

NO Pre-Kindergarten Registration

There will **not** be PRE Kindergarten Registration this year. Kindergarten Registration will take place **during our summer registration "window"**; *date to be determined*. Kindergarten Registration, traditionally held in March, will be moved to the summer and combined with grades 1-12. More detailed information regarding summer K-6 registration will be sent before the end of the school year.

Parents can prepare now for registering their Kindergarten children by making sure they have a **birth certificate** and that their child is current on the **following immunizations**: DTap, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Polio, Varicella and MMR **by the end of July**. Parents should bring **proof of residency** if your family is new to our school, a **birth certificate** and **immunization record** to registration.

Please have your kindergarten student **accompany you** on this day so they can participate in our **Kindergarten Screening** to guide future instruction and placement.

If you have neighbors who have students who are eligible to attend kindergarten next year, *please* tell them about this important enrollment date.

Enrolling your kindergarten student allows schools to accurately plan for the coming year.

Watch for more **2019-2020 registration** information on our school website <http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/content/kindergarten-registration> and <http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/registration>

Explorer Events

March 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:

- **March 27:** Fiesta Days Reading Challenge 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!



March 2019 Calendar

"Whoville" Hair Day	1
Early Out Day (noon)	4
Combined AM/PM Kindergarten	4
National School Breakfast Week	4 – 8
PTA Board Meeting	6
Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward	10
SEP Conferences	13, 14
5 th Grade Hogle Zoo Field Trip	14
No School (P/C Comp Day)	15
3 rd – Book Share	21
Fiesta Days Reading Assembly	27
Western Dress-up Day	27
1 st Grade Parent Program @ 6:30	27
2 nd – Farm Field Days	28
4 th – Keyboarding ENDS	29
** Spring Break	April 1-5

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.

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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.

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.



School Spirit Day(s) ... FRIDAY!

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

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 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

Outside Play

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PTA "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>

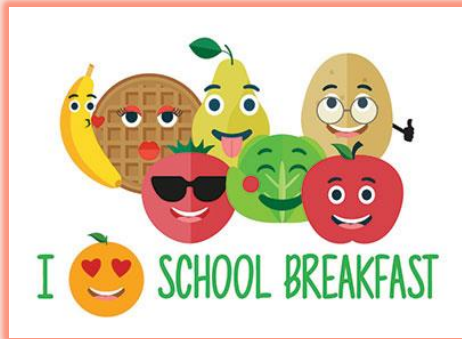
<http://www.nebo.edu/parents>

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.

National School Breakfast Week March 4th – 8th

We are so excited to participate in National School Breakfast Week on March 4th – March 8th!

Parents, if you are receiving free and reduced lunch, you ALSO get free and reduced breakfast! When you use these services, it benefits our school.



<https://schoolnutrition.org/2-meetings-and-events/sn-events/national-school-break>

Jump into Reading

Each of our students participate by completing their weekly/monthly classroom reading assignments. Each week they complete this, they receive a "ticket" from their teacher. If they exceed the required minutes, i.e., 2nd grade, 20 min/5 days a week, etc., then they can earn an *additional* "ticket". Teacher(s) keep track of these "tickets", as well as **total class minutes read** during the month, and turn them in each month. Every *other* month we have a whole-school assembly, where we give away books, posters and ... two (2) bikes. On the opposite month(s), we select one "reader" from each class to participate in a *Reading Celebration with Mrs. Brown*. Keep reading, students ... If we reach our goal of **1,750,000 minutes read as a school**, we earn a whole school celebration!!!

PTA Carnival

Mark your calendars for our annual PTA School Carnival **Friday, May 10, 2019** from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.



Chess EXTRA

It is time for Chess EXTRA!! Mrs. Laura Dyches began Chess EXTRA on Tuesday, **February 12, 2019**. This is for 4th-6th grade students during their lunch time. We meet in the Little Theater to play. This is *ONLY* for kids who *already know how to play*; we will not be teaching them how to play. We will play every TUESDAY and THURSDAY until **March 14, 2019**. *This is a time for kids to practice chess for fun and, if they want, we will have some mini tournaments!*

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/content/extra-programs>

Box Tops for Education

We are thrilled to announce ...

3rd Place: Miss McKendrick's 4th Grade class

2nd Place: Mrs. Quinton's 6th Grade class

1st Place: Miss Young's 2nd Grade class

We collected **over 6,495 box tops** for our school!

Thank you to everyone for collecting and bringing them to school. Keep collecting your box tops and turn them into your teacher for next year!! A special "thank you" to Miss Mellor and Mrs. Nikolashin for organizing this event, and to all our wonderful families for their support!

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/box-top-winners>

SEP Conferences

Our third and final Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday and **Thursday, March 13 and 14**. Please watch for a Google Document sign-up on Monday, **March 4th**, from your student's teacher. We are so excited to celebrate your student's progress with you!

Lost and found items will be set out by the office during conferences. Please check and see if any of the items belong to your family.

NO School Friday, March 15, 2019

Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents,

Here is a fantastic article to help you teach your kids to replace their negative thoughts. It is a long article, but *oh* so worth it!

<https://www.heysigmund.com/dont-think-of-pink-elephants-the-secret-to-replacing-negative-thinking-with-brave-thinking/>

Sincerely,

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