

Mt. Nebo News

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Principal's Message

Parents of MNJHS students:

There are several ways Mt. Nebo Jr. High is trying to stay connected with parents. This year one communication tool will be a newsletter published twice a term. As an administrator I am trying to send out emails to keep parents updated. If you have failed to receive an email, I would encourage you to sign up at parent teacher conference.

For the first term MNJH is focusing on showing respect for learning. As a kick off activity the students received planners and were instructed on how to use the planner and the benefits of being organized. This activity was followed by students writing a paragraph on how they use their planners and a door decorating contest. The contest centered around the theme of planner use; prizes were awarded to classrooms who showed creativity and unique ideas in their decorating activity.

On September 5, 2008 our first dance was held. This dance was free to MNJH students. We had a great turn out; the students were excited to hang out with each other and get reacquainted after a long summer break.

The week of September 22, Mr. White's class will be producing a video giving MNJH students ideas on how they can show respect for learning. We will be anxiously awaiting this production and expect to see some great acting.

Parents are a major support to Mt. Nebo Jr. High's quest to show respect for learning. Please take time to share with you student the books your are reading, or a book your remember reading when you were junior. high age. To reinforce your efforts, teachers will model reading at school and will indicate on a small poster outside their door the book they are currently reading. Students will be assigned to write an essay on their favorite book and an essay will be picked from their class to be posted in our display case for all students to share.

The final activity of the term will be a skating party which students will earn. The criterion for attending this activity is to have their passport in their planner stamped. To accomplish this, they must have written in their planner 80% of the time.

I would like to challenge you as parents to check your students' planners each night to see that they are organizing, their classwork and following through on assignments.

Sandra Day O' Connor, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice stated:

"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something."

I believe that it takes all the threads of a community to build the tapestry. If you as parents, our students, and staff all work towards improving learning, we will have a better chance of succeeding.

--Mrs. Kaye Isakson

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be September 18, 2008. Teachers will be available from 3:00 until 8:30. Please come with any questions or concerns you may have! Students are welcome to attend with their parents.

Upcoming Events

September

18	Parent-Teacher Conferences
19-23	<i>Wait Until Dark</i>
19-23	<i>The Enchanted Pig</i>
22	8 th Grade Individual SEOPs begin
26	No School—UPASS Day

October

2-4	Shakespeare Competition
3	Picture Make-up Day
9	Hispanic Night
16-17	No School—Fall Break
23	First Term Ends
24	No School—Teacher Development Day
27-31	Red Ribbon Week
28-30	<i>Enchanted Forest/Scream III</i>

October Aluminum Can Drive!

The Science Department is gearing up for aluminum can drive during October.

This is a contest among the grades!

Take your cans to your respective science teacher's room before school.

- 9th Grade -- Mr. Wright
- 8th Grade -- Mrs. Roberts or Mr. Rees
- 7th Grade -- Mrs. Cloud

The grade level to bring in the most pounds of cans wins a prize!

Start saving those cans!

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- We also collect:
- Box Tops
 - Campbell Soup Labels
 - Cream 'O Weber Milk Caps
 - Used Cell Phones
 - Ink Cartridges
 - Recycled Paper

Turn these in to your science teacher

All this helps us to make our Science classes Fun!

MNJHS PTA

- President Wendy Dimond
- President-elect Audrey Gardiner
- Secretary Kandi Siufanua
- Secretary Kathleen Bowles
- Treasurer Kristi Birchett
- Fundraising Marceena Hoole
- Teacher Appreciation Tammy Rich
- Reflections Lisa Flinders
- Past President Jeannie Ashton

Students of the Month

We would like to congratulate our amazing students of the month in September: **Chris Devenport, McCall Heaton, Emilee Merrill, Haylee Harris, Samantha Ellis, Tommy Wright, Gabriela Mireles, Keaton Adams, and Tylie Johnson.** They have shown amazing qualities this school year!

Panther Teacher Spotlight

Ian Black

Born and raised in New Zealand, Mr. Black has lived in Hawaii, Texas and settled in Utah. After receiving his teaching certificate in New Zealand and teaching for a time, he moved to Hawaii to study Sociology at BYU Hawaii. Mr. Black received his master's degree while living in Texas. He has been a fixture in Nebo District for the last 25 years, teaching both in Santaquin and Payson. He has served on the School Community Council, various committees and Social Studies Department Chair. Last year he was awarded the Crystal Apple Award. Mr. Black is always reminding his students of the seriousness of the freshman year. For all he does in our school and for our students, he was awarded the Spirit of the Panther.

Kathy Collings

Mrs. Collings has been part of the Mt. Nebo (formerly Payson Middle) family for 10 years. Previous to that she taught in Goshen where she was Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Collings has mentored new teachers and served as Math Department Chair for 5 years. She is always willing to help students and staff. For all she does in our school and for our students, Mrs. Collings was awarded the Spirit of the Panther.

Kellie Roberts

Mrs. Roberts is a graduate of UVU and has been part of the Mt. Nebo Family for four years. She is always willing to help students that have questions. Mrs. Roberts has served in various committees and is great to volunteer when extra help is needed around campus. For all she does in our school and for our students, she was awarded the Spirit of the Panther.

Reed Butler

Mr. Butler has been part of the Mt. Nebo family for 11 years. Previous to that he taught at Franklin Elementary in Provo. Mr. Butler has a master's degree in Math education. Mr. Butler has served on the School Community Council and is always helpful for both faculty and students. For all he does in our school and for our students, he was awarded the Spirit of the Panther.



School Community Council

Faculty and Staff:

Ian Black, Courtney Droz, Kaye Isakson, Kirk Wright, Janelle Jensen

Parents:

Diana Fitzpatrick, Audrey Gardiner, Jesus Jimenez, Wendy Dimond,
Lisa Bradshaw, Jeannie Ashton, Liz Smith

Hispanic Parents Night

All parents of Hispanic students are invited to Hispanic Parents night the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the faculty room.

Wow!

2008 Reflections Contest

The theme for this year's reflections contest is "Wow." Students are encouraged to enter, and can win awesome prizes including a digital camera (some prizes are awarded just for entering!) The deadline to turn in entries is Tuesday, October 28. Official rules and entry forms are available in the office. The categories are:

Music	Literature
Choreography/Dance	Theatre
Photography	Visual Arts
Film/Video	Three Dimensional Art

From the Drama Department

1- **Drama Club** Activity,
Tuesday, Oct. 7th from 2:45-4pm
Costume Party, Prizes and treats.

2- Play: **The Enchanted Pig**
Sept. 19th, 22nd and 23rd at 4pm
Play: **Wait Until Dark**

Sept. 19th, 22nd and 23rd at 7pm
Cost is \$4 a person. This is our fundraiser play to help with our students competing in the Utah Shakespeare Competition.

3- **Shakespeare Acting Competition** in Cedar City Oct. 3rd and 4th. We want to wish our competitors good luck: Kimber Christensen, Bryce Clyde, Jason Colver, Faith Greenwood, Tyler Hill, Ciara Hulet, Savannah Kennedy, Seth Mason, KelsiJo Meyer, Katie Morris, Alexis Parker, Josh Reece, and Kolina Schmoyer.

4- **Scream III/The Enchanted Forest**
Oct. 28th-30th. The non-scary trick or treat alley which inspires children to read and write more begins at 5pm. All ages are invited to attend where you will walk from room to room, see a story book acted out and receive a treat. At 7pm everyone's invited to attend our musical theatre review called Scream III. The cost is only \$3 for both events.

Tickets for all productions are available at the door.

Red Ribbon Week October 27 to October 31

"Step it Up: A Call to Action"

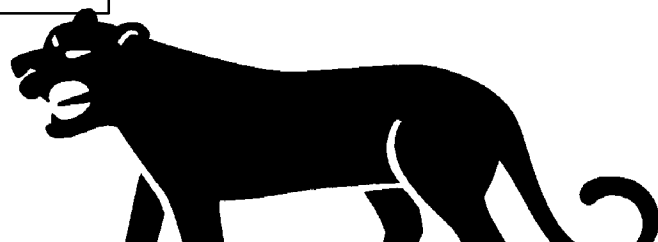
Red Ribbon week will be filled with great activities to keep kids from using illegal drugs! There will be dress-up days, which must follow dress code, lunch-time contest, prizes given in classes for students who wear their wristbands, and a door decoration contest. Students are encouraged to participate in these activities and make the commitment to live a drug-free life.

Prior Approval for Absence form

On the back of this newsletter is a copy of the prior approval for absences form. If you know your student will be missing school, this form should be filled out, signed by you, your student, and an administrator.

Halloween

Please be aware that students will NOT be allowed to dress in costume on Halloween, October 31. Students coming in costume will be asked to change into dress-code appropriate attire.



Boy Scout Merit Badges at Mt. Nebo Jr. High

Students who are members of the Boy Scouts of America can earn the following merit badges by completing the required curriculum and maintaining at least a B grade in the class. Please leave a note for Mr. Bartholomew if you have any questions.

7th Grade

Computers
Woodworking

8th Grade

Energy
Geology

9th Grade

Astronomy
Environmental Science (see Mrs. Roberts)

Any Grade

Sports
Personal Fitness (see Mr. Marziale)
Reading (see Mr. Bartholomew)
Music

Power Hour

Power Hour is a before and after school program for students who would like help on their homework. It is held in the library mornings and afternoons from 6:30 to 7:50, and from 2:45 to 4:00. Students have access to teacher help, computers for schoolwork, and a quiet place to complete their assignments.

Garden Club

Garden Club meets every Friday after school in Mr. Butler's room (175).

Spanish Club

The first Spanish Club meeting will be after school on Tuesday, September 23 in Mrs. Jensen's room (315).

Chess Club

Chess Club meets every Thursday after school in Mr. Wright's room (155).

New Lunch Prices

Breakfast

Full Price \$1.25

Weekly \$6.25

20 Day \$25.00

Reduced Rate \$.30

Weekly \$1.50

20 Day \$6.00

Lunch

Full Price \$ 2.00

Weekly \$10.00

20 Day \$40.00

Reduced Rate \$.40

Weekly \$2.00

20 Day \$8.00

Make sure you have money on your lunch account!

Sept-March: If you owe more than \$6.00 you will not be able to eat lunch

April 1: If you owe more than \$4.00 you will not be able to eat lunch

May 1: If you owe more than \$2.00 you will not be allowed to eat school lunch

May 18 until the end of the school year:
You must have money or you may not eat school lunch



HOPE Squad

The following students are on the HOPE squad this school year: Christopher Phillips, Ryan Koller, Amanda Moody, Callie Johnson, Bailie Baxter, Aubrey Ortiz, Marissa Obray, Hope Pemberton, Kaitlyn Christensen, Bryce Clyde, Faith Greenwood, McCall Heaton, Taeler Lloyd, Jazmin Moyano, Hayler Page, Hannah Salcido, Storm Thomas, Siale Vaitohi, Sione Wolfram, Abby Bradshaw, Wyatt Brereton, Jacob Buckner, Jace Cox, Nathan Crook, Alex Hair, Abby Hickman, Austin McCarthy, Aaron McCloud, Tyrel Nielsen, Seth Sorensen, Kyle Tarter, and Jaisha Webb.

Please donate leftover fabric to the Home Ec. department!

Our students have a lot of fun doing extra credit projects with all sized of unwanted fabric. We accept all fabric donations however most students enjoy sewing with woven fabrics.