



# Nebo News



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## 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 Rise Up

Welcome back to the start of a school year filled with hope and promise. I hope you enjoyed the Summer Olympics and the inspiration that came from watching these talented and dedicated athletes perform on the world stage. While the events were familiar to all, this was an Olympics like none other. Athletes followed strict COVID-19 protocols, some were excluded from competition. Spectators were not allowed. Many of the Tokyo public were fearful and apprehensive about hosting the games. Still, the games rolled forward and individual sacrifice, commitment, and dedication resulted in both "the thrill of victory ... and the agony of defeat...the human drama of athletic competition."

We too have some uncertainty how this year will play out with pandemic protocols and public perception. Yet, I am certain that our classrooms and cafeterias, buses and playfields, will be filled with students who need you and all that you have to offer. In fact, many of them depend on you now more than they ever have before.

That is a daunting thought, considering that "the past year has been heavy [for us caregivers] and affected us in both small and big ways."

What will it take for each of us, front-line workers who may be "broken down and [even] tired of living life on a merry-go-round" to rise to the challenges of the coming year? The answers to this are not any more clear today than they were when we faced with similar circumstances day after day last year. However, I remain confident that you . . . we . . . will Rise Up. Students need us. Families need us. Entire communities need us to:

Wake with wonder  
Every morning  
And dive into the day.  
And it's hard work.  
'Cause it's heart work.  
What we do is artwork.

Fill each day, do not miss one.  
See the world full on.



To live and love  
To write  
To work  
To laugh  
To share  
To fight.

To create a world of generosity.  
A world where we are inspired  
To help each other in every moment.

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So rise, my friends, rise up.  
All one heart.  
Be the change.  
And when you wonder  
How you will likely spend your life,

Rise Up  
Rise like the day  
Rise up  
Rise unafraid  
Rise up  
In spite of the ache  
And do it a thousand times again.

God bless you all for your sacrifices and dedication; for your goodness, kindness, and service. May you each experience the daily "thrill of victory" as you Rise Up!

## Nebo District Opens Two New Middle Schools

Nebo School District welcomes two new middle schools this year. Maple Grove Middle is located in Mapleton at 1587 West 400 South and is under the direction of Principal Nathan Whitney, Assistant Principal Sarah Brunson, and Dean of Students Kate Elliott. Spring Canyon Middle is located in Springville at 599 West 700 South and is directed by Principal Alison Hansen, Assistant Principal Travis Moss, and Dean of Students Angela Youd.

Superintendent Rick Nielsen welcomed all those in attendance at both ribbon cuttings. He said “These schools are a reminder for everyone that what we do in Nebo School District begins and ends with students. The building shell is constructed and now the soul--the students--will enter the shell and bring it to life.”

Both schools sit on a 18-acre site with 143,500 square feet of floor space with 51 teaching stations, 2 computer labs, 1 full gymnasium, 1 lecture hall, and a cafetorium with a stage.

“I am happy to welcome our wonderful parents, students, teachers, and the entire Mapleton and Spanish Fork bench community to this amazing new building and the ribbon cutting ceremony,” stated Principal Nathan Whitney, addressing all those in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony. “Students that attend this inaugural year will always remember that they were the first group of students to attend this beautiful new school. It will be a memory that lasts a lifetime! This school will be an asset to the community for generations, not just because it is a beautiful building, but because of the learning that will happen and the students’ lives that will be changed as they gain a great education that will be provided here.”

After listening to the Maple Grove Middle choir sing, “Proud to be an American,” School Board member, Scott Card, said, “In case anyone has been watching the news and wonder if schools still teach God, country, and family, Nebo School District continues to teach these wonderful American values. I could not have said it better than this choir.

“What does a school do for a community? Besides churches, schools are the most important building in the community. These are buildings that create opportunities for your kids. For kids to learn truth and knowledge and distinguish between right and wrong. These are buildings where values are taught. Where careers are started. Where seeds are planted. Students are going to be able to learn from wonderful teachers and faculty, the experts that have gone to school and dedicated their lives to teach your children knowledge, skills, values, and confidence.

“These schools give your kids the opportunity to shine, to come out of their shell, to talk, to perform, to support your efforts as parents to grow into the very best adult that they can.

“We are grateful to the tax payers. Our children deserve it, our community deserves it, and the nation deserves the very best education in the world. The only thing that is going to fix this world is education and religion. This is one of those places that will fix this world.

“Thank you for paying taxes. We recognize the sacrifice and thank you for contributing to society by supporting our children to continue on and to grow up to be healthy--both mentally and emotionally strong--grow up with opportunities to be successful in this life.”



Maple Grove Middle School



Maple Grove Middle School Ribbon Cutting

### Dates to Celebrate:

#### Sept. 1-30

Library Card Sign-up Month  
Good Manners Month  
Backpack Safety Month

#### Sept. 4

National Wildlife Day

#### Sept. 6

Labor Day

#### Sept. 8

International Literacy Day

#### Sept. 11

Patriot Day  
National Day of Service & Remembrance

#### Sept. 12

National Grandparents Day

#### Sept. 13

Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day

#### Sept. 12-18

National Arts in Education Week

#### Sept. 15—Oct. 15

Hispanic Heritage Month

#### Sept. 17

Citizenship Day  
*Commemorating adoption of the U.S. Constitution in 1787*

#### Sept. 21

International Day of Peace

#### Sept. 22

First Day of Autumn  
National Voter Registration

#### Sept. 28

National Voter Registration



# New Middle Schools Cont.

When welcoming the students and families to the Spring Canyon Middle School, Principal Hansen said, "One hundred and twenty-five years ago, Utah became a state. This year has been a fun celebration of that anniversary. We all know the phrase, 'This is the Place' in conjunction with Utah's history. I would like to suggest that today, Spring Canyon Middle School is the 'place.'"

"Spring Canyon is the place where over 1,200 people, both students and teachers, will learn together, enjoy each other, and probably cry a little together every day. It is the place where every 11 and 12 year old in Springville will share space together and all of us at Spring Canyon can't wait to embark on this journey with you."

John Taylor, School Board member in the Springville area said, "I love middle schools! Middle schools are symbolic of what we can do when we join together and think about a better way to do things."

"I feel that sixth-graders are just too old for elementary schools, but not quite ready for junior high. Seventh-graders do much better when they are allowed opportunities to lead and to excel. Those seventh-graders can sometimes get lost when they are clumped together with kids older than them."

"The middle school model allows us to specifically target our curriculum to the unique academic and developmental needs of sixth- and seventh-grade students."



Spring Canyon Middle School



Spring Canyon Middle School Ribbon Cutting

# September 2021 PEAK Awards

To read the nomination submissions, go to September 2021 PEAK Awards: <http://www.nebo.edu/news/3448>. To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee page and scroll down, or go to: [www.nebo.edu/PEAK](http://www.nebo.edu/PEAK).



Nominated by: Sarah Sumsion  
PEAK Award: Amy Colby, Speech, Mt. Loafer/Wilson  
Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Brett White  
PEAK Award: Lee Gillie, Athletic Director, Salem Hills High  
Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Cheryl Leifson  
PEAK Award: Elaine Olsen, Teacher, Larsen  
Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Amy Cook & Angela Killian  
PEAK Award: Lynn Teuscher, Teacher, Riverview  
Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Shauna Shepherd, Jim Welburn, Tiffanie Miley  
PEAK Award: Marlies Mathews, Social Worker, Springville Jr.  
Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



# Nebo Employee Free Assistance Program—Blomquist

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Did you know that Nebo School District has an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that is 100% **FREE** to benefit-eligible Nebo employees? Nebo believes that employees are at their best when their body, as well as their mind, is healthy, free from worry and stress. Blomquist is offering the following three workshops in September.



Topic: <b>Team Building</b>	Topic: <b>Parenting, Don't Sweat the Small Stuff</b>
Date: 9/14 at 12 to 1 p.m.	Date: 9/14 at 2 to 3 p.m.
Location: online	Location: online

Topic: **Parenting, Divorce & Coping with Change**  
 Date: 9/28 at 2 to 3 p.m.  
 Location: online

Register for all three: <https://blomquisthale.com/work-shops.html>

## Travel Assistance & ID Fraud Protection

Nebo School District purchased the Travel Assistance and ID Fraud Expense Reimbursement policy from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America for 2021-22. These benefits can include:

- ◆ Lost wages
- ◆ Notary & certified mail charges
- ◆ Fees to re-apply for loans
- ◆ Long distance phone charges
- ◆ Attorney fees (prior consent)
- ◆ Costs for daycare & eldercare
- ◆ Travel & accommodations expenses
- ◆ Expense & fees for new government issued id
- ◆ Expense & fees for copies of health records

If you are a victim of ID Fraud, please call Travelers at 1.800.842.8496.



*If your successes are not listed, please get awards to [lana.hiskey@nebo.edu](mailto:lana.hiskey@nebo.edu) with Award Nebo News in the subject line.*



### Health & Wellness Center

in Partnership with **Care Here!**

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