

Inclement Weather Plan

As the weather begins to cool, the expectation is for students to **go outside on appropriate days**. Students need to come each day **dressed for outside play**. When the temperature is below 20 degrees, students will be inside. On days when the temperature is between 20-32 degrees, we will make a careful decision as to whether an 'outside' or 'inside' day is appropriate. Wind chill, air quality and precipitation will always be taken into consideration when making these decisions. As the inevitable 'inside day' is needed, we are grateful to our Specialists who will supervise students in the school's vestibules, providing appropriate inside activities. <https://www.purpleair.com/map#16.74/40.085084/-111.609883>

The front and back doors on the East end of the school will be open each morning at **8:00 a.m.** Students are welcome to choose to stay inside or go outside once they arrive at school each morning. If students choose to remain inside, they need to stay in the **East hall** by the lunchroom where supervision can be provided. To facilitate student drop-off, the front doors on the west side of the school by the kindergarten rooms will be opened at **8:45 a.m.** Students are welcome in classrooms after **8:45 a.m.** We will continue to have our PM Kindergarten students come to the front door. This will help us keep our students safe and our school secure.

Explorer Events

January 2019

Message from Mrs. Brown

We are so excited to begin our Road to Success reading program for the 2018-2019 school year. **Our reading goal this year is to read 1,750,000 minutes as a school!!!**

Mission: Motivate Utah elementary and high school students to advance academically by working with schools to reward educational accomplishments.

Vision: Achieve the highest reading scores in the country for elementary students and the highest percent of high school graduates pursuing post-high school degrees.

Below please find our monthly "**Jump Start Your Reading**" celebration schedule:

- **January 22** ... 10:30am-11:00am: Reading Assembly -- (two bikes)
- **February 13** ... 2:45pm-3:15pm: Reading Celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **March** TBA: Rodeo Reading Assembly -- (two bikes, rodeo tickets, boots, levis)
- **April 18** ... 2:45pm-3:15pm: Reading Celebration w/ Mrs. Brown
- **May 20** ... 1:00pm-2:15pm: Closing Awards/Reading Assembly -- (one bike, college grant certificates)

Where You Look, is Where You Go ...
Aim HIGH!



January Calendar

SEP Google Sign-up Email	Dec. 17
School Resumes	2
PTA Board Meeting @ 9:30	2
4 th Grade – Utah Symphony	8
School Food Drive	7 – Feb. 1
SEP Conferences	9, 10
Last Day of Term 2	10
Teacher Development Day (no school)	11
First Day of Term 3	14
School Play (@ 7:00pm)	14 – 17
PTA Costa Vida Night	17
Martin Luther King Day (no school)	21
2nd Grade Parent Program	25
Kinder and 1 st Grade – 100's Day	25
5 th Grade Science Fair	25
2 nd Grade Program @ 6:30pm	31

School Food Drive

Our annual Holiday Food Drive will run from **January 7 – February 1, 2019**. Thanks to your generous donations, in past years we have collected 2,000+ items!! All donations to *Tabitha's Way* will stay here locally to help stop hunger. This year our goal is to **EXCEED** last year's goal!! **All donations stay here locally** ... Thank you so much for your support!

Tabitha's Way Food Pantry has been a part of the Nebo School District for many years providing food and supplies for families in need. This year they plan on feeding more families. They are able to accomplish this amazing task because of the donations they receive from food drives. *"Together we can stop hunger and meet the needs of our struggling student families!"*

The food items of **most** need are:

Canned Meats Canned Fruits
Cereal Canned Veggies
Canned Tomatoes Soups
Starches - dried noodles, dried potatoes,
packaged stuffing

STOP ... WALK ... TALK

The STOP Signal

Our school-wide "STOP signal" for problem behavior is STOP, using our words and actions. When we experience problem behavior, or see another student experiencing problem behavior, we can use this signal.

WALK Away

Sometimes, even when we tell others to "STOP", problem behavior will continue. When this happens, we can "WALK away" from the problem behavior.

TALK

When we use "STOP" and we "WALK away" from the problem, sometimes others will continue to behave inappropriately. When this happens, we can "TALK" to an adult.



A "Must Use": NEBO App

The **Blackboard** (formerly ParentLink) app for Nebo School District is available in Apple, Google and Windows app stores. You can access social media, grades, news, and participate all on your mobile device. The Nebo Blackboard app is a mobile solution designed especially for students, parents and teachers. The app provides an intuitive way to interact and communicate. The **Nebo Blackboard app** can be used throughout a student's academic journey to stay on top of information and plan ahead. Get the app at: <http://www.nebo.edu/bb-mobile-app>

School Spirit Day(s) ... FRIDAY!

We invite ALL students to wear their **grade-level class T-shirt on FRIDAY(s)** to show their school Spirit! Reward to the class with the most "spirit"!

School Choir

We invite students in 1st through 6th grade(s) who want to sing with the Spanish Oaks Choir to register. We meet to practice on **Wednesday(s) at 8:00 a.m.** to 8:45 a.m. in the Little Theater.

Please send the bottom section of the attached note with your child. We are looking forward to working with your children.

- Amy Lewis, Chrissie Robinson, and Katie Drollinger

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/school-choir-spanish-oaks>

School Wellness

We are so excited to continue our Health and Wellness/Gold Medal School focus at Spanish Oaks this year. We want to thank all of our families for their enthusiasm to celebrate birthdays and special occasions with their child's class. Due to the growing health concerns and allergies of many of our students, we would like to propose an **alternative** to the traditional "candy/sugar" treats. The following are just a few suggestions:

- A donation of your child's favorite book to the classroom library
- Fun pencils and/or erasers
- A goody bag with non-edible items

What a great way to support health and wellness at our school ... **Let's be healthy, Explorers!**

Notes from the Office

➤ **Rainy/Snowy Days:** Please make sure your child knows what to do after school on rainy or snowy days. Please do not have one of the options be to call home.

➤ **Planning Time:** Below is our Planning Time schedule. This may be helpful when checking students out of school early. It will take a little longer to check a student out if they are at a planning time class.

6th Grade – 12:00-12:30

4th Grade – 12:30-1:00

3rd Grade – 1:00-1:30

2nd Grade – 1:30-2:00

1st Grade – 2:00-2:30

5th Grade – 2:30-3:10 (not on Mondays)

➤ Lunch Schedule

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. 3rd Grade Recess

10:40 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. 1st Grade Recess

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 2nd Grade Recess

11:20 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. 6th Grade Lunch

11:25 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 5th Grade Lunch

11:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. 4th Grade Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. 3rd Grade Lunch

11:50 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. 2nd Grade Lunch

11:55 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 1st Grade Lunch

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5th Grade Recess

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. 4th Grade Recess

➤ **Explorer Food Drive:** Looking ahead ... Our **Explorer Food Drive** will be held **during the winter months**. Please watch for more details on times and most-needed items. Thank you for your support!

Outside Play

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“Teacher’s Favorites Things” Board

The PTA is working on updating our ***“Teacher’s Favorites Things”*** display outside Mrs. Brown’s office in the East hallway of the school. The purpose of this display is to not only get to know our amazing teachers better, but in the event a parent or student would like to “gift” them something, this information will help with useful gift ideas. There are items listed from their favorite snack and hobbies, to classroom supplies they could always use more of!



Attendance and Tardies

We can not excuse absences after 2 days. Absences can be excused in advance, but no longer than 2 days after the absence.

Please call or email both deann.carter@nebo.edu and stacey.johnson@nebo.edu to excuse absences. If you call after 9:30 a.m. in the morning to excuse your child, you will probably still receive a call from ParentLink.

If you are checking your student out *early*, you must come to the office ... Please do not go to the classroom. If you call a few minutes ahead, we can have your student on their way to the office.

- Thank you, from the Office Staff!

School Schedule(s):

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/spanish-oaks-daily-schedules>

Inclement Weather Notification(s)

<http://www.nebo.edu/schools/status>

<http://www.nebo.edu/parents>

As we head into the winter weather months, please make sure to **UPDATE** your contact information in **SIS** (*“edit” in ‘Contacts’ section*). You will receive ALL notifications from both our school and the district through **Blackboard**. Explicit instructions on how to do this can be found at the above links, e.g., Main Phone (this is where you will receive ParentLink calls); Mobile Phone (this is where you will receive BlackBoard texts; only have one phone (list same # twice), etc.

Box Tops for Education

Box tops for this school year can be turned into your child's teacher ... **all year long!** Our big collection will be in **February!** Please look for the Box Top container in your classroom. The class(es) with the most box tops will receive awesome rewards! Funds received from box tops help buy school supplies for our school.

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/box-tops-spanish-oaks>

Counselor's Corner

Hello Parents,

With the holidays, we thought we would provide you with an incredible resource. The United Way of Utah provides help for *whatever you need* and is a place you can volunteer to help others. So whether you are looking *for* help or looking *to* help, you can contact the United Way. Below is a link to their website.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!!

- <http://211utah.org/>

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January 14, 15, 16 and 17 @ 7:00 PM

Come and enjoy an exciting musical adventure with your family!