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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has over 30,500 students 2012-2013.
- Nebo District has over 3,900 employees.
- Nebo District is the 7th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 5th largest employer in Utah County.

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Two New Elementary Principals Named

Ryan Kay – Principal of Park Elementary

Mr. Rob Keddington will be retiring at the end of this school year. The Nebo School Board of Education appointed Ryan Kay as the Principal of Park Elementary for Nebo School District. Mr. Kay is currently the Title I Coordinator for Taylor Elementary. He has taught kindergarten at Brockbank and Mapleton Elementary Schools in Nebo School District and at Foothills Elementary in Jordan School District. Mr. Kay graduated with his bachelor's degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education as well as a master's degree in Education Administration from Southern Utah University.

Principal Frank Daybell said, "Ryan is very approachable and his leadership style involves serving others. I was impressed with how quickly Ryan learned the names of the students. This has made him a favorite with students and their parents. Ryan



has been a crucial piece in our school's PLCs over kindergarten and first grade. Ryan will lead a school to new levels."

One of Ryan's mottos is "If you don't do it for the income, you do it for the outcome!" He

said, "I am looking forward to being a Park Panther. I know that Mr. Keddington will leave a great legacy at Park, and I am proud to follow in his footsteps." Ryan has chaired the Onion Days Parade and currently chairs the Juab Demolition Derby. He enjoys driving demolition derby cars, working in the yard, and 4-wheeling. Ryan is married to Neeley, and they have three children.

Kali Brown – Principal of Spanish Oaks Elementary

Mrs. Susan Huff will be retiring at the end of this school year. The Nebo School Board of Education appointed Kali Brown as the Principal of Spanish Oaks



Elementary for Nebo School District. Mrs. Brown is currently the Facilitator and Intern Coach for Santaquin Elementary. She has taught second grade and transitional kindergarten at Sage Creek and Art City Elementary Schools in Nebo School District. Mrs. Brown graduated with her bachelor's degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education as well as a master's degree in Education Administration from Southern Utah University.

Kali's principal, Chad Argyle, said, "Kali persistently reflects on how to improve not only her ability to teach, but how to help teachers and paraprofessionals advance their skills in reaching the needs of all students. Her passion for learning and teaching is evident in everything she does. She currently leads the school in community involvement with constant communication through our school website, School Community Council, and school newsletters."

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Stacie Conrad – Nebo Employee of the Year 2012-13



Sandra Jarvis, Employee of the Year—Stacie Conrad, Superintendent Rick Nielsen, and Ann Anderson

Legislative Session Statistics 2013

- ◆ Total number of all types of bills that passed. . . 524
- ◆ Total number of bills that were filed on public education 149
- ◆ Number of public education bills that were abandoned 26
- ◆ Total number of public education bills considered by legislature . . 105
- ◆ Total number of public education bills passed 36

(7 % of all public education bills passed)

"There are no shortcuts to doing a good job."

Nebo's Classified Employees of the Year 2012-2013



Jimmy Burraston
Custodian — Rees



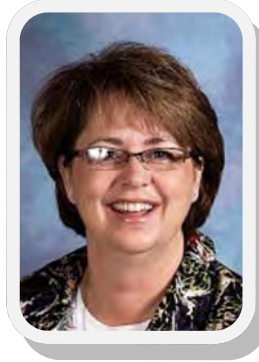
Darald Miller
Maintenance



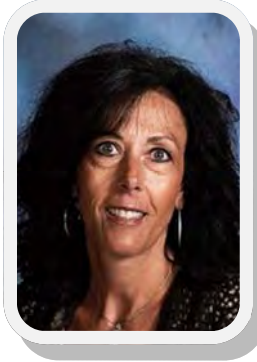
Terry Brindley
Technical Services



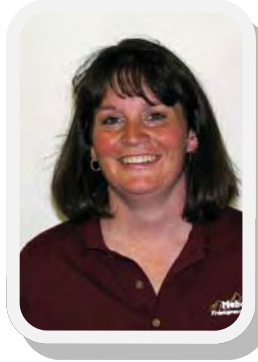
Nan Black
Food Service — SHHS



Abbie Finlinson
Secretary — Wilson



Collette Russell
Educational Technician



Stacie Conrad
Transportation

Charitable Giving Campaign

"Through the Charitable Giving Campaign, Nebo's teachers and staff added 30 new payroll deductions to the Nebo Education Foundation for a total of \$2,578 a year and another 11 one-time donations totaling \$203, reported Troy Bohling, School Services coordinator.

"United Way was also the recipient of another 33 payroll deductions for a total of \$2,816 a year and 18 more one-time donations totaling \$260."



April Autism Awareness Month

April is World Autism Awareness month. Many activities are planned around the world to educate the public about the unique abilities of individuals with autism; including activities in Utah County. Utah Valley University is sponsoring the Second annual Autism Conference on April 12. A free baseball game and balloon launch will follow on April 13 at the Brent Brown Park. Games, activities, and free hot dogs for children with autism and their families begins at 11:00. The balloon launch will set off at 12:50 just prior to the 1:00 baseball game. For further information visit: <http://www.autismresourcesuc.org/>. Ongoing autism information and parent support is available to families, staff, or community members at monthly meetings held the second Thursday of each month at the District Office CTE building as well as online at www.neboautism.com.

Title I Preschool Screenings

Students must be age 3 or 4 before September 1, 2013 and live in one of the following catchment areas: Cherry Creek, Rees, Park, Barnett, Wilson, Taylor, Santaquin, or Goshen. Please contact the following schools for appointments: April 26 for Taylor, Rees, and Cherry Creek. May 3 for Park and Santaquin.

Help Me Grow

Free developmental screenings will be available for children ages 0-5 as well as ideas for fun activities to do at home. Salem Hills High School on April 10 at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Two New Principals Cont.

Mrs. Brown stated, "I believe leadership involves the empowerment of others. It is the role of instructional leaders to collaborate with teachers, faculty, and staff, supporting them in building a school culture responsive to all learning needs. I believe effective educational leadership is intensely rooted in service to the school community and to the improvement of learning opportunities for every learner. It is imperative that all members of the school community, including parents, students, teachers, faculty, and staff are treated in a respectful way."

Mrs. Brown stated, "I believe learning is a lifelong process. In Nebo School District, we are a community of learners who greatly benefit from listening to others' experiences and insights. I am excited to work together

as a team to help meet the individual needs of each student at Spanish Oaks.

The more the school and family work together as partners in a child's education, the greater their chances for success. One of the most important things in the world we can do is teach others. I am so excited to be a *Spanish Oak's Explorer* and am looking so forward to the opportunity to learn alongside each member the school community this year!"

"The true leader is the one who follows first," by Sergiovanni, is an important motto for Mrs. Brown.

Kali's favorite thing in the whole world is family! As a family, they like to go camping, swimming, and watch movies together. Kali likes to read, drink chocolate milk, go jogging, read, clean the house, and read. Kali is married to Garrett. They have four children and reside in Mapleton.



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Nebo District's Celebrations

Employees & Programs:

- ◆ Linda Mortensen, Secretary at Landmark, performed on I Violin in the prestigious *Lamb of God* in the Abravanel Hall.

Students:

- ◆ SHS State Drafting Winners: **Davis Agle**, First Place in Technical Sketching & Application. (Teacher Kristen Massic)
- ◆ Tanner Halversen, MMHS, selected, out of 1,100 entries, to enter National K-12 exhibition in Houston, Texas.
- ◆ Moises Cerda, SHS, First Place Secondary Division at Utah State Goalball Tournament.
- ◆ Jacob Reeves, Sierra Bonita, First Place Elementary Division at Utah State Goalball Tournament.

- ◆ Mapleton Jr. Concert Band selected and Performed at prestigious Junior High State Band Festival.
- ◆ Mt. Nebo Jr., **Ahnika White**, chosen to participate in Open Jar Student Training Institute in New York City.
- ◆ **Tucker Lund**, MMHS, is a finalist for Zion's "Financialize a Film".
- ◆ **Christian Tobler**, MMHS, wins Male Athlete of the Year by TOSH Utah Soccer.

If your successes are not listed, please get awards to ana.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line. (I may pull items off your school website if time permits.)

For the rest of the story on these celebrations, please go to www.nebo.edu or the school's website.

PR Tips

Sometimes innocent comments can take on negative connotations when people speak before considering the impact of their words. Look for positive ways to communicate basic information. For example:

- ◆ *"The school office is open until 4 o'clock,"* instead of "The school office closes promptly at 4 o'clock."
- ◆ *"We'll be happy to give you those records as soon as we have a signed release form,"* instead of "We can't give you anything unless we have a signed release form."
- ◆ *"I know Mrs. Jones (principal) would like to talk with you. But right now she's attending to an urgent matter. I'll let her know you called, and she'll call you back today, as soon as she can,"* instead of "Mrs. Jones is too busy to talk to you. I'll ask her to call you."

Appreciate the power of "Yes." We should always look for ways to help our "customers" and be positive! When someone has a request (as long as it's reasonable), we should tell the person they can do it, and be sure to follow up, and do what we promised. *From the office of Lana Hiskey, Communications Specialist, Adapted from NSPRA resource files*

