

The summit is what drives us,



But **The CLIMB** itself is what matters.

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 36,000 students in 2022-2023.
- 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 A Calling to "The Climb"

"Teachers are some of the only people on the planet who go to bed worrying about other people's children."¹

Each of our Nebo employees is one of these **teachers** who worries about, cares for, and tends to the children in our District. Why do each of us do what we do? "What is the meaning of teaching?"

"Teachers are driven by a passion to help others to become the best versions of themselves. We show up each day because we play a key role in someone's journey. While we may only play a part for a brief chapter, we seek to cultivate relationships to help our students recognize their greatness. Teachers respect diverse talents and ways to discovery. Teachers are more than cheerleaders; we are coaches. We celebrate the wins and learn from the losses."

"We teach because it is a part of us. A success story of one child will look exponentially different than another because no two students, even in the same classroom, should be viewed the same. The greatest impact we can have on a child is their identifying within themselves that they are capable. We are facilitators who provide the tools, strategies and determination, in addition to the knowledge. We are a community and share a common bond. We are better together."²

"Teachers are tasked with guiding and counseling students about life and relationships, walking them through the past, present and the future, and helping them make sense of their struggles, heartbreaks, joys, and celebrations. Teachers are asked to walk students through some of their most difficult years of life. Which is why, quite often, they are the greatest influence in a student's life.

"In his memoir, *Downhill All the Way*, Leonard Woolf wrote a small passage about his thoughts on WWII. It reads (bolding added):

'One afternoon I was planting ... lovely violet flowers. Suddenly I heard Virginia's voice calling to me from the sitting room window: "Hitler is making a speech." I shouted back, "**I shan't come. I'm planting iris and they will be flowering long after he is dead.**" Last March, twenty-one years after Hitler committed suicide in the bunker, a few of those violet flowers still flowered under the apple-tree in the orchard.'

"Even when it's hard - or especially when it's hard - we must find times and moments and reasons to enjoy this great profession because these are the days that we'll look back on, and our students will email or write us about. These are the defining moments of our lives. How we choose to live them will determine how we remember them.

"What keeps you going as an educator? What encourages you?"

"Hope, joy, and irises. Because teaching is not a job, it's a calling."³

¹Thomas C. Murray.

²from "Teaching is a Calling," by Nicole Kenngott

³from "Teaching is not a Job, It's a Calling," by Brian Miller



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

Paraprofessionals Day

April 3-7

Spring Break
National Assistant Principals Week

April 7

World Health Day

April 9

Easter

April 17-21

National Volunteer Week

April 22

Earth Day

April 23-29

National Library Week

April 24-30

National School Leadership Week

April 26

Administrative Professionals/
Secretaries Day

April 29

National Arbor Day



BE A Nebo Hero

Julie Peery, Principal, Canyon, "Julie Peery is a wonderful principal. We are grateful for the caliber of professionals in Nebo School District. With leaders like Julie, our students are in good hands." Recognized by Kalani Reed & Danika Nuttall.

Chelsie Young, Teacher, Landmark High, "Chelsie is a wonderful teacher and mentor for new teachers. She brings her 'A' game to school everyday and is a positive influence in the school. She finds

ways to streamline and improve processes. She brings engaging ideas to the table for discussion and implementation. She takes the time to know her students' needs and teaches them in engaging ways. Chelsie is an influence for good that spreads positivity and kindness to students and peers." Recognized by Alesha LeMmon.

Brian Blake, College & Career, Payson High, "Brian is an amazing asset to our school. He literally does anything asked of him from fieldtrips to colleges to helping students and faculty with anything they need. He will be in his professional clothing and go out to help get the turf cutting machine working. Nothing is off limits when it comes to Brian." Recognized by Nichelle White & Sheila Lotz.

Adam Roberts, Energy Specialist, "Adam's holiday shut down reminders always contain a little bit of humor. The little extra makes the emails fun to read which also makes it motivational to do all of the energy saving tasks. It's always great to have a little fun in our jobs that make us smile. I really do look forward to his emails." Recognized by Tina Peaslee.

A retirement luncheon will be held for all retirees on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 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 Teaching & Learning Summer Classes 2023

Click on the links for brief overview of offerings:

[Nebo Elementary Course Listings](#)

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/19499>

[Nebo Secondary Course Listings](#)

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/19875>

[Nebo Academy Course Listings](#)

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/20157>

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 \$25/hour stipend. For other courses, stipends need to be approved by your principal.

Nebo Graduations:

Monday May 22

Landmark High, 11:00 a.m., SF Rodeo Grounds
Nebo Online School (NOLS), 2:00 p.m.
Salem Hills High Auditorium

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

Springville High, 10:00 a.m., UVU
Maple Mountain High, 2:00 p.m., UVU



Nebo Teachers of the Year 2022-2023

Reilly Ryan

Nebo Teacher of the Year

*Secondary Director RaShel Shepherd, School Board President Lisa Rowley,
Superintendent Rick Nielsen*



Reilly Ryan
Diamond Fork Middle



Angela Jenkins
Maple Grove Middle



Ben Marziale
Mt. Nebo Middle



Jessica Weight
Spring Canyon Middle



Janell Rozema
Valley View Middle



J.T. Collett
Mapleton Junior



Mark Davis
Payson Junior



Kellie Roberts
Salem Junior



Bridgett Johnson
Spanish Fork Junior



Jim Anderson
Springville Junior



Blake Nielsen
Advanced Learning (ALC)



Hilary Jones
Landmark High



Jennifer Dunn
Maple Mountain High



Derick Marchant
Payson High



Pamela Lyman
Salem Hills High



Jesse Roberts
Spanish Fork High



Beth Hansen
Springville High



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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.



Todd Farris, Cafeteria, Spring Canyon Middle, "Todd is the coolest, most hip 'lunch lady' ever! He is extremely accomplished in his personal life and wants to serve by feeding children. He thought about working at a few local charities and ultimately ended up just this year in our kitchen. He creates positive messages and places them in every line — sayings such as 'I love to see you smile' and 'You are important.' He visits with each student for a moment and learns SO many names, the students love to go to his line. Our entire school community loves Todd, the coolest lunch guy ever!" Recognized by Alison Hansen, Travis Moss, Brittany Lundell.

Ellyse Winward, Teacher, Meadow Brook, "Ellyse is an amazing teacher. You can tell that she cares so much about her students. She comes to collaboration with fresh new ideas and is willing to work through problems together. She works super hard and always has a positive attitude. She is a joy to work with!" Recognized by Alice Owen & Preston Adams.

Melissa Black, OT/PT Secretary, Summit Center, "She is always so pleasant and helpful. She works for hours to figure out all the scheduling and fills in as a substitute for all the aides when they are sick or need a day off. Any problems, questions, or concerns she takes care of them. She's available to us on and off the clock. We love her!" Recognized by Shelly Wall.

Ellayna LeFevre, Teacher, Sierra Bonita, "She is always positive and ready to improve her practice. She loves to share ideas and learn new skills to benefit her students' love for learning." Recognized by Neisha Coutlee.

Katie Russell, Teacher, Canyon, "She is truly one of the most positive people I know. Katie loves her students dearly and spends countless hours thinking about their needs. Words of gratitude flow easily from Katie, and she expresses her appreciation to others regularly. She is a gem!" Recognized by Julie Peery.

Paula Wilcox, Grounds Custodian, Payson High, "Paula goes beyond expectations to keep the grounds beautiful at the high school. She is cleaning up the parking lot every morning (including Saturdays). She has cleaned every area outside of the school way beyond expectations." Recognized by Pat Drussel.

Carla Nixon, Teacher, Rees, "Carla demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to her teaching, her students, and her co-workers. She is dedicated and hardworking. She had a rough start this year but remained positive and always had a smile on her face." Recognized by Tonya Painter.

Shaelie Roberts, Teacher, Orchard Hills, "She has had great communication regarding my student. By acting so quickly, she helped improve my student's experience and resolved an issue." Recognized by Shelby Barlow.

Katrina Graves, Secretary, Meadow Brook, "She is always so kind and caring and always there to help. She genuinely cares about our kids. We just love her!" Recognized by Natausha Loveless.

Whitney Provstgaard, Teacher, Santaquin, "She is a very focused teacher and always prepared. Students stay engaged and listen to her. We all admire her work ethic." Recognized by Maria Jose Zaugg.

Billie Shaw, Paraeducator, Orchard Hills, "Billie shows kindness to all she interacts with. She always has a smile on her face. Her focus each minute is on what is best for students. Billie understands that each student is different and helps them feel valued." Recognized by Nikki Metzger.

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