



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Athlos families,

We are currently finishing our mid-year assessment, and I would love for you to encourage your child to get plenty of rest, do their best and not stress! These assessments are designed to help us adjust what we are doing to help your child be as well educated as they can be in their classroom. One of our assessments, I-Ready, can be accessed at home, and you can see some of the things your child is being tested on. To log in, go to <https://login.i-ready.com/> and visit the "Family Center" tab for great tips on helping your student use this great resource!

I love scouring the internet for very cool stuff to help your children at home and also have fun. I found a great blog from *Today's Parent* called "[9 Best Educational Websites For Kids \(that are actually fun, too!\)](#)". They include [Brain Pop/Brain Pop Jr.](#), [Canadian Geographic Kids](#), [DOGO News](#), [How Stuff Works](#) and [Starfall](#).

Also, as I have two granddaughters currently living with me (until March) and one is a precocious 7 year old 1st grader, we have been using cooking to help her learn math and have delicious fun. [Food Network](#) is great for finding kid friendly and easy recipes. Click on the hyperlink above to go to their great kid and family cooking page. Bon appetite!

Parent Information:

Winter is still here!

Please make sure you send your student(s) with the proper winter clothes. We send the students outside for recess as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or above with the wind chill taken into consideration.

Please make sure your students have a warm winter

coat! Gloves, hats and winter boots are welcome as well. If you do choose to wear winter boots, please make sure students have athletic shoes in their backpack. They will need to wear their athletic shoes in school during the school day when they are not outside. Athletic shoes must be worn during athletic movement class.

Character Trait: Integrity

Athlos defines integrity as striving to do the right thing all the time.

Integrity is a trait that doesn't always come naturally to children; it is learned through social interactions with peers and the examples set by educators, family members, and other adults in the community. Students who exhibit integrity are more empathetic, develop critical-thinking skills, and are more likely to refrain from academic misconduct such as cheating on exams. As Performance Character traits are integrated into student learning, the true test of integrity is exhibited when children exercise those traits outside of the classroom with others and on their own.

Foster empathy in your home by helping young children understand how their actions affect others. Provide them with opportunities to make choices that match their sense of ethics. This can be done by having the child interact with friends and family members close to their age or allowing the child to interact with, and aid in, taking care of a family pet or animal. These and similar opportunities allow feelings of integrity and responsibility to develop.

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LOOKING AHEAD

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| Jan 28 | Girls Basketball Games @ Home vs Channing Hall 4:30 & 5:30 pm |
| Jan 30 | Girls Basketball Games @ Providence Hall 4:30 & 5:30 pm |
| Feb 2 | Kindergarten Open House for new Athlos families 11 am to 2 pm |
| Feb 4 | Girls Basketball Games @ Summit Independence 4:30 & 5:30 pm |
| Feb 5 | Girls Basketball Games @ Home vs APA 4:30 & 5:30 pm |
| Feb 6 | Girls Basketball Games @ APA 4:30 & 5:30 pm |
| Feb 6 | 4th Grade On-site Living Planet Aquarium Field Work |
| Feb 7 | PTO Meeting 9am |
| Feb 7 | 4th Grade Field Work @ Museum of Natural Life |

NEW & INFORMATION

ENROLLMENT EVENT | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 11 AM- 2 PM

If you know any family or friends interested in enrolling their child in kindergarten at Athlos Academy, we will be holding a kindergarten open house this Saturday. They can see the facilities, meet some kindergarten teachers, check out the classrooms and get their questions answered.

2ND GRADE ON-SITE FIELD WORK

This week 2nd grade will be visited by Wild Wonders, a rescue facility based in Utah that provides a safe home for exotic animals from all walks of life. When possible, the animals are released back into the wild after they receive care. Be on the lookout for photos from this exciting

PTO NEWS

For those parents that would like to be more involved next year... the PTO is a great place to do that.

Nomination forms are due by March 20th, so you have some time to decide if this is a good fit for your family. You can find the form on the school website under PTO.

You may also attend our next PTO meeting to see what we do! It will be on February 7th at 9:00 am.

Mark your Calendars:
PTO 3rd Quarter Activity will be held on Friday February 15th!
More information to come!

event!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MR. RAMOS

Isaac Ramos is a second-year teacher from the Land of Enchantment, New Mexico. He grew up in a very small town and made his way to Utah two years ago, by way of Michigan.

Isaac graduated from college with a degree in youth and family ministry from Lubbock Christian University, which he pursued due to a deep desire to positively impact the lives of young people. Over the past couple of years, Isaac has seen growth in many students in a variety of areas, from effort to academics, and it has been a very rewarding experience for him. He enjoys being able to teach students not only the core subjects, but also life skills and ways to interact with others in a respectful manner.

Teaching has been an incredible learning experience for him and has been a crash course in management, organization, and planning. Caring for so many young people at one time takes a lot of patience and there have been many ways he has learned to adapt to situations to make them feel important and cared for while they maintain their work habits.

