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NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 36,000 students in 2022-2023.
- Nebo District has approximately 4,500 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 Successful Climbers Come Back to Tell Their Stories

Each school year offers a wide array of experiences reminding us that *"the summit is what drives us, but 'The Climb' itself it what matters."* As you read the following from renowned mountaineer Keval Hiren Kakka, consider some parallels between his story and your own 'Climbing' journey:

My journey started long back when I was in 7th grade. My family used to go on a trip to Manali every year during my school vacations. My dad once asked me casually, 'What would you like to do with your vacations? **Why don't you go on a hike? You will learn something of it.'** It sounded fascinating to me.

I went on my first trek in Manali and **it was magical.** Once you step into the Himalayas, **there is no going back.** You **completely lose yourself** and are **not the same person you used to be before.** Something hit me right there. I was absolutely in love with the mountains.

Every year I started visiting that place and, after a time, I decided to **convert my passion into a profession.** Deep inside I knew this was **not going to be an easy journey,** but I had to find a way to **stay connected to my passion.**

After completing mountaineering courses, I started aiming for small peaks and eventually succeeded. Then I learned about

Mount Everest and how it is regarded as **every mountaineer's dream.**

I thought of breaking the national climbing record. I climbed Mount Everest and the neighboring Mount Lhotse in a record six days. Last year, I climbed Mount Annapurna, which is regarded as the world's deadliest mountain.

This year, I plan to do 'Project Tri Summit' (i.e, climbing three mountains above 8000m in a single season). I will be attempting Mount Kanchenjunga, Mount Makalu and Mount Dhaulagiri. Once I climb all three, I will become the first and fastest Indian to climb all of the peaks above 8000m in a span of seven years.



What I have learned over these years is that the **mountains demand a lot. A successful mountaineer is the one who comes back to tell the stories of their adventures.**

Thank you for your contributions to a magical, successful school year. Each student and colleague has been blessed by your personal efforts. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and that you continue to enjoy 'The Climb.' We look forward to welcoming you back next year to "tell the stories of your adventures."

¹Adapted from Keval Hiren Kakka's story at:

<https://thelogicalindian.com/my-story/keval-hiren-kakka-mountaineer-33422>

Nebo District's Retirees 2023

Dates to Celebrate:

- May 1-31**
International Civility Month
- Better Hearing and Speech/Healthy Vision Month
- National Physical Fitness & Sports Month
- May 2**
National Teacher Day
- May 7-14**
National Music Week
- May 8-12**
National Teacher Appreciation Wk.
- May 5**
Cinco de Mayo
- May 10**
National School Nurse Day
- May 14**
Mother's Day
- May 14-20**
Food Allergy Awareness Week
- May 17**
National Bike to School Day
- May 20**
Armed Forces Day
- May 22**
Landmark Graduation 11:00 a.m.
SF Rodeo Grounds
Nebo Online School (NOLS)
2:00 p.m. at Salem Hills High Auditorium
- May 23**
PHS Graduation 10:00 a.m., UVU
SHHS Graduation 2:00 p.m. UVU
SFHS Graduation 6:00 p.m. UVU
- May 24**
SHS Graduation 10:00 a.m. UVU
MMHS Graduation 2:00 p.m., UVU
- May 29**
Memorial Day
- May 31**
World No Tobacco Day

- James Anderson, Teacher, Springville Jr., 35 yrs.
- Eric Archer, Teacher, Payson Jr., 26 yrs.
- Brian Beck, Teacher, Spring Canyon Middle, 31 yrs.
- Katherine Beck, Facilitator, East Meadows, 32 yrs.
- Ray Bishop, Teacher, Springville High, 37 yrs.
- Debbie Butler, Head Custodian, Diamond Fk. Middle, 22 yrs.
- Theresa Carey, Finance Secretary, Mapleton Jr., 23 yrs.
- Michael Christensen, Bus Attendant, Transportation, 10 yrs.
- Laura Coleman, SPED Intervention, Salem Elem., 21.5 yrs.
- Anne Cook, Finance Secretary, Salem Jr., 28 yrs.
- Kellie Cox, SPED Teacher, Mt. Nebo Middle, 37 yrs.
- Pamela Davis, Lunch Clerk, Child Nutrition, SHHS, 20 yrs.
- Cheri Emerick, SPED Intervention, District Wide, 26 yrs.
- Laureen Gabbitas, Bus Driver, Transportation, 36 yrs.
- Russell Graham, Programmer/Analyst, DO, 35 yrs.
- Christine Hall, Fin. Secretary, Maple Grove Middle, 35 yrs.
- Steven Haskell, Teacher, Salem Hills, 31 yrs.
- Lana Hiskey, Communications/Customer Relations, DO, 31 yrs.
- Keri Huntsman, Principal, Orchard Hills, 33 yrs.
- Lori Jacobson, Teacher, Spanish Fork High, 20 yrs.
- Gayle Jenkins, Instructional Tech., Cherry Creek Elem., 21 yrs.
- Kandie Jensen, Accountant, DO Finance, 20 yrs.
- Amanda Kittell, Records Compliance, SPED DO, 25 yrs.
- Karen Leavitt, Instructional Coach, Foothills Elem., 33 yrs.
- Valerie Leetham, Benefits Specialist, DO, 17 yrs.
- D. Lynn Mecham, Principal, Landmark, 33 yrs.
- Lisa Muirbrook, Principal, Art City Elementary, 28 yrs.
- Julie Peery, Principal, Canyon Elementary, 30 yrs.
- Sherri Peterson, Facilitator, Spanish Oaks, 35 yrs.
- Anne Pouliot, SPED Teacher, Valley View Middle, 29 yrs.
- Cynthia Roylance, Teacher, Art City Elementary, 21 yrs.
- Spencer Sainsbury, Coordinator, Child Nutrition, DO, 38 yrs.
- Tammy Sauvageau, Child Nutrition, Diamond Fork, 30 yrs.
- Jacquelyn Searle, Teacher, Rees Elementary, 21 yrs.
- Dawn Stoddard, Assist. Finance Secretary, SHS, 17 yrs.
- Brad Stone, Campus Supervision, Spanish Fork High, 15 yrs.
- NataLei Terry, Counselor, Springville High, 21 yrs.
- Janean Thomas, Teacher, Payson High, 23 yrs.
- Hugo Villar, Head Custodian, Valley View Middle, 17 yrs.
- James Walker, Bus Driver, Transportation, 12.5 yrs.
- Leslie Walker, Teacher, Springville High, 20 yrs.
- Linda Walter, Teacher, Payson High, 39 yrs.
- Carey White, Teacher, Springville High, 33 yrs.
- Becky Whiting, Child Nutrition, Goshen Elem., 21 yrs.
- Sylvia Williams, Media Technician, Hobble Creek, 20 yrs.
- Michael Wing, Head Custodian, Landmark, 24 yrs.

Administrative Appointments



Seth Sorensen
Communications & Community Relations Specialist



David Rockwood
Assessment Specialist



Mike Adams
Assistant Principal
Payson High



Emily Hiatt
Assistant Principal
Salem Junior High



Angela Youd
Principal
Sage Creek Elementary

Nebo Teaching & Learning Summer Classes 2023

Click on the links for brief overview of offerings:

[Nebo Elementary Course Listings](#)

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/19499>

[Nebo Secondary Course Listings](#)

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/19875>

[Nebo Academy Course Listings](#)

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event/20157>

Insurance Open Enrollment May 17–June 9

Now is the time for eligible employees to enroll in or waive benefits for the plan year starting September 1, 2023.

Please keep in mind, even if you are waiving insurance, you will need to log into the Employee Navigator and do so DURING THE ENROLLMENT WINDOW — May 17 through June 9. (Exception: If you are leaving Nebo School District or retiring, you will not need to take action.)

On June 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., Nebo School District is providing an Insurance Enrollment meeting at Salem Hills High. The presenters will review benefits and provide an open computer lab for anyone needing help to enroll.

When you log into Employee Navigator, the benefits you had last year will show on the right of the screen. Your options for the 2023-24 year will show on the left of the screen. You will need to re-enter the amount you would like to contribute to your HSA each month. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Jim Welburn or Melissa Marvin.



Nebo School Board Approves Raise

In recognition of our tremendous employees and their dedication to Nebo students, the Nebo School District Board of Education recently approved a significant salary and compensation package.

Building level administrators have detailed information they will share with all employees, and we encourage everyone to visit with their administrator or call the Nebo District office with any questions they may have.



Nebo School Board President, Lisa Rowley said, “Nebo School District is so fortunate, we have great employees who are focused on student success! As a School Board, we are so grateful for all the wonderful work that each of you do. This salary and benefits package is one way that we can express our gratitude to each of you.

“We know that you are going above and beyond expectations as you come to school each day. Every day is an adventure when you work in education. You teach and serve with your whole heart, and that makes you Nebo Heroes! As this school year comes to an end, we hope you know that we could not do this without you! Have a wonderful summer break!”

Respectfully,

Lisa Rowley,
President of the Nebo School Board of Education.



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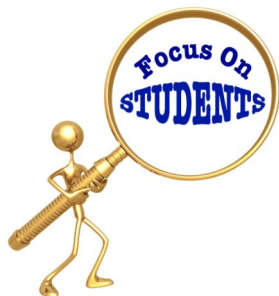
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Nebo Hero

BE A Nebo Hero

Christine Kenison, Teacher, Meadow Brook, "Ms. Kenison is nothing short of an exceptional teacher. My seven-year-old son comes home from school everyday and tells me something amazing about her. My favorite was when he told me 'Mom, I just love the way she makes me feel. She treats me so kind and makes me feel like I can do anything.' I am just so grateful for the positive role she plays in my sons life." Recognized by Danielle Habel.

Heather Westover, Teacher, Spring Canyon Middle, "Heather is positive and really gets to know each of her students." Recognized by Esther Erdmann.

Lisa Muirbrook, Principal, Art City, "Lisa is always concerned for her faculty and staff's well-being. We know how much she cares. Lisa is approachable when there is a problem or concern. Lisa has shown compassion, leadership, kindness, and friendship." Recognized by Michele LeMmon, Jamie Huston, Penny Thompson, Terri Jensen.

Blake Francom, Teacher/Coach, Salem Hills, "Blake is an outstanding educator and coach. He teaches students/athletes to give selfless service. His boys basketball team provided simple yet powerful gifts to my special needs students. My students were absolutely thrilled that the boys basketball team would think of them!" Recognized by Mark Holden.

Shawnee McMullin, Teacher, Santaquin, "She puts her heart and soul into teaching. She lends a listening ear to those who need one. Her students know she loves them. She is kind and thoughtful and lights up the room. She makes teaching fun." Recognized by Stephanie Ostler & Bailee Tanner.

Sarah Christley, Teacher, Meadow Brook, "She is a really fun teacher who loves her students. My child is so happy to be in her class, she plays fun music and teaches in a fun way." Recognized by Sandra Davis.

Joel Shepherd & Sam Ford, Teacher, Cornerstone Program, "They are absolutely amazing! We can put any student, with any difficulty or challenge, and they handle them with patience and understanding. They work in tandem so well as they set academic standards and behavioral expectations for their students. They create a safe and secure atmosphere for all of their students so they can succeed and eventually be able to reap the benefits of a high school diploma. They set a course that allows the students they serve to have choices beyond high school." Recognized by Kim Ray, Lynn Mecham, Alesha LeMmon.

Carrie Mortimer, Teacher, Meadow Brook, "Carrie goes above and beyond. She loves her job and is so passionate about it. She's always looking for ways of improvement, collaborations, and team work." Recognized by Morgan Peterson.

Kilee Christensen, Teacher, Barnett, "She takes an interest in children and makes them feel awesome. She helps kids feel independent, unique, and awesome. Kilee shows true integrity as a teacher. She's improved our whole family's life." Recognized by Carolyn Gleave.

Terri Jex, Instructional Tech., Spring Lake, "She goes above and beyond to serve students and teachers every single day. She is happy, kind, generous, hard working and dedicated. She comforts students who are having a hard time. She is competent with interventions and the Heggerty program." Recognized by Brenda McFarland & Marissa Johnson.

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