



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we enter our second term, I want to thank our staff, students, and especially parents for the success our students have had so far this year. This success is a team effort, and I appreciate when parents volunteer and provide support both with your child’s class and at home.

In my experience, motivation is the hardest thing in keeping students engaged, both at school and at home. Parents who are positively involved with the school have students who are more engaged, are more involved in school activities, have a more positive outlook on education, and do better academically over the long haul.

I am always on the look out for articles that can help parents be involved in their child’s education and build great relationships with the school and teachers. I came across the article “100 Ways for Parents to Be Involved in Their Child’s Education.” I found a number of very cool ways for parents to be engaged—many about bringing the community into the school and being active in helping community and political leaders understand the importance of better supporting education. Here is the link to that article:

<https://www.pbs.org/weta/twoschools/getinvolved/empowering/100ways.html>

Dress Code Reminder: Putting “Uniform” in School Uniforms

I have noticed a large number of students wearing shorts and skorts that are out of compliance with the Athlos Utah dress code policy—specifically in being too short.

The policy can be found on our website under the “About Athlos” drop down menu. Specific to the length, the policy states: **“Knees: Skirts and shorts should touch the top of the knees, and skirts must be worn with a ‘modesty short’ underneath.”**

Please help ensure that your child’s shorts and skorts are the appropriate length when they come to school. Some students are rolling their waistbands, which causes the clothing to be shorter.

Finally, remember that wearing leggings only is not allowed. Solid black leggings may be worn, but only with shorts or skorts over them. Thanks for helping us help your student’s day go smoothly and without distraction.

Character Trait Highlighted: Grit

Angela Duckworth, on her website, tells us that “grit is about having what some researchers call an ‘ultimate concern’—a goal you care about so much that it organizes and gives meaning to almost everything you do. And grit is holding steadfast to that goal. Even when you fall down. Even when you screw up. Even when

progress toward that goal is halting or slow.”

Help children understand that failure is acceptable as a way to prepare them for being successful later and overcoming the obstacles that prevent us from being the best we can be.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING AHEAD

NOV 8	PTO Fundraiser-Greatest Show!
NOV 9	Principal's Pride in Cafeteria
NOV 12	Utah Opera Assembly
NOV 12	Picture Re-Takes
NOV 15	Teacher Talent Show
NOV 15	Math Night
NOV 21-23	Thanksgiving Break—No School
NOV 21	Board Meeting
DEC 3-14	Food Drive

THE GREATEST SHOW PTO FUNDRAISER | NOV 8

PTO is hosting a fall fundraiser this Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the school. There will be entertainment, food, an amazing basket auction, and prizes! There will also be a special performance by the Athlos administration at 5:30 p.m.! Other entertainment includes jugglers, face painting, clowns, fire spinners, and delicious food!

OPERA ASSEMBLY | NOV 12, 1:30 AND 2:30 P.M.

"Who Wants to be an Opera Star" is an introduction to opera, the art form that combines drama, visual art, dance, orchestral music, and singing. Operas uses word actions and music to tell stories full of conflict and emotion, and they are usually entirely sung!

"Who Wants to be an Opera Star" uses the framework of a television game show. The assembly runs as a series of questions and challenges, with four singers in the roles of emcee and contestants. Studio audience members (the students) will learn about voice types, arias, duets, trios, and quartets. They will also participate in identifying emotions, singing melodies, and clapping rhythms from the world's favorite operas.

TEACHER TALENT SHOW | NOV 15, 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Teachers will be showcasing their talents for all the students during the First Annual Teacher Talent Show! There will be singing, dancing, theatrical, and comical performances as the teachers show their hidden talents to the Athlos student body!

MATH NIGHT | NOV 15, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Math Night is a great way to see and experience what math is like for Athlos students. As a school, we will use the central idea of a quilt to display how math progresses through the grades, including the concepts of area, geometric shapes, patterns, diameter, perimeter, etc. Aspects of our Bridges K-5 program and CPM Educational Program for middle school will also be presented by grade level teachers. Finally, we will discuss state math testing and the computer math programs Athlos uses. Each family will receive a raffle ticket to win an amazing hand-made quilt!

Math Night will be held in the cafeteria and the two computer labs on the north side of the building.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MRS. KEELING

I graduated from Utah State with a Bachelors in Family, Consumer, and Human Development in 2012. I also received my Masters of Education in Psychology and School Counseling from Utah State in 2016. I worked in many elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools during college in after school programs. Before Athlos, I was working as a school counselor at an alternative high school in Logan, UT. I was born and raised in a small town in Wyoming. I married my husband, Preston, in July 2017. We love to travel and visit family.

I serve 960 students in the school. I'm student leadership adviser at our school. The thing I like most about being a counselor is interacting with students in all capacities to learn resiliency. I get to learn the coolest things about students. It's exciting to see students make progress throughout the year.

