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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 34,000 students in 2020-2021.
- Nebo District has approximately 4,500 employees.
- Nebo District is the 7th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest employer in Utah County.

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Superintendent Grit – That “Extra Something”

Welcome back from the Holidays! Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to renew, recharge, and reflect in ways that were meaningful and enriching. I believe, this was needed more than ever since the past year seems to have been a real-life enactment of a noteworthy poem:

You Mustn't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest! if you must—but never quit.

Life is queer, with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won if he'd stuck it out;
Stick to your task, though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with one more blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver lining of clouds of doubt—
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.
~Author Unknown

What a fitting description of our recent and current life experience! To me, this poem is also a great example of what Dr. Angela Duckworth defines as grit: “passion and sustained persistence applied toward long-term achievement, with no particular concern for rewards or recognition along the way.”

I also love Dr. Travis Bradberry's teaching that, “Grit is that ‘extra something’ that separates the most successful people from the rest. It's the passion, perseverance, and stamina that we must channel in order to stick with our dreams until they become a reality.”

As we continue to apply these principles in our lives, perhaps another inspiring poem can be our beacon and standard for the coming year:

Perseverance

We must not hope to be mowers,
And to gather the ripe gold ears,
Unless we have first been sowers
And watered the furrow with tears.

It is not just as we take it,
This mystical world of ours,
Life's field will yield as we make it
A harvest of thorns or of flowers.

~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



**Letters of Intent Due
by:
February 16, 2021**

Nebo School District's Sterling Scholars

Dates to Celebrate:

Jan. 1-31

National Mentoring Month
Recognizing the need for every child to have a caring adult in his or her life.

Jan. 1

New Year's Day

Jan. 4

World Braille Day
Celebrating the birthday of Louis Braille (1809).

Jan. 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed.

Jan. 23

National Handwriting Day

Jan. 24

Compliment Day
Offer sincere compliments to five different people

Jan. 27

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Jan. 28

Christa McAuliffe Day
Commemorating teacher Christa McAuliffe and the other six astronauts killed in the Challenger tragedy (Jan. 28, 1986)



Payson High

Business & Marketing: Spencer Bennett
Computer Technology: Christian Durrant
Dance: Kimberly Brandley
English: Hayes Geldmacher
Family & Consumer Science: None
Instrumental Music: Maxwell Hansen
Mathematics: Taylor Sessions
Science: Hannah Brokaw
Skilled & Technical Education:
Izaak Walton
Social Science: Jacob Sorenson
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics:
Hannah Bibler
Visual Arts: Violet Andrew
Vocal Performance: Katie Losee
World Languages: Colby Orton

Spanish Fork High

Business & Marketing:
Karley Carron-Campbell
Computer Technology: Erica Bramall
Dance: Maklain Shepherd
English: Alivia Winkel
Family & Consumer Science:
Kattlyn Swan
Instrumental Music: Andrew Holley
Mathematics: Ethan Graham
Science: Jessica Dempsey
Skilled & Technical Education: None
Social Science: Katelyn Gappmayer
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics:
Corbin Jensen
Visual Arts: Jack Beck
Vocal Performance: Holley Larsen
World Languages: Matthew Smith

Maple Mountain High

Business & Marketing: Isaac Smith
Computer Technology: Ryan Young
Dance: Brynn Belka
English: Heather Ells
Family & Consumer Science:
Kristi Mendenhall
Instrumental Music: Elizabeth Blonquist
Mathematics: Zachary Brown
Science: Eli Dallon
Skilled and Technical Science:
Kaidan Baird
Social Science: Joseph Asay
Speech/Theater/Forensics:
Elise Claire Jones
Visual Arts: Maya Buck
Vocal Performance: Dallyn Edmunds
World Languages: Sterling Maughan

Springville High

Business & Marketing: Chase Johns
Computer Technology: Kaden Paxton
Dance: Brooke Gabler
English: Wesley Mangum
Family & Consumer Science: Naomi Ogles
Instrumental Music: Ameilia Michaelis
Mathematics: Landon Boyer
Science: Jonathan Christensen
Skilled & Technical Education:
Elizabeth Sorensen
Social Science: Sydni Johnson
Speech/Theater Arts/Forensics:
Kelsey Sumsion
Visual Arts: Jane Wilson
Vocal Performance: Lindsay Kimball
World Languages: Cathay Poulsen



Salem Hills High

Business and Marketing:
Brayden Adamson
Computer Technology: Kya Powell
Dance: Samantha Brinkerhoff
English: Brooklyn Nielsen
Family & Consumer Science:
Audrie Spangler
Instrumental Music: Annie Melville
Mathematics: Sam Whitlock
Science: Peyton Cook
Skilled & Technical Sciences: Tom Cook
Social Science: Amelia Hunter
Speech/Theater Arts/ Forensics:
Thomas Scharf
Visual Arts: Sydney Black
Vocal Performance: Mallory Anderson
World Languages: Katja Christensen

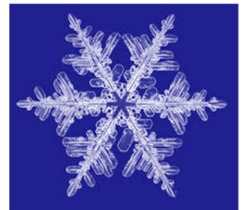


Thinking of retiring at the end of 2020-21?

Nebo is offering an Early Retirement Notice incentive to those who have their retirement approved by the Board of Education before mid-February. The details are as follows:

- ◆ Any employee who is eligible for and retires from Utah Retirement System (URS) by **June 30, 2021**, can submit the final paperwork to the District by:
 - ◇ **January 8, 2021**, to receive \$1,000 in their January 31 paycheck, or
 - ◇ **February 5, 2021**, to receive \$500 in their February 29 paycheck.
- ◆ The final application deadline for this Early Retirement Notice Incentive is **February 5, 2021**.

This incentive is a one-time option for those who will retire at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. If you have any questions contact Troy Bohling at [801-354-7480](tel:801-354-7480).

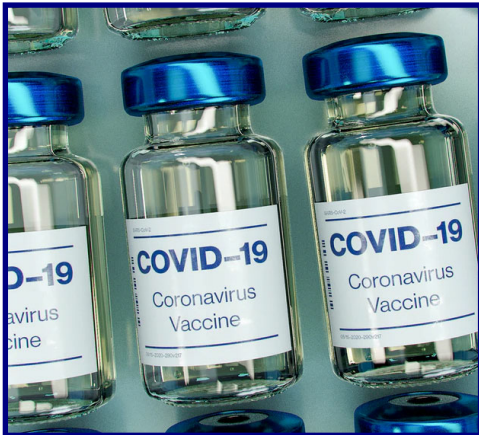


Nebo COVID-19 Immunizations

First of all, thank you Nebo employees for all your hard work, dedication, and support of students as we maneuver our way through the COVID-19 maze.

Nebo has received word that we are critical employees (we always knew that...) and will receive the COVID-19 immunizations. These immunizations are a two-part shot series.

Nebo is optimistic that some immunizations will be available for Nebo employees **as early as next week.**



COVID-19 Testing Opportunities

The Utah Department of Health is offering free COVID-19 rapid antigen testing in communities across the state.

Anyone can get tested at these free testing clinics, even if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19. Anyone who wants to be tested can register online at <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/utah-covid-19-testing-locations/>(link is external).

We encourage anyone who might have any symptoms, even mild ones, to come and get tested. Online registration is encouraged to cut down on any potential delays at the testing site. If you can't register online, you will be able to register at the site. Identification is required.

Nebo Athletic Rapid Tests

Weekly Athletic Asymptomatic Rapid Test Times

Payson High	Mondays	1:45 p.m. until finished
Salem Hills High	Mon. & Tues.	2:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Spanish Fork High	Mondays	6 to 7:30 a.m. & 2 to 4 p.m.
Maple Mountain High	Mondays	2 to 5 p.m.
Springville High	Mondays	6 to 7:30 a.m.

Nominate Classified Employee of the Year

All of our Nebo employees are amazing and deserve recognition. It is that time of year to nominate our hard working friends who are classified employees. Our classified employees include bus drivers, secretaries, technicians, food service workers, custodians, technical support, and maintenance workers. They work hard each day to ensure a positive, safe environment for our students to learn.

Please take five minutes and nominate one or more classified employees who have made a difference in your life or in the lives of our students. The link will come in an email from Ryan Kay to make your nomination.

Classified Employee Nominations

Due by: February 12

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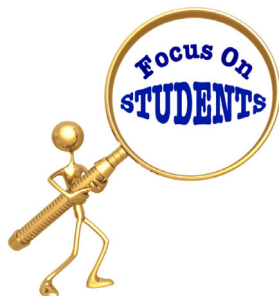
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If your successes are not listed, please get awards to lana.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line.



Nebo Hero

BE A Nebo Hero

Shannon Bennett, Counselor & Psychologist, Spanish Fork Jr., "She is a great addition with knowledge and teaches with confidence. She is an advocate for all students Those students that she works with feel valued." Recognized by Melissa Lewis.

Casey Boyer, Teacher, Salem Jr., "He is consistently positive in his interactions, even when his plate is full. And on top of it all, he can have fun." Recognized by Cecily Yeager & KyLynn James.

Dina Gerber, Bus Driver, Transportation, "Dina has great rules and our kids feel safe and protected on the bus. She treats kids with kindness and respect." Recognized by April Jensen.

Marcy Caldwell, Teacher, Spring Lake, "She is an exceptional example of Positivity and Kindness during this strange time. She has worked incredibly hard to keep her students connected. My son thrived and succeed in the classroom and while home learning." Recognized by Jenifer Wimmer.

Teona Humphries, Technician, Barnett, "She goes above and beyond. She reteaches groups, takes data on our students, and the kids love her. She works hard to make sure that each child is succeeding." Recognized by Amaya Flint.

Lindsey Lush, Teacher, Mt. Loafer, "She explains lessons very well and is kind." Recognized by Trenton Gillie.

Mark Haskell, Teacher, Foothills, "He makes my daughter feel like an important person in his cowboy way with roping tricks and games; she loves his energy and friendliness." Recognized by Lee Gillie.

Sabrina Huyett, Teacher, Brockbank, "She goes way beyond expectations when it comes to teaching meaningful, experiential learning to her students. She found clay to teach about chemical and physical change for a science unit, even though it meant driving to another school to use their kiln." Recognized by Christine Palmer.

Scott Earl, Teacher, Santaquin, "He is always so welcoming and will drop everything to help. He is so positive with students and is a 'favorite teacher' for many." Recognized by Chalyce Peck.

Wendy Dahle, Teacher, SHS, "She handles difficult situations with patience and never complains. She continually strives to find ways to help students succeed." Recognized by Shaun Blakey.

Nick Herold, Teacher, MJHS, "He proactively took time out of his prep period and contacted a disengaged student. Nick spent a good deal of time talking with this student and sharing some of his personal experiences. It made all the difference." Recognized by Kirsten Hullinger.

If you have noticed any wonderful people or experiences that need to be recognized, please email them to lana.hiskey@nebo.edu.