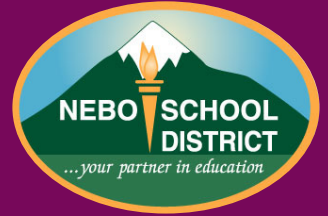


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# Nebo News



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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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## Superintendent's Message

Over the past several months, a number of people have talked to me about how much they liked the story I told at Opening Institute about my "grandmas." I have chosen to re-print it this month—with an important edit. Please read carefully to learn a powerful message that I failed to communicate effectively in my first telling of the story.

My Grandma Leah was a kindergarten teacher for 22 years. She adored her school children and her own family. Her grandchildren loved spending time with her and were blessed by sleepovers, pulling taffy, playing dress ups, going to the playground, kneading homemade bread, washing and drying dishes by hand, the Bean Museum, Tang, picking raspberries and apricots in the backyard, homemade raspberry or apricot jam on homemade bread, hanging laundry on the clothesline in the back yard, playing Billy Goats Gruff, making things out of foam egg cartons, penny trinkets for kids, and the annual Christmas party where she gave individually



wrapped Christmas gifts to the nearly 100 grandchildren packed into her tiny home!

Her grandchildren write, "Grandma Leah was always available for a spontaneous visit and welcomed us warmly. She liked having us there. She loved her family, and we all knew it! She had a home that was child friendly because she didn't worry about worldly possessions. She had grin wrinkles because she was always smiling!" It will be no surprise to you that one of Grandma Leah's favorite songs was:

Scatter sunshine all along your way;  
Cheer and bless and brighten  
Every passing day;

My Grandma Stevens had somewhat of a hard life. Her childhood and youth paralleled the First Great War and the Great Depression. She married a few years before the Second Great War and worked hard to help her husband get through college. They farmed together, and she devoted time to raising their four children. The sad reward for her support was a dissolved relationship and a divorce in 1950, a time when no one got divorced. One of her four children soon left for the Korean War, the others went to work to help provide

for the family. After waitressing and working in the school cafeteria, she eventually found fulltime work as a single mother. Grandma Steven's favorite song includes the words:

"I am happy today for the sunshine,  
for the skies of gray or blue...  
No cloud can cast a shadow over  
courage such as mine."

I am so thankful for the heritage of positive energy given to me by my Grandma Leah Stevens. Yes, **Grandma Leah and Grandma Stevens are the same person.**



Though she experienced difficult and trying times, she remained positive and optimistic about life and committed to sharing this energy with others. She personified the phrase: "The best legacy you could leave is a world that has been impacted and touched by your presence, your joy and your positive actions."

(Quotes are from "10 Great Souls I Want to Meet in Heaven" by S. Michael Wilcox)

# Kindergarten Enrollment Educational Resources

## Assessment Dates

### Elementary

Kindergarten Assessment

Spring: May 20 - 24  
(Due to District May 28)

1st Grade Assessment

April 22 - May 10  
(Due to District May 13)

2nd Grade Assessment

April 22 - May 10  
(Due to District May 13)

CRT

April 8 - May 17

UAA

April 8 - May 17

DIBLES Completed by

End Of Year: May 23

Reading Benchmark in NEAT

Spring: May 17\*  
\* Dates may change

6th Math Placement

March 4 - 8  
(Due to District Mar. 11)

### Junior High

CRT

Spring: April 8 - May 17

UAA

April 8 - May 17

### High School

CRT

April 8 - May 17

UAA

April 8 - May 17

Kindergarten Enrollment at your neighborhood school from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 12, 2013, for the Spanish Fork area; March 13, 2013, for the Payson, Salem, Santaquin, and Goshen areas; and March 14, 2013, for the Springville and Mapleton areas. Future kindergarten students need to bring a birth certificate, a copy of their current immunization records, and a proof of residency.

Are your students school immunizations up-to-date? New this year is the opportunity to register and receive immunizations all the same day. The Utah County Health Department (UCHD) will be coming to the following schools to provide immunizations from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. for all students in the above areas.

Larsen Elementary, March 12 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Taylor Elementary, March 13 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Cherry Creek Elementary, March 14 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Some immunizations that will be available include influenza, DTap/Tdap, HepA, HepB, polio, varicella, meningococcal, MMR, and HPV.

Electronic Playground under students <http://resources.nebo.edu/links>

## Nebo's New Energy Specialists

Nebo Nebo School District is pleased to announce that Bodie Bradley and Russell Maughan have been named our Energy Specialists to implement and manage our new energy conservation program. Many of you know Bodie and Russell and their passion for our school district. They are now focusing that passion to ensure that our energy program is successful in allowing us to redirect much needed funds back into our classrooms. Bodie and Russell have already started training and working with our energy conservation partner, Cenergistic.

Bodie Bradley has worked in Nebo School District for the past 12 years. He has provided a clean and safe environment for students and faculty. Bodie has extensive experience in maintenance and repair. He received his Associate of Applied Science from Utah Valley University in 2004, and his Associate of Applied Science in Radiology from Weber State University in 2007.

Russell Maughan has worked for Nebo School District since 2007. He has worked as an instructional technician, tracking program coordinator, and operations intern. Some of his experience includes energy education research including working with local utility providers on issues and

working with district construction projects. Russell received his Bachelor of Science in Construction Management.



Throughout the year – late at night, early in the mornings, and during holidays – Bodie and Russell will be in our buildings ensuring we are properly managing our energy resources. They will be reporting to Steve Maughan who will oversee the energy program.

The Cenergistic energy program will generate savings on our utility bills as we follow and support our Energy Specialists over the next 10 years. This program is extremely important to our school district and requires everyone's cooperation.

Our Board will be receiving regular updates on the progress of our energy program in the weeks and months ahead. We plan to regularly share the news and results of this important program with you as well. Thank you in advance for your support of our energy program.

## Shannon Acor—Nebo's New School Board Member

Shannon Acor is the new School Board member of the Nebo School Board of Education. She was voted in at the School Board meeting on February 13, 2013. Mrs. Acor is replacing Mr. Rod Oldroyd that served honorably for the past six years representing the Springville area.

In January's Board meeting Rod said, "The employees of Nebo work for more than money. Their work shows the love that they have for the students of this district and their desire for the student's success." Then he thanked the voters for allowing him to serve and stated obligations to his family, career, and ecclesiastical calling as Stake President as the reasons for his resigning effective on February 13, 2013.

The Nebo School Board of Education and Nebo District Superintendent Staff thanked Rod for his dedicated service and wished him well.

Shannon Acor is currently the Springville High PTA President and served on the Springville Junior PTA and Community Council, as well as the Art City Elementary Community Council. She is a strong leader and a reliable participant that is highly motivated in education. Shannon graduated from Southern Utah University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Communication.

Some of Shannon's interests are traveling to Rome, Barcelona, Florence, the Amalfi Coast, Hawaii, and Monaco. She

loves being with her family and watching the Utah sunset.

Nebo School Board of Education and Nebo School District welcomes this excellent School Board member, Shannon Acor, to our educational family.



## Nebo School Board Receives State Master Board Award

Last week, Governor Gary R. Herbert recognized the Nebo School Board of Education for its work in advancing its own collective knowledge and skills as the lead policy organization in the district. In addition, the Governor recognized individual board members for their own attainment of mastery of board principles through the Master Boards Award (MBA) program. Recognized board members include: Dean Rowley, Rick Ainge, Christine Riley, Rod Oldroyd, Kristen Betts, Randy Boothe, K.L. Tischner, Superintendent Rick Nielsen, and Business Administrator Tracy Olsen.

To be chosen for the MBA Award, school boards complete three items in five areas of achievement including: continuous improvement, advocacy, community engagement and collaborative relationships, accountability, and a foundation of effective governance. The Master Boards Award program was conceived by leaders of the Utah School Boards Association who wanted to help local school board members understand the complexities of issues they face, including school finance, legislation, ethics, policy, and board meeting rules and conduct, among many other topics.

Superintendent Rick Nielsen said, "This is another great indicator of what a committed and student-centered Board of Education we have in Nebo School District. Our Nebo School Board is committed to best practices to increase student learning. They make sure they stay on top of all kinds of knowledge and practices required for them to provide vision and policy direction to insure the success of students and employees of Nebo School District."

Each year under the MBA program, each local school board member and the board they represent, can reach new goals to enhance learning and skills. They do this through individual study/readings, group seminars, online workshops, state conferences, community meetings and contacts, and ensuring proactive procedures and policies in their districts. It is noted that research shows that highly effective boards boost student achievement.





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# Nebo District's Celebrations

## Employees & Programs:

- ◆ Principal John "Willie" Penrod, MMHS, was selected as Administrator of the Year by the Utah Music Educators' Association.
- ◆ Jethro Gillespie, MMHS, was selected as Utah Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association.
- ◆ GayLynn Buys & Marlayne Harward from Barnett, and Jenn Sorenson & Deana Coates from Park, and Kelly Cole from Diamond Fork Jr. were selected as recipients for the Summer 2013 Field Study with Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute sponsored by Driven 2 Teach.

## Students:

- ◆ Katharin Jensen, SFHS, finalist for National Merit Scholarship.



Nebo School District would like to thank School Board member, Rod Oldroyd, for his tremendous six years of service for the students of Nebo School District.

## Students Cont.:

- ◆ Springville High's Girls' Basketball Team are 4A State Champions!
- ◆ Maple Mountain's Wrestling Team are 4A State Champions!
- ◆ Payson High's Wrestling Team took Second Place 3A.
- ◆ Matthew Kiser & Rachel Warnick at MMHS are finalists for National Merit Scholarship.
- ◆ Heather Sorensen, PHS, finalist for National Merit Scholarship.
- ◆ Sierra Davis, SHHS, & Brittany Messerly, SHS, are both State Computing Winners. Meghan Taylor, SHHS, State Computing Runner-up.
- ◆ MMHS All-State High School Art Show Cali Heber, Franni Ash, Allora George, & Kayli Champneys.
- ◆ SHHS All-State High School Art: Mikayla E. Hunt, Blaine McMurray, & Marissa Tullis.
- ◆ MMHS Science Olympiad Team Takes 1st Place at Snow College.
- ◆ MMHS students place at Springville Art Show: Franni Ash, Allora George, and Cali Heber.

*If your successes are not listed, please get awards to [iana.hiskey@nebo.edu](mailto:iana.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](http://www.nebo.edu) or the school's website.*