



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

One of the reasons I was drawn to Athlos Academy was the Performance Character pillar. I was impressed with the various traits that lead to students having a stronger character and become leaders. Every day, I am impressed with the way that students demonstrate many of these traits and really manage situations, often uncomfortable ones, with grace, dignity and grit. While other students may wilt under a minor incident, I can see in many others the making of our future leaders.

I believe that this model can develop character, and I appreciate parents being brave enough to see the value of what we do and bring their children here. We believe that this pillar, coupled with a Prepared Mind and Healthy Body, will prepare our students for the trials that will lie ahead in our society.

However, it is a team effort, and we can only be successful if we work together to build strong students. Please ask your children what trait we are working on and provide them with the opportunity to practice that trait at home. Quiz them about their work and even have them teach you a lesson. These little things will pay huge dividends down the road.

Student-Led Conferences: A great opportunity for your child

This week will be the first student-led conferences of the year and what a great opportunity it will be for your child to help you understand, in their own words and presentation, what and how they have learned this year. As they open their portfolios and take you into their world, you will be able to see how owning their education can be so valuable to confidence and intellectual depth as it prepares them for future learning.

Our conferences will run from 4

-8PM on Tuesday and 9AM-12PM on Wednesday. If you have not scheduled an appointment, please contact your child's teacher to do so. Staff will be released at 12:30PM on Wednesday as part of the Fall Break and will be unavailable after that time.

School will be closed Thursday and Friday. Please enjoy the break and help the children recharge their batteries. I look forward to seeing you at conferences over the next few days.

Title I Presentation: Going on During Conferences

We will be holding a Title I parent presentation in room 127 throughout student-led conferences. Please join us any time on Tuesday, October 16 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00

p.m. We will be showing a continual presentation, and an administrator will be on hand to answer questions about how Title I funding is used.

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EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

LOOKING AHEAD

- OCT 15-17 Book Fair
- OCT 16 Flu Clinic
- OCT 16-17 Student-led Conferences
- OCT 18-19 Fall Break
- OCT 22-26 **Red Ribbon Week:**
 - OCT 22 Wacky Socks Pledge to be Drug Free Assembly: Olympic Speed Skater Carlijn Schoutens
 - OCT 23 Crazy Hair Day Coloring Contest
 - OCT 23 Athlos Cares Community Event
 - OCT 24 Hats or Headbands Read-a-Thon
 - OCT 25 Inside Out/Backwards Day Active Activity in Athletics
 - OCT 26 Wear Favorite College or Sports Team Shirt Middle School vs Teacher Kickball Game
 - OCT 26-27 Haunted Hallways Middle School Fundraiser
 - NOV 8 PTO Fundraiser-Greatest Show!
 - NOV 15 Math Night

ATHLOS MOVES COMMUNITY EVENT | OCTOBER 11

More than 50 people attended our Athlos Moves community event, which allowed families to experience a major part of our Healthy Body pillar by participating in fun movement activities and an obstacle course. It was a great way for parents to experience the type of physical learning their children have each day. Thanks to all who attended!

ASTRONOMY NIGHT | OCTOBER 12

Twenty-five people from the school and community attended Astronomy Night, presented by the University of Utah Astronomy Department. We learned a lot about our universe and then went outside for some amazing star gazing on two of the university's large telescopes. The night was clear, which allowed us to see Mars, Saturn, star clusters, and other celestial bodies up close and personal!

FLU SHOT CLINIC | OCTOBER 16

Say Boo to the Flu! Community Nursing Services (CNS) is partnering with Athlos Academy to protect against the flu. CNS will donate \$2 per eligible immunization back to Athlos Academy.

For more details visit: <https://www.athlosutah.org/calendar/boo-on-the-flu/>

ATHLOS CARES COMMUNITY EVENT | OCTOBER 23

In light of Bullying Prevention Month in October, we are inviting Athlos families and the larger community to join us for Athlos Cares. Together with our community partners, we will offer resources on how to build a kinder community. This event will include fun family activities, reflect on character building as a tool to foster positivity, and offer information on how to recognize and combat bullying.

For more details visit: <https://www.athlosutah.org/calendar/athlos-cares/>

HAUNTED HALLWAYS | OCTOBER 26-27

Get ready for our 2nd Annual Haunted Hallways! We're going bigger and better this year, so come enjoy the fear and the fun. Parts of the school will be transformed into a Halloween experience for the whole family. From 5:00–6:00 PM, the hallways will be family-friendly. From 6:00–9:00 PM, be prepared for some scares and thrills!

This fundraiser is hosted by the music department and middle school students at Athlos Academy. Proceeds from this fundraiser event are used for middle school events and field trips.

\$15.00 for a group (cash or card*)
\$3.00 per individual (cash or card*)

\$1.00 for reentry (cash only)

*Minimum credit card charge of \$3.00

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

I have the privilege of working most closely with Mr. Airhart, the assistant director of Athlos Academy of Utah. Previous to working at Athlos, Mr. Airhart was a teacher in the Salt Lake City School District, and he has used many of those great teacher skills to become a good administrator. I have been really pleased to watch the relationship he has with your children and how he helps enrich them. Many of you don't know that he is the father of 11 children, so he is used to managing the many things that come from having a lot of children around! What many of you do know is that he is a huge University of Utah fan, maybe even a bigger fan than I am.

