



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break full of lots of fun and time with family. While long breaks can be hectic and stressful, my hope is that the students are refreshed and ready to finish out the semester. We have a great student body, and I know they are ready to tackle the next two weeks and finish strong!

I noticed that 2019 will be the Year of the Pig in the Chinese Zodiac. From [Your Chinese Astrology](#), the "Pig is a mild and lucky animal representing carefree fun, good fortune and wealth. Personality traits of the people born under the sign of the pig are happy, easygoing, honest, trusting, educated, sincere and brave". What a wonderful set of traits as a complement to our own Athlos character traits and ones we should all strive to emulate.

Finally, as we make our New Year's resolution, this is a perfect time to help children set their own goals for the year. Learning how to set goals is vital to success, and it helps to develop grit, which helps us overcome adversity. Also, it teaches children to take responsibility for their own behaviors, promotes a "can-do" attitude and forms a powerful lifelong habit. For more fun tips and activities on goal setting for children, go to [Big Life Journal](#).

Mr Herr

Parent Information:

Intent to Return / Pick Up and Drop Off

INTENT TO RETURN EMAIL

All current Athlos students will be emailed an Intent to Return Form on Monday, January 7. Please check your email. This must be filled out by January 21st if your student(s) plan to attend Athlos for the 2019-2020 school year. Please call the front office at 801-438-4619 if you have any questions. Thank you!

DRIVELINE REMINDERS

Please remember that using the driveline system is the **only** approved option for dropping off and picking up your children on school grounds. If you would like your child to walk, they must

be picked up off school property. The parking lot is not designed as a pick up and drop off zone. The street right in front of the school is also not an option to pick up/drop off your children. If your child arrives later than the school start time of 8:15 a.m., you must park in the visitor parking lot and sign your children in at the office. The Driveline lanes in front of the school are for driving, not parking or "quick stopping" and hurrying kids out of the car. If everyone follows our pick up / drop off policy it will create a safe environment for **all** of our children and staff. Please [watch the video](#) regarding the Driveline system here at Athlos.

Principal's Pride

Principal's Pride is a new program we have started alongside the PTO. Every teacher chooses one student each month that is showing all 12 performance character traits, has great attendance, and has few or no tardies.

Each month the chosen students get to enjoy breakfast from Chick-fil-A with Mr. Herr! They will also receive a certificate to showcase their great work!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan 7	Intent to Return goes home via email
Jan 8	Dine to Donate at Texas Roadhouse
Jan 9	Girls Basketball Games @ Home 4:30 & 5:30 pm
Jan 10	Grizzlies Hockey Assembly
Jan 11	Principal's Pride
Jan 14	Girls Basketball Game @ Summit Draper 4:30 & 5:30 pm
Jan 14	Spirit Night Chick-Fil-A 5-7pm
Jan 16	Girls Basketball Game @ home 4:30 & 5:30 pm
Jan 18	Grizzlies Hockey Game Maverick Center 7pm

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

We have three upcoming fundraisers that we would love your support with. We hope you come to at least one of these fundraising events:

DINE TO DONATE | JANUARY 8, 4 PM -9 PM

Texas Roadhouse in Riverton
Funds will go towards school technology.

SPIRIT NIGHT | JANUARY 14, 7 PM - 7 PM

Chick-fil-A in South Jordan
Funds will go to the PTO for events.

GRIZZLIES HOCKEY FAMILY NIGHT | JANUARY 17, 7 PM

Maverick Center in West Valley
Tickets are now on sale!
\$15/person, \$5 comes back to the Athlos PTO for events.
Call 801-988-8026 to buy tickets.
Staff and students will be singing "O' Canada," and Athlos will drop the puck.
We hope to see you on the ice!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MS. PETERSEN

I graduated from University of Utah and have my teaching licensing from University of Colorado Denver. I have been teaching for nine years and currently teach kindergarten here at Athlos.

I was born and raised in Colorado, where I played college soccer for one year. At that time, I decided I'm not very competitive, and I like to play games for fun.

About two years ago, I changed to a whole foods, plant based diet—yes I'm one of those weirdos.

In my free time, I love watching my girls play soccer, walking my dogs and playing board games or card games. Both sides of my family are big jokers, so I love to laugh, hear/tell jokes, and watch funny movies or TV shows.

I have a debilitating fear of heights, bears, and iguanas, but I love most other animals. I love to play most sports. In fact, I took first place in fantasy football the first two years I played with my family, and I don't know or watch the game at all. They weren't very happy with me.

Someday I hope to be brave enough ride in a helicopter.

