



NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 35,000 students in 2021-2022.
- Nebo District has approximately 4,500 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: Love – Serve – Inspire

“Liz Murray was raised in the Bronx by two loving but drug-addicted parents. She grew up in poverty, often without enough food, chronically absent from school and most of all, struggling to connect her education to a viable future.” (thearthurproject.org) So, what does it take for a child born in these circumstances to rise above her challenges and become a successful adult who is a passionate advocate for underserved youth?

LOVE – Although Liz’s parents were drug addicts and their very existence revolved around getting and using drugs, Liz “talks frequently about how much she loved them and how much they loved her, how they were highly intelligent but rendered hopeless at parenting by their drug dependence and consequent poverty.” (The Guardian) In the direst circumstances, the words of Lao Tzu ring true, “Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”

SERVE – “During Liz’s middle school years, when her family fell apart due to drug addiction, mental illness and HIV/AIDS, an upstairs neighbor and trusted family friend named Arthur Flick stepped forward to help. Arthur tutored Liz, helped her complete homework, brought her on numerous day trips, and encouraged her to imagine a life beyond her circumstances. Above all, Arthur helped Liz understand that she matters.

“Arthur died suddenly from a heart condition when Liz was only 15-years-old, the same year Liz lost her mother. Despite this devastating loss, Liz identifies her relationship with Arthur in early adolescence as

the catalyst behind her courage to return to school, while homeless.

Liz says, “Arthur’s voice became the voice in my head that I used to speak to myself whenever it was time to have courage, to take a risk and to reach for something higher. He was gone, but he was still with me, helping me make the right choices. In that way, he will always be with me.” (thearthurproject.org)

INSPIRE – “A dedicated educator who is an important influence in [Liz’s] life, Perry Weiner’s unique combination of rigor, humor, and gentle encouragement motivated Liz to work harder, [complete high school in two years instead of four] and, eventually, win acceptance to Harvard University.” (litcharts.com) Reflecting upon Mr. Weiner’s influence, Liz admonished a group of educators to, “see the students in front of you as human beings. Pass on the inspiration that Mr. Weiner gave [me].”

Today, Liz Murray focuses her efforts on strengthening impoverished middle school students through an initiative called The Arthur Project. She preaches that, “*No one knows what is possible until they do it – until the attempt is made. Every day is another chance. The fork in the road happens hundreds of times each day, and it’s the choices you make that will determine the shape of your life.*”

My hope is that we will make the choice each day to love, serve, and inspire those around us to Rise Up!

(For more information about Liz Murray’s remarkable story, watch *Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story*; read *Breaking Night*; or visit TheArthurProject.org.)

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 4-8

Spring Break
National Library Week
National Assistant Principals Week

April 6

Paraprofessionals Day

April 7

World Health Day

April 17

Easter

April 17-23

National Volunteer Week

April 22

Earth Day

April 24-30

National School Leadership Week

April 27

Administrative Professionals/ Secretaries Day

April 29

National Arbor Day



BE A Nebo Hero

Stephanie Campo, Teacher, Maple Grove Middle, "Mrs. Campo is such a positive, encouraging, and inspiring teacher! Her students feel so welcome and excited about language arts. My daughter looks forward to her class and seeing her in the halls." Recognized by Heather & Lillia Burov.

Ryan Bellows, Head Custodian, Salem Hills, "Ryan puts in miles each day serving our school, and he is always whistling a happy tune in the halls as he works. He has kept Salem Hills running smoothly through perpetual transition." Recognized by Lee Gillie.

Marcy Caldwell, Facilitator, Meadow Brook, "Several times since the beginning of the year Marcy has popped into my classroom and asked if I needed anything. Several times she helped me finish projects that would have required a lot of extra time. She is a team player." Recognized by Kathleen Ware.

Kristi Hansen, Secretary, Rees, "Kristi is solid as a rock! We can always count on Kristi to do anything needed in the office. Kristi is quick to fill in on a moments notice for someone that is sick or absent for the day or week. Kristi is a problem solver and can take on anything she is faced with. Kristi adds to the positive environment with her fun personality and laughter. We are so grateful to Kristi's commitment to students and staff at Rees." Recognized by Adam Gull.

Nebo Academy Summer Classes 2022

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.

A retirement luncheon will be held for all retirees on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 12:00. If you are planning on retiring, please make an appointment with Troy Bohling in the Human Resource Department by calling 801-354-7480.

Nebo Graduations:

Monday May 23

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

Wednesday, May 25

Salem Hills High, 10:00 a.m., UVU
Spanish Fork High, 2:00 p.m., UVU
Springville High, 6:00 p.m., UVU

Thursday, May 26

Maple Mountain High, 10:00 a.m., UVU
Payson High, 2:00 p.m., UVU
Legacy, 7:00 p.m., Summit Center



Tracy Warenski

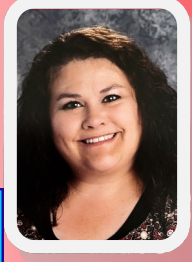
Nebo Teacher of the Year

School Board President Christine Riley
Superintendent Rick Nielsen
Elementary Director Dave Rowe

Nebo Teachers of the Year 2021-2022



Eileen Lisonbee
Apple Valley



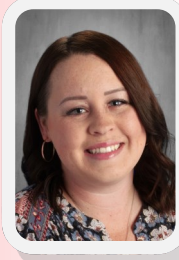
Jamie Huston
Art City



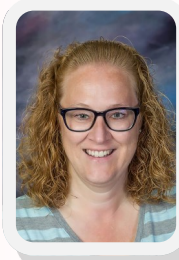
Alma Powell
Barnett



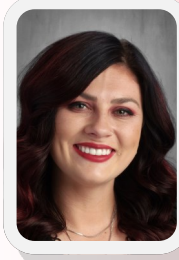
Amy Sanford
Brockbank



BrynLee Pickering
Brookside



Danika Nuttall
Canyon



Hannah Allred
Cherry Creek



Tracy Warenski
East Meadows



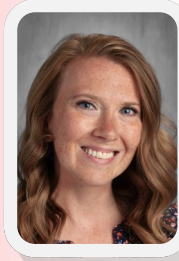
Jessica Hiatt
Foothills



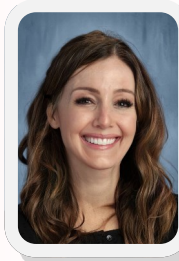
Marie Mitchell
Goshen



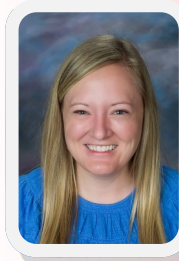
Kiley Adams
Hobble Creek



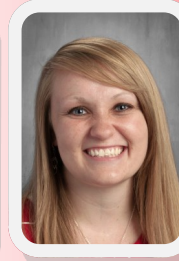
Maren Arrington
Larsen



Jane Olson
Maple Ridge



Whitney
Anderson Benigni
Mapleton



Elizabeth Cope
Meadow Brook



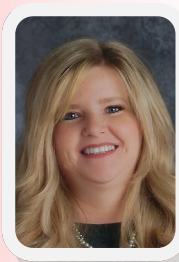
DeAnn Grover
Mt. Loafer



Karen Allinson
Orchard Hills



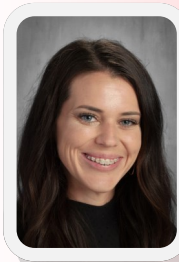
Holly Moss
Park



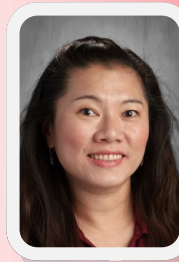
Natalie Mellen
Park View



Jennifer Saxon
Rees



Angela Linford
Riverview



Hsiao-Feng
(Ann) Chen
Sage Creek



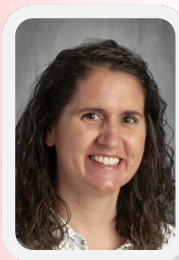
Joy Nybo
Salem



Shawnee McMullin
Santaquin



Kristine Davis
Sierra Bonita



Emily Monroe
Spanish Oaks



Michelle Charles
Spring Lake



Penny Oakeson
Taylor



Andrew Brace
Westside



Jodi Terry
Wilson



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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.

Nebo Hero

Nebo District's Celebrations

Student Celebrations

Larsen's Underwater Robotics Teams win at the BYU competition—**Jeremy the Fifth**, First Place, team members: **Neeko Decker, Evey Gibson, Jaxon Goulding.** **Aquamigos**, Second Place, team members: **Calvin Barlow, Liam Chynoweth, Easton Talbot.**

Employee/Program Celebrations

James Clark, DFMS, was selected as the April Math Teacher Spotlight for Utah!

McKenzie Stowell, MMHS, was selected as the April Teacher Spotlight for Utah!

Morgan Taylor, Meadow Brook, was this month's Math Queen for Nebo.

BE A Nebo Hero

Heather Jones, Teacher, Park, "She works so hard every day and is so positive and willing to help others. The most impressive thing about Kristen is how she takes time to make the kids feel special." Recognized by Sheree Storrer & Courtney Sterner.

Sienna Glenn, Teacher, Meadow Brook, "Working with Sienna has been a joy this year. She is organized and manages the class well. She works efficiently but also offers one-on-one time and truly cares about her students." Recognized by Allison Wilson.

Carey White, Teacher, Springville High, "Carey has presented at USOE state summer workshops and has been the FBLA advisor for 20 years in which many of those years SHS participated in National Competitions. Many of her classes get UVU college credit, and many of her students go on to great careers in Computer Science, STEM, and technology." Recognized by Gloria Nance.

Eddie Rawlings, Teacher, Spanish Fork Junior, "It takes an exceptional teacher to bring excitement to the classroom like Eddie does. Every day is an adventure for Eddie's students as they explore different career interests in his CCA and Exploring Technology classes." Recognized by Kelly Seale.

Shauna Shepherd, Administrator, Springville Junior, "Ms. Shepherd has gone above and beyond to help my student have a positive experience. She does everything she can to help my daughter succeed in school." Recognized by Cami Koralewski.

Matt Hammon, Teacher, Springville Junior, "Every student loves having Mr. Hammon for a teacher. He works so hard to not only teach the students about physical health, but also about having a good self esteem and making positive life choices." Recognized by Cami Koralewski.

Holly Durfey, Technician, Meadow Brook, "Holly is so helpful. She goes above and beyond to help the staff and children around her. She is consistent, reliable, and easy going. She has a great personality, and people are drawn to be near her." Recognized by Amy Caldwell.

Nichole Costin, Technician, Meadow Brook, "Nichole is willing to do anything to help out. Every day she has a different schedule because she just jumps in wherever there is a need. One day she is a sub for a teacher, the next time she is doing PE, then the next time she is a reading tech, etc. She will happily just fill in anywhere. I admire her willingness and flexibility." Recognized by Amy Caldwell.

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