

**Join Us
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Nebo News

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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has over 31,000 students 2013-2014.
- Nebo District has over 3,500 employees.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 5th largest employer in Utah County.

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Come Join Us

We began the year with an inspiring invitation from high school choir members to "Come Join Us" as they sang Jerry Mills' song:

*When I see a need, I like to lend a hand.
We all need someone to understand
That there are people in this world
Who really need us now.
It's up to each of us to figure out how.
It's the way I choose to live.
The hand I have to give.
Thankful for the chance to give of myself.*

As I have visited with and observed employees and students throughout this school year, I have been so impressed with our collective dedication and

commitment to serving each other. Nebo District is a wonderful place to work, to live, and to learn because we have employees who truly give of themselves to bless students, coworkers, and the community. Thank you for your personal contribution in making this an outstanding school year. Have a wonderful summer!

Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominator Alison Hansen, PEAK Award Matt Roach, Transportation School Board President Rick Ainge & Superintendent Rick Nielsen

May PEAK Awards



Nominators Gwen Spencer & Don Applegate
PEAK Award Bobbi Diamond, Secretary, Barnett
School Board President Rick Ainge & Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominator Jodi Asay, PEAK Award Stacey Johnson, Secretary, Spanish Oaks School Board President Rick Ainge & Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominators Aymee Condie & Britney Ward
PEAK Award Candy Sorensen, Teacher, Sage Creek
School Board President Rick Ainge & Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominator Ryan McGuire, PEAK Award Melisa Brotherson, CTE Teacher, Payson High School Board President Rick Ainge & Superintendent Rick Nielsen

Nebo District's Retirees

Dates to Celebrate

May 1-31

Asian/Pacific Islander
American Heritage Month
Global Health & Fitness
Month
Better Hearing & Speech/
Healthy Vision Month

May 1

School Principals' Day
Law Day
*Recognizing the importance
of the courts and their role in
ensuring access to justice for
all*

May 5

Cinco de Mayo
Celebrating Mexican heritage

May 5-9

Be Kind to Animals Week
Teacher Appreciation Week
Public Service Recognition
Week

May 6

National Teachers' Day

May 7

School Nurses Day

May 11

Mother's Day

May 12-16

Children's Book Week
*Introduce children to new
authors and books*

May 15

Peace Officers' Memorial
Day

May 17

Armed Forces Day
Honoring Americans serving in
the military

May 26

Memorial Day

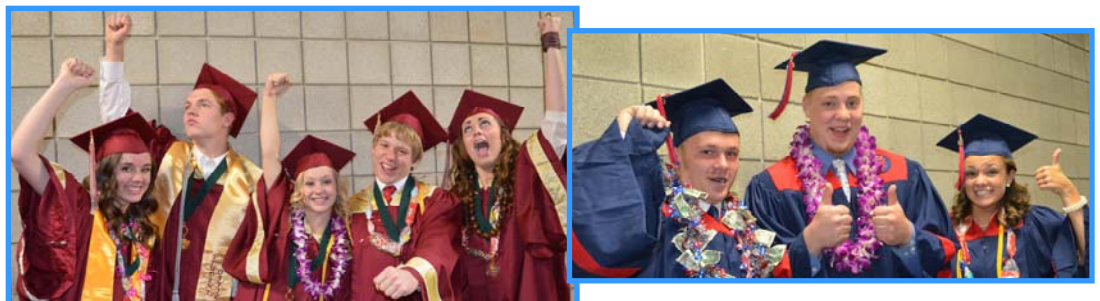
Certified Retirees 2014

Natalie Anderson, Sixth Grade, Orchard Hills, 34 yrs.
Anders Arrhenius, Special Education, Maple Mountain
High, 17 yrs.
Barbara Arrington, CTE, Payson & Landmark High, 12 yrs.
Mark Baird, Third Grade, Orchard Hills, 30 yrs.
Dixie Lee Bernards, Third Grade, Wilson, 20 yrs.
Bradley Brinkerhoff, Third Grade, Mapleton, 35 yrs.
Richard Brough, Social Studies & Debate, Spanish Fork
High, 32 yrs.
Julie Camara, Special Education, Payson Junior, 22 yrs.
Steve Dudley, Assist. Principal, Spanish Fork High, 36 yrs.
Vernon Dunn, Language Arts, Landmark High, 7 yrs.
Paula Farrer, Third Grade, Park, 34 yrs.
Rebecca Greene, Third Grade, Larsen, 29 yrs.
Ronda Griffin, Third Grade, Foothills, 20 yrs.
Richard Huff, Librarian, Spanish Fork Jr., 24 yrs.
Harlow John, Special Education, Diamond Fork Jr., 30 yrs.
Kathleen Johnson, Fourth Grade, Larsen, 27 yrs.
Abby Levanger, Special Education, District, 36 yrs.
Sandra Lewis, Special Education, Westside, 22 yrs.
Brent Loveless, English, Spanish Fork Jr., 28 yrs.
Craig Mustoe, English, Maple Mountain High, 32 yrs.
James Nelson, English, PE, Coach, Spanish Fork High,
34 yrs.
Ron Penrod, Assistant Principal, Springville Jr., 28 yrs.
Susan Perrett, Early Childhood, Special Education, Mt.
Loafer, 26 yrs.
Elaine Selby, First Grade, Salem, 25 yrs.
Ginnie Snyder, First Grade, Mapleton, 21 yrs.
Roger Stahle, Health, Spanish Fork High, 26 yrs.
Nancy Taylor, Third Grade, Cherry Creek, 24 yrs.
Shelley Thomas, Special Education Transitional
Kindergarten, Brockbank, 17 yrs.
Julie Tracy, Fifth Grade, Wilson, 30 yrs.
Karen VanOrden, Special Education, Springville High,
16 yrs.
Polly Willardson, Fourth Grade, Wilson, 15 yrs.
Don Worden, Speech & Language, District, 13.5 yrs.

Classified Retirees 2014

Thurman Ashburn, Head Sweeper, Cherry Creek, 14 yrs.
Jolene Bauer, Bus Driver, Transportation, 22 yrs.
Cheryl Brown, Title I Technician, Taylor, 27 yrs.
Gail Callison, Librarian, Foothills, 13 yrs.
Lee Elmer, Head Custodian, Park, 20 yrs.
Susan Garfield, Counseling Secretary, Spanish Fork High,
28 yrs.
Janet Hendrickson, Baker Head Food Service, East
Meadows, 31 yrs.
Julie Higginson, Secretary, Canyon, 24 yrs.
Lois Hoffman, Behavior Intervention, Foothills, 24 yrs.
Barbara Jensen, Special Education Technician, Salem
Hills High, 35 yrs.
Max Nielson, Mechanic Transportation, 35 yrs.
Marie Newitt, Superintendent Secretary, 20 yrs.
Marsha Oakey, Bridges Technician, 22 yrs.
Neil Sanderson, Electrician, Maintenance, 15 yrs.
Bonnie Smith, Bus Driver, Transportation, 11 yrs.
Joyce Smith, Media Technician, Santaquin, 25 yrs.
Christine Sorensen, Attendance Secretary, Legacy &
Spanish Fork High, 20 yrs.
Marsha Steggell, Driver Trainer, Transportation, 34 yrs.
Brenda Sudweeks, Special Education Technician, Park
View, 20 yrs.
Penny Tanner, Head Food Service, Payson Jr., 10 yrs.

The Board of Education has approved the employee handbooks, salaries, and benefits for the coming school year. Summary information will soon be emailed to all employees.



Nebo's Teachers of the Year 2013-2014



Sandy Sutton
Art City



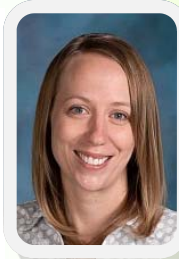
Gwen Spencer
Barnett



Jana Runolfson
Brockbank



Amy Bird
Brookside



Jamie Hamblin
Canyon



Chelsie Bergera
Cherry Creek



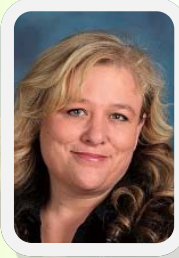
Jalizabeth Hamberlin
East Meadows



Ronda Griffin
Foothills



Nate Holt
Goshen



Michael-Ann McAfee
Hobbie Creek



Becky Greene
Larsen



Emily Blaisdell
Mapleton



Michelle Mecham
Mt. Loafer



Stephanie Wood
Orchard Hills



Cheryl Leifson
Park



Laura McAllister
Park View



Sarah Ledingham
Rees



Shalese Rogers
Riverview



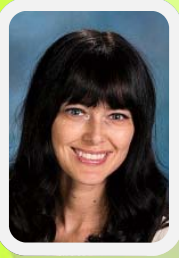
Michelle Egbert
Sage Creek



Pam Haney
Salem



Willetta Hogan
Santaquin



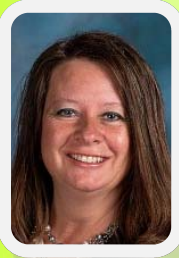
Shami Coley
Sierra Bonita



Angela Olsen
Spanish Oaks



Ashley Grover
Spring Lake



Penny Oakeson
Taylor



Karen Thomas
Westside



Leney Edvalson
Wilson



*Michelle Mecham —Teacher of the Year
Sherilyn Woodhouse, Superintendent Rick Nielsen,
Elementary Director Julie Warren*



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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. (I may pull items off your school website if time permits.)

Nebo's Mission

is to provide each student with quality instruction, learning opportunities, and educational environments which inspire classroom success, personal excellence, and responsible citizenship.

Nebo District's Celebrations

Student Celebrations:

Brandon Jeppson & Andrew Monney, Cherry Creek, won First Place at the CUSEF BYU Science Fair.

Mason Christley, SFHS, First Place Collision Repair Technology

Jared Creer, SFHS, Second Place Welding Technology

Shad Prior, Wyatt O'Brien, Colton Christensen, SFHS, Second Place Welding Fabrication Team

Casey Warren, SFHS, won Yearbook Cover Design

Chandler Schramm, Micheal Swanson, & Josh Jensen, MMHS, all won Gold at the state level, for the second year in a row!

MMHS Olympiad Winners:

Rachel Bybee & Tanner Henry, First Place Anatomy and Physiology

Rachel Bybee & Rebecca Bair, First Place Designer Genes

John Baadsgaard & Tyler Mortensen, First Place Entomology

Sam Dallon, First Place Astronomy

John Baadsgaard & Anya Nielson, First Place Rocks & Minerals

Robert Nay & Scott Griffin, First Place Maglev

Sam Dallon, Second Place Dynamic Planet

Sam Dallon & Tyler Mortensen, Second Place Materials Science

Rachel Bybee & Tanner Henry, Third Place Disease Detectives

Robert Nay & Rebecca Bair, Third Place Forensics

John Baadsgaard & Jon Smith, Third Place Boomilever

John Baadsgaard, Third Place Geologic Mapping

Tarrin Strosser, MMHS, won the prestigious BYU Heptathlon track and field competition

MMHS Second Singles McKay Luu & Doubles Andrew Blonquist/Nam Luu, & Eric Whiting/Brigham Perry all took First Place Region VIII

Program/Employee Celebrations:

Sage Creek Students won First Place at the state *Odyssey of the Mind* competition and qualifies for World Finals.

Emily Blaisdell's fourth-grade class at Mapleton won the Water Energy in Action Slogan Contest.

SFHS wins Second Place in Yearbook Overall Layout.

MMHS Boys Tennis Team won the Region VIII Championship Title

Pricilla Leek, SHS, wins Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education.

Darla Stapel, Brookside, wins Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education.

Tara Hall, SHS, was honored as the UAHPERD Teacher of the Year by the Utah Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (UAHPERD).

Ginnie Snyder, Mapleton Elementary, receives BEST of State Teacher.

Lisa Walker, SHS, inducted into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers Association.

Kyle Miller, MMHS, Science Olympiad Outstanding Coach.

Dave Brooks, Cornerstone, recognized for Lifetime Commitment to Troubled Youth in Utah.

Courtney Corbin, Taylor, won the Celebrate Teachers contest at Provo Towne Centre.

Steven Willingham has been responsible for 788 GED/Adult Diplomas over the last six years in the Adult Education Program at the county jail.

Perry Ewell, Spring Lake Elementary, was honored as the Outstanding Arts and Education Educator Award.



Congratulations Nebo School District

The Environmental Protection Agency has recognized 40 schools with the coveted Energy Star Certification. These 40 schools are in the top 5% of the nation's K-12 schools. Thanks to all employees and students, Nebo has more Energy Star Certified buildings than any other school district in the state.