



# GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I love Halloween! Not only is it the start to the holiday season in my family, I love the activities and the opportunity I have to be a kid again, especially when I scare trick-or-treaters with my inflatable, 12 foot tall, two-headed dragon peering down from my roof!

We had a wonderful Haunted Hallways event this weekend with almost 1,000 guests. Thank you all who came! Here are activities to enjoy through Wednesday, in case you are looking for a few more things to do:

**Crazy Corn Maze** in West Jordan  
[www.utahmaze.com](http://www.utahmaze.com)

**Cross E Ranch** [www.crosseranch.com](http://www.crosseranch.com)

**Gardner Village WitchFest**  
[www.gardnervillage.com](http://www.gardnervillage.com)

**Haunted Woods** in Murray City Park  
[www.hauntedwoodsmurray.com](http://www.hauntedwoodsmurray.com)

**Hogle Zoo BooLights** [www.hoglezoo.org](http://www.hoglezoo.org)

**Mabey Farms** in South

Jordan [www.facebook.com/mabeyfarms](https://www.facebook.com/mabeyfarms)

**Petersen Family Farm**

[www.petersenfamilyfarm.com](http://www.petersenfamilyfarm.com)

**Wheeler Farm** [www.slco.org/wheeler-farm/events](http://www.slco.org/wheeler-farm/events)

## Halloween, October 31: Athlos Academy Activities

Athlos will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday, October 31. There will be a K-5 costume parade starting at 8:45 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to come to school in his/her costume ready for the parade. Students are allowed to stay in costume for the day, but must have athletic shoes so they can participate in Halloween games!

Parents will line up along the back field inside the fence line facing towards the school. Parents will enter through the playground gates, not through the school doors. For the safety of our students, parents will not be allowed to line up inside the school. Students will begin parading inside the school at 8:45 a.m. The start of the parade will exit out the north doors at the back of the school. The route will continue along the field/fence line allowing parents to see everyone. The front of the parade will re-enter the school on the south side. Only students and staff will be allowed to enter these doors.

Please be mindful of where you park. Parking may be limited due to the number of parade spectators. Parking will be allowed in the drive line but NOT in the fire lane. We encourage you to carpool or walk, whenever

possible.

Parents are welcome to dress up, but **we ask that they not wear a mask**. Students may only have masks on during the parade if they are not too vulgar, violent, or frightening. Weapons or any facsimile are strictly forbidden.

As you are thinking about treats to bring or send with your child on Halloween, please remember that they should have only healthy snack and beverages. Please, no candy, junk food, pop, or sugary drinks.

Students in grades 6-8 will not participate in the parade, but will be having a "Monster Mash," which will have fun activities geared toward middle-school age students. This will take place during 6th and 7th periods. Classroom party volunteers MUST sign in at the office. If you are interested in volunteering at the "Monster Mash," please email Ms. Anderson at [manderson@athlosutah.org](mailto:manderson@athlosutah.org).

Thank you for your participation and cooperation in making this a fun, memorable, and safe Halloween for all!

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# EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

## LOOKING AHEAD

OCT 31	Halloween Parade, Parties and Monster Mash
NOV 1	Report Cards from Term One
NOV 2	No School for Students-Teacher Professional Development Day
NOV 8	PTO Fundraiser-Greatest Show!
NOV 9	Principal's Pride in Cafeteria
NOV 12	Utah Opera Assembly
NOV 12	Picture Re-Takes
NOV 13 – 16	Hearing Screening
NOV 15	Math Night

## STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES | OCTOBER 16-17

Our student-led conferences were successful with 83% of our students and their families attending. In addition to students demonstrating their knowledge and work to their parents, teachers made sure that they were available to answer questions and discuss their student's progress. Thanks to all who participated!

## ATHLOS CARES | OCTOBER 23

The Athlos Cares event was a fun opportunity to hear inspirational speakers about bullying prevention and be entertained by the band Foreign Figures and the 50/50 BMX race team, doing incredible tricks and flips. We will be holding more of these types of events and will do our best to make sure that the community knows of them well in advance. Thanks to those who attended, and we look forward to seeing more of our community at the next event!

## NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS | NOVEMBER 2

Our teachers will be holding a professional development day this Friday. As such, there will be no school for our students. These are wonderful opportunities for our staff to learn new strategies and to work together to improve the edu-

cation for your children. Thank you for your understanding in our efforts to have the best school we can.

## PRINCIPAL'S PRIDE | NOVEMBER 9

Each month Chik-Fil-A and the PTO sponsor Principal's Pride, which honors a child in each classroom who best demonstrates the character traits throughout the month. Chik-Fil-A provides breakfast sandwiches and the PTO provides fruit and juice. Please encourage your students to do their best to exemplify the Athlos Performance Character.

## PTO FUNDRAISER-THE GREATEST SHOWMAN | NOVEMBER 2

Please join us at the PTO fundraiser for a night of entertainment and fun. The theme is The Greatest Showman and will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on November 2. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$12 or \$17 at the door. October 31st is the last day to purchase advance tickets. PTO representatives will be at the Halloween parade, in DriveLine, and at the front office on October 31st.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

I have known Karen Trujillo, our Special Education Director, since she was a 2nd grade teacher at Indian Hills Elementary School when I was there as the principal. She has always loved being a teacher and educator. She has two wonderful children: Anthony, a student at Johns Hopkins University, and Emily, who is a senior at Hillcrest High School. She has been an educator for 33 years, as both a teacher and director. She received her bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio and her master's degree from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico. One very interesting fact about Mrs. Trujillo is that she has more than 5,000 refrigerator magnets, although she thinks she may have even more as she hasn't done a count lately. She is aiming at the world record of 35,000 and has a great start! Mrs. Trujillo also loves the beach and keeps telling her own children that they need to buy her a beach house when she retires. Until then, Karen is trying to turn her office into a beach. She loves Paint Nite and has made many ocean paintings. Mrs. Trujillo loves all sports and she is waiting to have a Super Bowl party for the Cleveland Browns. She also coaches the cheer team at Athlos.

