



# Nebo News



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## NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 32,000 students 2015-2016.
- Nebo District has over 3,600 employees.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 5th largest employer in Utah County.

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## Treasure the Treasures

**Nedra Call, Curriculum Director**

I found it! I found it! The treasure!

As we know, the word treasure can be used as a verb or a noun. Often we associate a treasure with something of value such as money, jewels, gold or silver, hidden or kept in a safe place. Another definition defines the word: to regard or treat as precious. And yet another definition comes from the Old French word *tresor*: meaning of great worth. These last two definitions are how I choose to apply the word treasure when we describe a person.

Each year, the students attending Nebo classrooms are jewels and treasure to SOMEONE. They are of great worth and are sent to school with the hope that each administrator, teacher and others working with their student will also treasure them and help to foster their greatest potential.

In the education field, we do not have to look far to find the most valuable treasures on earth. For in each school and classroom are students with the potential to some day discover a cure for our most deadly diseases, invent the most powerful means of communication or achieve a Nobel Prize.

How do we as influencers of a student's education foster this potential and help him/her achieve great things?

I believe that each of us holds the power to

positively influence students. It starts by having a strong passion within ourselves. As we read in *Teach Like a Pirate*, we need to be passionate about students having a larger vision of what is possible for their lives, passionate about creating lifelong learners and passionate about increasing their self-esteem and self-confidence. Our enthusiasm and passion spreads like creamy frosting on a delicious cake and often results in unique outcomes.

With 21 grandchildren, all either attending Nebo schools or soon will be, I realize more than ever before how much I truly appreciate how our teachers foster the worth of each student and dedicate their lives in helping each one reach his/her own summit.

Yes, I have found the treasure, and I sincerely thank each of you for the endless hours you devote in polishing and keeping all those gold nuggets sparkling brilliantly.

A retirement luncheon will be held for all retirees on May 4, 2016, at 12:00. If you are planning on retiring, please make an appointment with Ken Van Ausdal or Sandra Jarvis in the Human Resource Department by calling 801-354-7414.

## Dates to Celebrate:

### March 1-31

Music in Our Schools Month  
National Nutrition Month  
Youth Art Month

### March 2

Read Across America Day  
Dr. Seuss's Birthday

### March 3

Adoption of U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

### March 7-11

National School Breakfast Week  
Newspaper in Education Week  
School Social Work Week

### March 11

Johnny Appleseed Day

### March 13

Daylight Savings Time begins

### March 14-18

Poison Prevention Week  
National Wildlife Week

### March 15

National Agriculture Day

### March 17

St. Patrick's Day

### March 20

First Day of Spring



## Nebo School Board Receives Master Board Award Fourth Year in a Row

Governor Herbert stated, "It is my great pleasure as governor to congratulate your board for receiving the Master Boards Award for



2016. This prestigious award recognizes excellence in leading public schools in your neighborhoods and strengthening communities across the state through your efforts. As leaders in Utah, it is critical that we work together to ensure high achievement for every student."

Superintendent Rick Nielsen said, "The Master Board Award is another great indicator of what a committed, student-centered Board of Education we have in Nebo School District. The board is knowledgeable of practices required to provide vision and policy direction to insure the success of students and employees of Nebo School District."

For this purpose the Five Star Master of Boardmanship Award or MBA has been designed to help and encourage boards to

become highly effective boards of education.

The Nebo School Board completed five areas of achievement: 1) Continuous Improvement, 2) Advocacy, 3) Community Engagement/Collaborative Relationships, 4) Accountability, and 5) Foundation of Effective Governance.

An effective Board governs with unity of purpose, agrees on roles and responsibilities, creates a positive governance culture and operates with protocols and policies.

Congratulations to the Nebo School Board of Education including President Kristen Betts, Vice President Shannon Acor, Rick Ainge, Randy Boothe, Christine Riley, Dean Rowley, KL Tischner as well as Superintendent Rick Nielsen and Business Administrator Tracy Olsen.

## Transaction information now available at my URS

You can now view and download transactional information about your URS Savings Plans (401(k), 457 and IRAs) at myURS.

Members can see the dates of their payroll deferrals, loan payment, and when withdrawals were posted to their accounts.

Find this information when you log in to myURS at [www.urs.org](http://www.urs.org).

This enhancement will be another tool to help our members manage their accounts effectively.

# Nebo Administrative Appointments 2016-17



John DeGraffenried—Director  
College, Career & Technical Ed.



Ann Anderson  
Director Secondary Education



Ken Van Ausdal  
Director Human Resources



Suzanne Kimball  
Coordinator Human Resources



Mike Larsen—Director Special  
Ed. & Federal Programs



Brent Coffman  
Coordinator Special Education



Mike Brown  
Administrator Summit Center



Alan Ashton—Program Manager  
Career & Technology Education



Wade Tischner—Principal  
Advanced Learning Center



Curtis Burton—Assistant Principal  
Salem Hills High



Kim Gerke  
Coordinator Student Services



Keith Richards  
Assistant Principal Mapleton Junior



Spencer Sainsbury—Coordinator  
Food Services & Warehouse



Lori Nielsen Pruitt  
Principal Westside Elementary



Lisa Muirbrook  
Principal Art City Elementary



Angela Killian  
Principal Riverview Elementary



Sarah Blackhurst  
Principal Mt. Loafer Elementary



Ryan Pitcher  
Principal Meadow Brook Elem.



Adam Gull  
Principal Rees Elementary



Garrett Andersen  
Principal Sierra Bonita Elementary



Camille Thomas  
Principal Larsen Elementary



Troy Peterson  
Principal Mt. Nebo Junior



Brenda Burr  
Principal Diamond Fork Junior



Alison Hansen  
Principal Sage Creek Elem.

Reminder: March 22,  
 Republican Caucuses  
[www.utgop.org](http://www.utgop.org)  
 Democrat Caucuses  
[www.utahdemocrats.org](http://www.utahdemocrats.org)  
 Go, be involved and  
**VOTE**



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# Nebo District's Celebrations

## Student/Program Celebrations

SHS Physics Team project to CERN for Nuclear Research in Geneva, Switzerland.

Sarah Larsen, MMHS, All-State Visual Art selected as Juror's Choice Award at Utah State Capitol.

Cathleen Keliiliki, MMHS, Best News Story at BYU.

State Champions:

126 lb Tanner Cox, MMHS, State Wrestling Champ

132 lb Taylor LaMont, MMHS, State Wrestling Champ

182 lb Chayce Loveless, PHS, State Wrestling Champ

100 BS Wyatt Graham, SHHS, State Swim Champ

200 IM Makayla Cazier, MMHS, State Swim Champ

500 Free Makayla Cazier, MMHS, State Swim Champ

Makayla broke the state record in the 500 Freestyle

5:02.94. Named UHSAA Swimmer of the Year.

## Employee Celebrations

JoAnn Tuttle, CTE Coordinator, selected as UACTE Administrator of the Year by Work-based Learning & the Administrative Division.

Kathryn Crandall, MMHS, selected as UACTE Teacher of the Year by Work-based Learning.

Laurie Hansen, SHHS, selected as UACTE Teacher of the Year by FACS division.

Ginger Hansen, Hobble Creek teacher, awarded the Utah Distinguished Mentor in Teacher Ed.

Jody Benson, PHS, inducted into the Nebo Hall of Fame.

Cary Hylton, SHS, KSL Teacher Feature.

Karen Thomas, Westside, KSL Teacher Feature.

## "X" Marks the SPOT

Janna Manookin, Risk Tech., Salem Jr., "Janna jumps right in and starts helping. She sees a need and is there in a blink of an eye," recognized by Anne Cook.

Sue Bell, Custodian, Summit Center, "An immense undertaking was needed to clean and shine the Summit Center. Sue took on extra responsibilities and hours without complaint," recognized by Brent Coffman.

Sauna Hatch & Tammy Howell, Skills Tech, Park, "They are some of the kindest ladies I know. They have hearts of gold," recognized by Ann Banks.

Courtney Droz, Counselor, Springville Jr., "Our school personally visited every 7th grader. She came in and helped the administration on her days off to help us get ready," recognized by Ryan McGuire.

Brad Jex & Mary Ledesma, Transportation, "They are amazing and treated my son so wonderful. My son's favorite part of the day was his bus rides," recognized by Heidi Wollebaek.

Cynthia Sumsion, Sp. Ed., Taylor, "Cindy had to step in to cover for another teacher, which left much of the work to prepare. She went above and beyond in every aspect," recognized by McKell Nelson.

Kathrynn Kelley, Teacher, Orchard Hills, "She will stay after school and help with anything others need. She leads the school choir and is knowledgeable, friendly and positive," recognized by Kim Andrews.

Katie Shumway, Teacher, Art City, "She truly loves her job and her former students. She sends positive emails and is interested in each one," recognized by Reese Brunson.

Rosalyn Payne, Art Teacher, Cherry Creek, "She goes above and beyond giving all our students incredible and integrated art lessons. Our halls are lined with impressive, beautiful quality works of art," recognized by Sarah Sumsion.

Shawn Johnson, Sp. Ed., PHS, "He watches out for students with homework and jobs. He even gives his coats to students and bought luggage for future missionaries," recognized by Jeri Carter.

*If you have noticed wonderful people or experiences that need to be recognized, please email them to [lana.hiskey@nebo.edu](mailto:lana.hiskey@nebo.edu).*

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