

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

- Nebo District has approximately 33,000 students in 2017-2018.
- Nebo District has over 3,800 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's Message: Heroes See Life Through the Lens of Optimism

**H**elping People...with no strings attached

**E**xceptional experiences for the people we serve

**R**esponsibility for attitudes, actions, and results

**O**ptimism – the great equalizer

“Optimism is so much different than positive thinking... positive thinkers are the great pretenders. If they encounter a challenge, roadblock, or obstacle, they look at it and quickly turn away... They believe if they ignore it, it might just disappear.”

“The optimist, on the other hand, encounters the same challenge, roadblock or obstacle and rather than look away, they face it head on. They don't pretend it doesn't exist. They acknowledge it as a problem that requires focus and attention to conquer.”

“It is time to put on the glasses of optimism. Optimism gives heroes a couple of secret weapons. First, it gives them supernatural vision. It allows them to see what others cannot see... they see things not as they are but as they can be – people not as they are but as they can be. They see situations and circumstances not as they are but as they should be.”

“Optimism is the great equalizer. It helps us process information differently – to see what others see but apply it in a different way.”

“Optimism changes your luck. It changes your perspective on the things that happen in life. It allows you to rise above the things that hold most people down.”

“Heroes flex their optimism muscle and begin to see what is possible instead of what is probable. They look for solutions instead of reasons [things] can't be done.”

“Rise up. Take control and soar to new heights. Optimism can take you places you've never dreamed of if you're willing to put on the glasses and see life as it was meant to be seen!”

*(Quotes from The Hero Effect, p. 97- 105)*



A retirement luncheon will be held for all retirees on May 2, 2018 at 12:00. If you are planning on retiring please make an appointment with Robert Fleming in the Human Resource Department by calling 801-354-7480.

**Dates to Celebrate:**

- April 1-30  
National Autism Month  
National Poetry Month  
School Library Month
- April 1  
Easter  
April Fools' Day
- April 2  
International Children's Book Day
- April 8-14  
National Library Week
- April 5  
Paraprofessionals Day
- April 8-14  
National Library Week
- April 9-13  
National Assistant Principals Week
- April 15-22  
National Volunteer Week
- April 22  
Earth Day
- April 25  
Administrative Professionals/ Secretaries Day
- April 27  
National Arbor Day



**DOWNLOAD THE SAFE UT APP NOW**

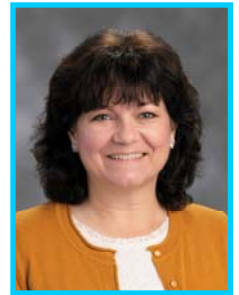
The SafeUT Crisis Text and Tip Line is a statewide service providing real time crisis intervention to youth through texting, as well as a confidential tip program to handle tips on bullying, school threats of violence or emergencies.



**Nebo Administrative Appointments**



Jim Welburn  
Student Services Coordinator



Coral Lee Findlay  
Salem Elementary Principal

**BE A Nebo Hero**

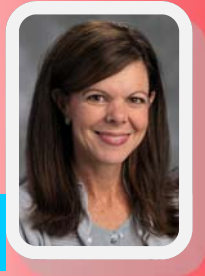
- Hilary Miner**, Custodian, Mapleton Jr., "My son doesn't go to this school and we had never met her before. She was a Nebo Hero and rescued my son's wrestling shoe from the floating ceiling within an hour. She genuinely wanted to help." Recognized by Jeff Peterson.
- Suzette Hartvigsen**, Athletic Director, Salem Jr., "She is a quiet steady leader of young people. She seeks the best solution for all parties involved." Recognized by Troy Bohling.
- Ellen-Anita Olson**, Librarian, Diamond Fork Jr., "She is always willing to help and takes classes on activity days. She is an amazing resource to our new teachers." Recognized by Todd Claybaugh, Cecily Yeager, Ian Carroll.
- Billi Robbins**, Principal, Taylor, "I witnessed Billi help a young, upset student encouraging her to come in from outside. She treated her with care and calmness like a mother would." Recognized by Reese Brunson.

**District Teacher of the Year 2017-18**

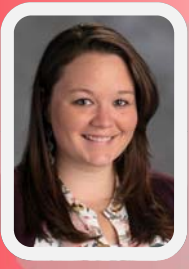


*Chrisann Toelue—District Teacher of the Year  
Superintendent Rick Nielsen, School Board President Kristen Betts,  
Elementary Coordinator Dave Rowe*

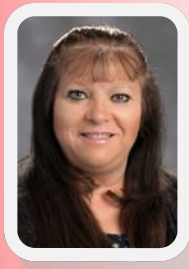
# Nebo Teachers of the Year 2017-2018



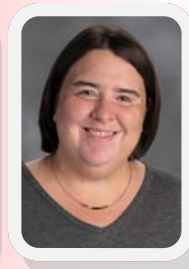
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Art City



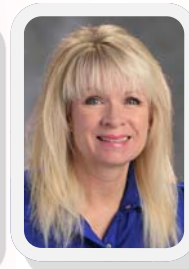
Jaimie Standish  
Barnett



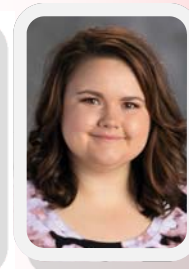
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Brockbank



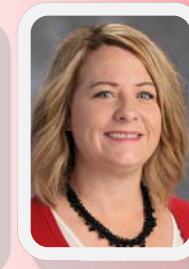
Susan Bird  
Brookside



Kristen Money  
Canyon



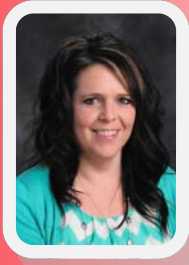
Anne Call  
Cherry Creek



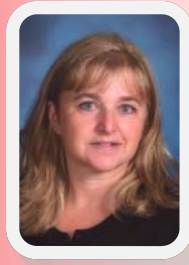
Natalie Mecham  
East Meadows



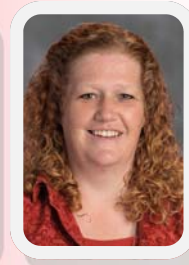
Kate Elliott  
Foothills



Janille Osborn  
Goshen



Brandi Wyament  
Hobble Creek



Angela Eckhardt  
Larsen



Vanessa Schmidt  
Maple Ridge



Melody Green  
Mapleton



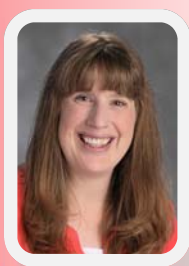
Susan Jurkatis  
Meadow Brook



Caryn Covington  
Mt. Loafer



Riley Winward  
Orchard Hills



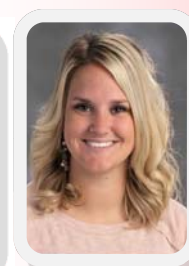
Carrie Dunn  
Park



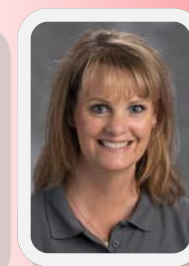
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Park View



Jen Gasser  
Rees



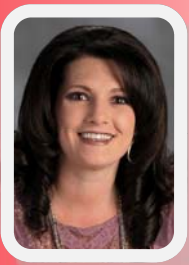
Kelsey Mortensen  
Riverview



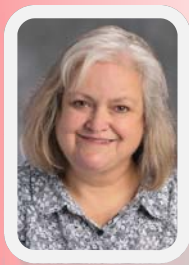
Kelli Giles  
Sage Creek



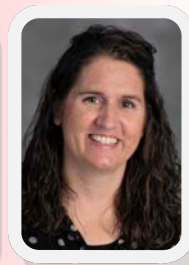
Pam Haney  
Salem



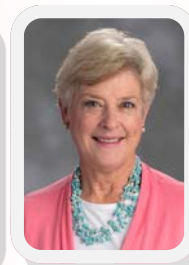
Keeley Holt  
Santaquin



Peggy Freck  
Sierra Bonita



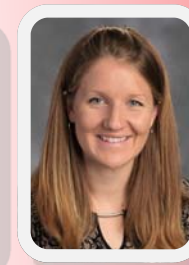
Emily Monroe  
Spanish Oaks



Kathy Shaw  
Spring Lake



Wendy Grill  
Taylor



Lindsay Leman  
Westside



Zak Nowell  
Wilson



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

# Nebo Hero

# Nebo District's Celebrations

## Student Celebrations

Finlay Lofthouse & Hyrum Devenport, SHHS, perfect 36 score on the ACT on their first attempt.

Scout Benson, Springville Junior, selected the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

SFHS & SHHS Students win Code Camp 2018.

Ashlee Norris, SFHS, Gold in Interior Design FCCLA.

Jose Valle, PHS, Best Male Anchor Award.

Logan Bennett, PHS, Best Entertainment Award.

## State Sterling Scholars:

Larissa Anne Chappell, SHS, Runner Up for Family & Consumer Science

Cole Monson, SHS, Runner Up for Skilled & Technical Sciences

Miriam Hall, SHS, Runner up for Vocal Performance

Emily Bates, MMHS, Runner Up for dance

Cameron Smith, SFHS, Runner Up for Instrumental Music

## Employee/Program Celebrations

Clint Peery, PHS, Teacher of the Year by State Broadcasting.

Melanie Adamson, Maple Ridge, is the 2018 Utah PTA Outstanding Educator of the Year.

David Booth, Springville Junior, selected the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

Ms. Erica Murdoch, Sage Creek, published in research journal through BYU.

MMHS Drill National Champion in Military.

MMHS Science Olympiad Team takes First at State four years in a row.

MMHS Welders win top in the Nation and received \$20,000 in product and supplies. They also won Gold at State.

# BE A Nebo Hero

**Jenni Coon**, Teacher, Orchard Hills, "She is our team leader and willing to help. She greets each student with a smile. We love her." Recognized by Kim Andrews.

**Amy Cook**, Teacher, Riverview, "She is always helping our many long-term subs with lessons & activities. She is so kind and nurturing. She is very positive." Recognized by Cindy Porter.

**Shareen Allred**, Aide, Westside, "She plans and carries out our oral language plans and makes these lessons hands-on, effective and memorable. She is caring, dedicated, and hardworking." Recognized by Theresa Olesen.

**Jim Welburn**, Principal, Salem, "Jim always keeps perspective in every situation. He asks, 'Is this good for kids?' He makes the school a safe place." Recognized by Pam Haney.

**Tona Graff**, Dean, Payson High, "She goes above and beyond to help my son. She emails, calls and even texts. She wants students to succeed. Students trust her." Recognized by June Lopez.

**Charles Hanosek**, Technology Ed., Foothills, "He comes and teaches my students technology. My students love him and shout for joy when he comes." Recognized by Jennelle Youngs.

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