

## SEP Conference Sign-Up

Student Educational Plan conferences (SEPs) for parents, students, and teachers will be held on **October 22 and 23**. We will again be using *Google Docs* to schedule conferences. On **Monday, October 6**, you will receive an email from your child's teacher with conference sign-up information. If you do not have internet access, please call Mrs. Johnson, our office technician, between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to have her schedule an appointment.

## PTA Book Fair

Please come to our Book Fair October 20 – 23, where it will be a *cool* place to discover **hot** books! We will be open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and also during parent teacher conferences on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings. *The book fair is a great place to get children excited about reading!*

## AM School Access

The front and back doors on the east end of the school will be open each morning at 8:30 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. We should not have students in any of the other halls. 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 students safe and our school secure.

# Explorer Events

October 2014

## Message from Mrs. Brown

We are so excited to officially begin our "Road to Success" reading program for the 2014-2015 school year. "[The goal of the program is to] work together to unite and inspire families, teachers, administrators, and the community to work together to achieve meaningful and measureable academic improvement [by reading every day]" (Garff, 2014). Below please find our monthly "celebration" schedule:

- **August/September 9 ... 9:30am-10:00am:** "Race into Reading" Kick-off Assembly
- **October 29 ... 2:00pm-2:30pm:** Popcorn/Movie celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **November 20 ... 2:30pm-3:00pm:** "Race into Reading" Assembly -- (two bikes)
- **December 17 ... 2:00pm-2:30pm:** Christmas tree decorating celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **January 27 ... 2:30pm-3:00pm:** "Race into Reading" Assembly -- (two bikes)
- **February 12 ... 2:45pm-3:15pm:** Valentine's Day cookie decorating celebration with Mrs. Brown
- **March 26 ... 2:30pm-3:00pm:** "Race into Reading" Assembly -- (two bikes)
- **April 22 ... 2:00pm-2:30pm:** Pizza Party celebration with Mrs. Brown - April
- **May 18 ... 9:30am-10:00am:** "Race into Reading" Assembly -- (one bike and college grant certificates)

## School Choir

We are excited to be offering choir again this year. The "Senior Choir" for the 4th-6th grades began on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Their practices are being held each Wednesday at 8:00-8:45 a.m. in the little theater. The "Junior Choir" for the 1st-3rd grades began on Thursday, September 11, 2014. These practices are being held each Thursday at 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Both choirs will be starting out with patriotic and Christmas music. If you would like to mark your calendar, we already have the date for our evening performance. The evening performance will be at Maple Mountain High School on Monday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. The choir will also perform for the school on December 17 and 18 during the day.

*We love children who love to sing ... and, we LOVE Mrs. Aagard, Miss Hughes and Mrs. Christensen!*

## October Calendar

3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Red Barn Field Trip	1
PTA Board Meeting	1
School Community Council	1
Spirit Ribbon Week	6-10
Student Council BYU Conference	10
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Faculty Fall Bowl	15
<b>Fall Break – No School</b>	<b>16-17</b>
PTA Book Fair Week	20-23
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ranger's Apprentice Reading	23
<b>SEP Conferences</b>	<b>22-23</b>
PC Comp Day – No School	24
Picture Make-Up Day	30
Halloween Costume Parade	31

## ParentLink

To access and make changes to your ParentLink Account Information, please go to:

- <http://www.nebo.edu/>
- Parents
- ParentLink
- Login (same as your SIS/Aspire login)

This account is where you control the telephone #'s that ParentLink calls if there is an absence. The system updates itself from SIS/Aspire each night. As a result, it is critical that each family take a moment at the first of *every* school year to "**verify**" their contact information listed in SIS/Aspire and keep this information current.

## "Not Over Night ... Over Time"

Our Mission: strong foundation ... individual potential ... responsible citizenship ... lifelong learning.

## Halloween Parade

On Friday, October 31, we will celebrate Halloween with a Costume Parade from **2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m.** If the weather is nice, we will hold our parade outside around the perimeter of the school! In case of bad weather, the parade will go through each classroom, the halls and gymnasium. Please come and see the fun costumes and celebrate Halloween with the students! If needed, we will have chairs set up in the gym for parents. Students may wear their costumes all day. *Please no masks, inappropriate make-up or weapons.*

## Ghosty Grams

Student Council members will be selling Ghosty Grams October 28, 29, 30 and 31 during lunch. Students or parents may purchase Ghosty Grams for someone in the school for 25 cents or 5 for a dollar. A treat will be attached to the gram and then will be delivered to the person at the *end* of the school day. Parents may purchase Ghosty Grams in the office.

## School Picture Make Up Day

School picture retakes will be **Thursday, October 30**. If your child had pictures taken on the regular picture day and you would like to have them *retaken*, please send the entire picture packet back to school with your child. The child will turn the packet in and have another picture taken. If you forgot to send your picture money on regular picture day and you want a packet, students will need to have their picture taken again on retake day and give Lifetouch the money packet. When you receive your picture packet, the class picture will *not* be included in the packet. Class pictures will not come until a month or so after retake day.

## Spirit Ribbon Week

The week of October 6-10 we will be participating in Spirit Ribbon Week.

- **Monday** – white ribbon day (media and internet safety)  
Wear WHITE: mismatched clothes day
- **Tuesday** – yellow ribbon day (turn off the T.V.)  
Wear YELLOW: backwards clothes day
- **Wednesday** – green ribbon day (safe school - walk to school)  
Wear GREEN: crazy sock day
- **Thursday** – red ribbon day (say "NO" to drugs)  
Wear RED: awesome hat day
- **Friday** – purple ribbon day (no violence)  
Wear PURPLE: crazy hair day



<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/>

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## Free At-home Preschool Program

We would like to make you aware of an amazing resource that is available for children who will be eligible to attend kindergarten next year. It is a state-funded, in-home kindergarten preparedness program that will give your child a fun start in reading, math, and science. This is a wonderful opportunity to help your child be ready for kindergarten!

<http://www.utahupstart.org/>

## Preschool

The Nebo School District Preschool Team provides **free** screenings and/or evaluations for children 3 to 5 years of age. If you are concerned that your child may have a developmental or speech delay, we would love to help. Please call and schedule an appointment with Dianna Liddle at (801) 367-5511. If your child qualifies for services, they will be provided at **no charge**.

## 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.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12:00-12:30

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12:30-1:00

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 1:00-1:30

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 1:30-2:00

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 2:00-2:30

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2:30-3:10 (not on Wednesdays)

### ➤ Lunch Schedule

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. .... 1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Recess

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. .... 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Recess

11:20 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. .... 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

11:25 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. .... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

11:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. .... 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. .... 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Lunch

11:50 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. .... 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Lunch

11:55 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. .... 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Lunch

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. .... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recess

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. .... 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recess

➤ **Explorer Food Drive:** Looking ahead ... Our Explorer Food Drive will run **November 4-10**. Please watch for more details on most-needed items. Thank you for your support!

## Target "Take charge of Education"

Thank you to Target for their "Take charge of Education" program. We appreciate their support of our learning!

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## Outside Play

As the weather begins to cool, the expectation is for students to **go outside on appropriate days**. Students need to come dressed for outside play. 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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## **BOX TOPS for Education**

Box tops for this school year need to be turned into your child's teacher by **February 20, 2015**. Please continue to save box tops for the *next* school year!! The class with the most box tops will be rewarded with a pizza celebration! Funds received from box tops help buy school supplies for our school.

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