Superintendent’s Message:

Heroes See Life Through the Lens of Optimism

Helping People...with no strings attached
Exceptional experiences for the people we serve
Responsibility for attitudes, actions, and results
Optimism – 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.”

“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)
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.

**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 5
Paraprofessionals Day

April 8-14
National Library Week

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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

**Nebo Administrative Appointments**

Jim Welburn
Student Services Coordinator

Coral Lee Findlay
Salem Elementary Principal

**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 Toelupe—District Teacher of the Year
Superintendent Rick Nielsen, School Board President Kristen Betts,
Elementary Coordinator Dave Rowe
Nebo Teachers of the Year
2017-2018

Jaimie Standish
Barnett

Alexandra Dedrickson
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

Chrisann Toelupe
Park View

Jen Gasser
Rees

Kelsey Mortensen
Riverview

Kelli Giles
Sage Creek

Pam Haney
Salem

Keeley Holt
Santaquin

Peggy Freek
Sierra Bonita

Emily Monroe
Spanish Oaks

Kathy Shaw
Spring Lake

Wendy Grill
Taylor

Lindsey Leman
Westside

Zak Howell
Wilson
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.

If your successes are not listed above, please get awards to lana.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line.

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 lana.hiskey@nebo.edu.