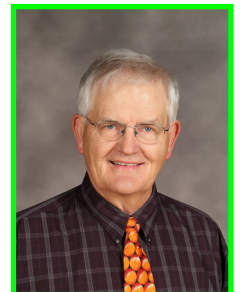
Morgan Phelps
Bridges



Trudy Dinkel
Mt. Nebo Middle



Kate Elliott
Valley View Middle



Dennis Olsen
Diamond Fork Junior



Kelly Cook
Mapleton Junior



Kalee Simons
Payson Junior



Vanessa Gillie
Salem Junior



Shane Waters
Spanish Fork Junior



Cristy Bird
Springville Junior



Amy Ewell
Advanced Learning (ALC)



Emily Hiatt
Landmark High



Krista Prusak
Maple Mountain High



Brandon Arnold
Payson High



Becky Rosenberg
Salem Hills High



Alex Minson
Spanish Fork High



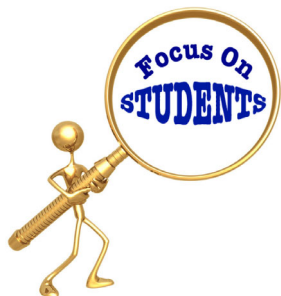
Arianna Booth
Springville High

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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 Hero

BE A Nebo Hero

Leslie Lines, Teacher, Mapleton Jr., "She is always trying to find new, engaging ways to get her students to enjoy PE. She also does a great job including the Special Education students into her classes and make them feel welcome." Recognized by Danielle Lopez.

Tessa Bradley, Teacher, Barnett, "She is dedicated, dependable and devoted. She puts her heart and soul into all her lessons. She is determined to bring music into the students she teaches." Recognized by Teona Humphries.

Kim Christensen, Occupational Therapy, SPED, "She leads the motor technicians and prepares others to work with a wide variety of students with gross and fine motor challenges. She is always happy, positive, and fun to work with." Recognized by Paul Daybell & Department.

Keith Bellows, Custodian, Mapleton Elem., "Anytime anything needs to be done or fixed, Keith does it without complaint. There are constant leaks, fixes, and messes. Keith is AMAZING in every way!" Recognized by Julie Knight & Stacy Austin.

Sasha Tew, Teacher, Rees, "Sasha makes her students excited to come to school each day. She comes up with fun, and engaging learning experiences. Sasha is always finding ways to accommodate and reach kids who are struggling." Recognized by Jennifer Luke.

Shauna Shepherd, Assistant Principal, Springville Jr., "She is a quick witted lady who can help settle any person down. We appreciate her talents and abilities. She makes other feel valued, loved, and truly appreciated." Recognized by Shellie Anderson.

Heather Bringham, Secretary, Cherry Creek, "She one of the most amazing, witty, fun, effective, personable, and exceptional people I know. She makes us laugh until our cheeks hurt, all while being overly effective at her job. She is willing to lend a hand, love a child, respond to a parent or complete work tasks, all with a smile." Recognized by Bethany Clark.

Coral Lee Findlay, Principal Salem Elem., "She leads our elementary family through not only COVID, but also the sickness and loss of one of our most beloved teachers. She has an enormous amount on her personal plate, but somehow manages to bring her strength, empathy, light, and courage to strengthen our elementary in our loss. Recognized by Karin Crawford.

Lori Nielsen, Principal, Westside, "She is an exceptional person and leader. She puts her whole heart into helping and leading not only her staff, but the students of Westside. Lori is a shining light. She works hard." Recognized by Jane Price & Andrew Lovell.

Kayryn Varney, PE Tech., Taylor, "Our students have sacrificed a lot of their 'normal.' Kayryn is the light during the day that helps teachers stay afloat. When her face walks into your classroom, you know she is going to offer relief." Recognized by Courtney Corbin.

Amanda Shepherd, Facilitator, Sierra Bonita, "She goes above and beyond every day. We couldn't do it without her! She is so kind, knowledgeable, caring, professional, and fun. She works hard to provide new teachers with the best resources possible from training to classroom rewards." Recognized by Ashley Nielsen & Garrett Andersen.

Yvonne Johnson, Bus Driver, Transportation, "She went the extra mile to find a boy that had never got on her bus. The father was relieved to know that Yvonne found the boy on the playground at school after her regular route." Recognized by Christine Godfrey.

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