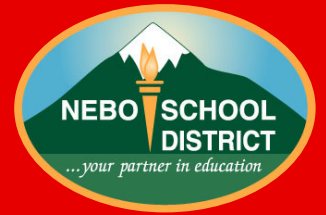


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# Nebo News

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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 Remember the Rainbow

Popular author and speaker, Steve Gilliland, poses the following questions: "Who do you truly admire or consider a role model in your company, community, family or circle of friends? What attributes does he or she possess that you would want to emulate?"

The common quality this person possesses that everyone would emulate: a positive mental attitude.

"A positive mental outlook is very important to your success and well-being. Although it can't guarantee immediate health and wealth, it can make your life more enjoyable and rewarding."

"On a flight from Atlanta, Georgia, to San Francisco, California, approximately 20 minutes prior to landing, the pilot announced that we were about to experience some

rough air and that the ride might get a little bumpy. True to his word, because of the storm, the ride became extremely rough. After we landed, a gentleman who was sitting next to me prompted

sprinkling of rain and, in some cases, storms that seemingly never will end."

"Remember the rainbow," Steve recalls his mother always saying. "In order to see the beauty of the rainbow, you have to put up with a little rain some days."



Rainbows are a fitting symbol as we conclude our "Let it Shine" theme this year. Thank you for letting your positive energy, enthusiasm, and optimism shine so that our students, families, coworkers,

me to look out the window at what he and I both described as one of the most magnificent rainbows we had ever seen. He then said, 'I guess the rough ride was worth it.' [This] reminded me that we have to put up with a little rain some days in order to see the rainbow. Our children, relationships and professional endeavors have a

and we ourselves can enjoy and remember rainbows.

Have a wonderful summer!

Quotes are from Steve Gilliland's, Mum's the Word

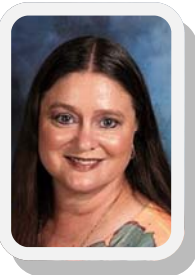
## Nebo's Teachers of the Year 2012-2013



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Diamond Fork Jr.



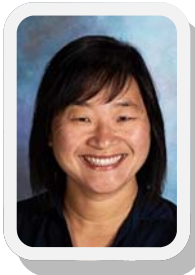
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Mapleton Junior



Kellie Cox  
Mt. Nebo Junior



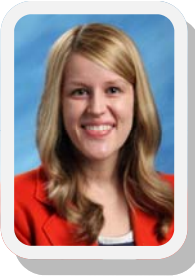
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Payson Junior



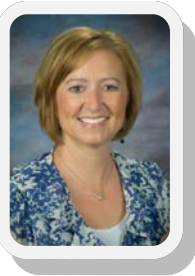
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Salem Junior



DeeAnn Binks  
Spanish Fork Jr.



Rachel Neeley  
Springville Jr.



Kristie McMurdie  
Maple Mountain



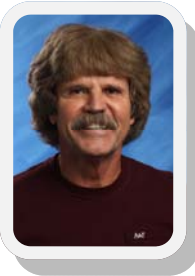
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Payson High



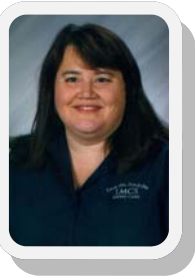
Chris Andrews  
Salem Hills High



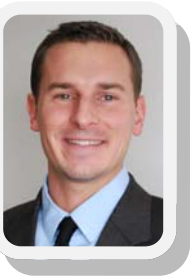
Brad Warren  
Spanish Fork High



Alan Lewis  
Springville High



Sue Ann Harding  
Landmark High



Sean Curtis  
Advanced Learning

"Life is not about  
*wailing* for the  
storm to pass.  
It's about  
learning to *dance*  
in the rain."

### High School Senior Graduation Dates 2013

- ◆ Maple Mountain High  
Thursday, May 23,  
6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Payson High  
Wednesday, May 22,  
6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Salem Hills High  
Wednesday, May 22,  
2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Spanish Fork High  
Thursday, May 23,  
10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Springville High  
Thursday, May 23,  
2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Landmark  
Monday, May 20,  
7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Legacy  
Tuesday, May 21,  
7:00 p.m.



Jim Griffin, John DeGraffenried,  
Teacher of the Year — Kristie McMurdie,  
Principal John Penrod, and Superintendent Rick Nielsen

**Kristie  
McMurdie  
Teacher of the  
Year 2012-13**

# Important Insurance Information

Insurance options for 2013-14 are in the process of being determined at this time. We will get details to you as soon as possible. For now, put the following dates on your calendar!

Insurance Open Enrollment for 2013-14 will begin July 1 and end August 19.

Detailed information about all plans will be on the Nebo web page under Employees beginning July 1, 2013. Directions for making your selections will also be outlined on the web page. July 18, 6:00 p.m. Nebo School District Board Room

**Insurance Information Meetings will be held:**

July 30, 6:00 p.m. Maple Mountain High School  
August 8, 6:00 p.m. Spanish Fork High School  
August 15, 6:00 p.m. Salem Hills High School

Computers will be available for you to make your selections after the meeting. You may bring your own laptop or tablets to avoid having to wait for a computer.

Every employee who is eligible for insurance **MUST** get online and make their insurance selections or waive insurance by August 19, 2013.

## Nebo District's Retirees

### Certified Retirees 2013

Kelly J. Anderson, Girls' PE, Springville Jr., 29 yrs.  
Marilyn Anthony, Sixth Grade, Orchard Hills, 28 yrs.  
Calleen Argyle, Facilitator, Canyon, 30 yrs.  
John Bingham, Mathematics, Spanish Fork Jr., 30 yrs.  
DeeAnn Binks, Girls' PE, Spanish Fork Jr., 31 yrs.  
Patricia Ann Cannon, Second Grade, Rees, 7 yrs.  
Sue Davis, English, Springville High, 34 yrs.  
Diane Hartman, CTE, Springville High, 5 yrs.  
Susan Hereth, Special Education, Taylor, 14 yrs.  
Susan Huff, Principal, Spanish Oaks, 34 yrs.  
Rita James, CTE, Maple Mountain High, 19.5 yrs.  
Dee Jeppson, English, Spanish Fork High, 20 yrs.  
Robert Keddington, Principal, Park, 17 yrs.  
Alan Lewis, Art, Springville High, 29 yrs.  
Robert Lewis, Social Studies, Salem Junior, 25 yrs.  
Darwin Gary Mathewson, Boys' PE, Payson High, 31 yrs.  
Debra May, Curriculum Specialist, District, 38 yrs.  
Melanie McKinlay, English & Theatre, Payson Jr., 15 yrs.  
Ann Penrod, Family & Consumer Science, Springville High, 22 yrs.  
D. Charles Thorpe, Fourth Grade, Riverview, 38 yrs.  
Elwood Wall, Mathematics, Payson High, 30 yrs.  
Bonnie Wickes, Fourth Grade, Canyon, 41 yrs.

### Classified Retirees 2013

Marie Ashworth, Clerk, District Office, 20 yrs.  
Terri Beckstrom, Special Ed. Technician, East Meadows, 28 yrs.  
Mary Brown, Lunch Clerk, Park View, 16 yrs.  
Joyce Carter, Head Food Service, Diamond Fork Jr., 28.5 yrs.  
Barbara Christiansen, Special Ed. Technician, Diamond Fork Jr., 11 yrs.  
Shelia Daybell, Title I Technician, Cherry Creek, 30 yrs.  
Ronald Durrant, Plumber, District Maintenance, 29.5 yrs.  
Diann Ewell, Food Service, Maple Mountain High, 14 yrs.  
Peggy Giles, Food Service Manager, Hobbles Creek, 30 yrs.  
Kathy Gull, Custodian, Payson High, 28 yrs.  
Pam Hall, Food Service Clerk, Cherry Creek, 15 yrs.  
Diane Hansen, Lunch Cook, East Meadows, 17 yrs.  
Sharon Hansen, Lunch Cook, Canyon, 13 yrs.  
Ted Hansen, Bus Driver, Transportation, 9 yrs.  
Susan Hatch, Counseling Secretary, Diamond Fork Jr., 12 yrs.  
Charlotte McIntier, Speech Language Technician, Park View, 10 yrs.  
Annette Morrison, Food Service Secretary, Brockbank, 24 yrs.  
Gerilyn Morley, Technician, Oakridge, 8 yrs.  
Vickie Nielsen, Cook, Mt. Nebo Junior, 25 yrs.  
Wendy Swenson, Food Service, Taylor, 9 yrs.  
Shauna Warren, Human Resource Secretary, District Office, 16.5 yrs.  
Kathleen White, Food Service Secretary, Hobbles Creek, 23 yrs.

## Nebo District's Celebrations

### Employees & Programs:

**J. Lynn Jones** featured in the VitalSmarts newsletter about his success in Nebo School District with Influencer training.

Principal **Dave McKee**, Administrator of the Year, by the Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Athletic Director, **Doug Snell**, Meritorious Service Award, by the Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

**Clint Peery** TV/Video Teacher of the Year Broadcast Festival

**Jo Edan Parker & Carl Swenson**, Recipients Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education

**Kellie Roberts**, an earth science teacher at **Salem Junior**, was awarded the R. Paul Nixon Teaching Award from the Department of Geological Sciences at BYU.

**Maple Mountain** Wins \$1,000 for "Catch the Waves for Your School" from Costa Vida.

**Spanish Fork High** gave \$5,800 to Tabitha's Way. The student body did service projects for Tabitha's Way all year.



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# Nebo District's Celebrations

## Students:

Drew Bates from Maple Mountain and Gus Snell from Spanish Fork High received the prestigious Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (UIAAA) Scholarship for the State of Utah.

**Maple Mountain High 5th Place at State Science Olympiad!** Physics teacher Kyle Miller.

3rd Place **Tyler Mortensen & Sam Dallon**, Thermodynamics

2nd Place **John Baadsgaard & Jacob Searcy**, Rocks and Minerals plus Forestry

2nd Place **Rachel Bybee & Jacob Searcy**, Designer Genes

UTA selected Mt. Nebo Junior's mural to be displayed at their station. The mural was created by Mt. Nebo's artists: **Jordan Brun** art teacher, **Caleb Vance** and **Kayden Young**, both seventh-grade students of Brun's.

### Maple Mountain High USA Competition

1st Place **Cody McGowin, Taylor Winkle, & Cayson Patey**, Welding Fabrication

2nd Place **McKenzie Nellesen**, Welding Sculpt.

5th Place **Alec Francis**, Advertising Design

6th Place **Brian Wood**, Photograph

7th Place **Ben Krehbiel**, Job Interview

7th Place **Rose Graham & Tarin Strosser**, TV

9th Place **Hunter Merrill**, Welding Individual

12th Place **Jonah Bateman**, Technical Drafting

### Spanish Fork High Skills USA Competition

1st Place **Turray Marsh**, Automotive Refinishing

1st Place **Gavin Robarge**, Collision Repair Tech.

1st Place **Elisha Konchar** Power Equipment Tech.

2nd Place **Kevin Wood**, Automotive Refinishing

All First Placers are invited back to Nationals in Kansas City in June.

**Payson High School Latinos In Action** Joins With President Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation

**Maple Mountain High Winter Drumline** won the Intermountain Percussion Association Finals Championship in Regional A. They also swept every caption award including snare, tenor, and bass drums as well as cymbals and front ensemble.

### Payson High FFA wins Awards

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Parliamentary Procedure Team: **Mariah Manookin, Carlysa Openshaw, Breanne Moore, Hunter Siggard, Wyatt McDaniel, and Zach Wall**

1st Place Extemporaneous Speaking: **Zach Wall**

1st Place Prepared Speech: **Kristen Robbins**

State Degrees: **Hunter Siggard, Mckell Wall, Rachel Rowley, and Kristen Robbins**

American Degree: **Katherine Pieper and Katie Swenson**

Wildlife Management Proficiency: **Kyler Thomas**

Specialty Animal Proficiency: **Hunter Siggard**

Fruit Production Proficiency: **Rachel Rowley**

Agricultural Sales Proficiency: **Katherine Pieper**

Forage Production Proficiency: **Zach Wall**

### Awards at Film and Broadcast Festival

**Advanced Learning Center (ALC)**

1st Place: 5 Second Comedy

2nd Place: Original Song

3rd Place: Animation

3rd Place: Music Video

3rd Place: Highlight Video

### Maple Mountain High Film/Broadcast Festival

1st Place: Public Service Announcement

Honorable Mention: Public Service Announcement

### Salem Film and Broadcast Festival

3rd Place: Comedy

Honorable Mention: Short Film

### Springville Film and Broadcast Festival

2nd Place: Documentary

Honorable Mention: News Story



*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.)*