



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I was saddened by the news of the passing of former President George H. W. Bush this past Friday. I have had the privilege of meeting three former presidents: Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. All three were friendly and willing to talk to a young college student, if only for a moment. As the Director of Athlos, especially with our Performance Character pillar, I felt that President Bush exemplified those traits in so many ways. The son of Senator Prescott Bush and Dorothy Walker, there were few presidents focused so much on service to the people of this country as President Bush.

He volunteered to be a pilot in World War II, postponing his entry into college and, at that time, was the youngest fighter pilot in the U.S. Navy. He saw time in combat, including being shot down. He would serve not only as the President and Vice President, but as Ambassador to the United Nations and Director of the CIA. His parents raised him to be humble, and one of the traits lauded by friend and foe alike was his tremendous humility. Although a Republican, he worked hard with both parties to get things done. All presidents have flaws, failures and successes, but I believe he was a true statesman.

A friend of mine who worked in the White House Secret Service during his administration told me the greatest compliment about President and Mrs. Bush. He said, "They are the finest people I ever knew and treated us like family." If that is all

Parent Information:

The Issues That Winter Brings

I love winter, especially with all of the holiday spirit that it brings and the snow. However, snow and cold can bring problems, such as school closures or delays and other issues.

In the event of school closure or delay, you will be notified by both email and text at least one hour before school starts. We will try to follow any announcements by Jordan School District, as many of our families have students in school in the district, but an assessment of our school's situation will be the final determiner. There hasn't been a snow day or delay since the school year started, but in the

event that it happens, a make up day will be announced for later in the spring.

Recess: We have instructed students not to throw snowballs as it can lead to injuries and other problems. Other snow fun is allowed, but please have them dress warmly for being outside in the winter.

Holiday Parties: Each classroom will have a holiday party on December 21st. Times will vary. Please remember that this is a healthy eating campus, so if you are bringing treats make sure that they have minimal refined sugar, and please no carbonated soft drinks. Also,

Character Trait Highlighted: Curiosity

Curiosity and creativity go hand-in-hand. It has been shown that intelligence grows when people are innately curious. Curiosity must be fostered and allowed to grow in the proper environment.

One of the best ways to cultivate

a child's curiosity is by taking them on small adventures and giving them breathing room to explore. One excellent resource is the book ["50 Dangerous Things You Should Let Your Kids Do"](#) by Gever Tulley.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND REVIEW

LOOKING AHEAD

DEC 3	Boys' Basketball vs. Renaissance Academy (Home)
DEC 3-14	Food Drive
DEC 6,13 & 20	Crazy Chemworks- After School Program
DEC 13	Middle School Holiday Concert
DEC 14	Principal's Pride
DEC 17	Elementary Holiday Concert
DEC 21	Holiday Parties-Times Vary
JAN 11	Principal's Pride

PANORAMA SURVEYS

In coming days, students will be taking a Panorama survey. The surveys are a self-assessment of students' social-emotional learning skills (i.e. those developed through the Performance Character pillar). Skills in the survey are things like grit, growth mindset, social intelligence.

Also included in the survey are questions about students' dispositions around physical activity, their sense of belonging in the school, and teacher-student relationships.

This data will help us hone the focus of our Performance Character huddles and im-

FESTIVAL OF TREES

The tree Athlos decorated and donated sold for \$635! There were many bids for the tree, and it was a great way for our staff and students to help Primary Children's Hospital!

Our cheerleaders, choir, ukulele and drama students all performed and did very well, also!

All in all, it was a great showing by Athlos students and staff. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who assisted in any way!

FOOD DRIVE | DEC 3-14

Athlos Academy and the Utah Food Bank are partnering for another holiday food drive. Our goal is to collect more than the 6,644 lbs. of donated food from last year!

As we meet our school-wide incremental goals, students will earn the following rewards:

- **6 barrels of donations:** Students may wear a Christmas hat
- **12 barrels of donations:** Students earn a Read-a-Thon
- **18 barrels of donations:** Students may wear a Christmas shirt or sweat-

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Please give what you "can" to this event, which helps so many in need at this time of year.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS | DEC 13 (GRADES 6-8) AND DEC 17 (GRADES K-5)

Our middle school students will perform on Thursday, December 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Copper Mountain Middle School, 12106 Anthem Park Blvd. in Herriman.

Our kindergarten through 2nd grade students will perform on Monday, December 17 from 8:45 am-9:45 am (both AM and PM kindergarten will perform) in the gymnasium.

Grades 3-5 will perform that same night from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm in the gymnasium, as well. Please have your students in a nice Christmas outfit for this fun and enriching holiday event!

If you are able to volunteer to supervise that evening, please contact your child's teacher.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MS. NOBLE

Katie Noble, a member of our front office team, was born and raised in North Hollywood, California. She moved to Provo, Utah in 1984 where she attended and graduated from BYU with a degree in athletic training. While attending BYU, Katie played on the #1 ranked women's volleyball team and got to travel across the United States for competition!

After college, Katie married, and she and her husband became the parents of six children. She is a grandma of two (which is the best!) and is currently teaching her youngest daughter to drive (which is the worst!). In her spare time, Katie loves to play sports (especially basketball) with her family, bake a mean loaf of bread, and watch cooking shows and college football on TV!

Her favorite performance character trait is "grit," because when you stick to it and make it through hard things you learn lots of important things that will help you throughout the rest

