



# GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

## Message from the Director

Hello Athlos families!

I hope you all enjoyed spring break last week and were able to spend time outdoors with family and friends! We've had a couple of exciting announcements since the last edition of the Griffin Chronicle that I wanted to briefly recap.

First, Ms. Morgan Anderson was promoted to the position of dean of culture! Ms. Anderson was previously one of our middle school English language arts teachers. She has been with the school since our first year and is a tremendous asset to our entire school community. Congratulations, Ms. Anderson!

We were also pleased to announce the hiring of the permanent executive director, Ms. Mandy Kartchner, this week! Ms. Kartchner comes to us from Channing Hall in Draper, Utah where she was the assistant head of school. You can read more about Ms. Kartchner in her bio on page 2. She will start full-time at the school on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details on an upcoming open house where you can meet and greet Ms. Kartchner.

Finally, if you are a local business owner, I'd love to hear from you. We're looking to build more partnerships between the school and community. Please call or email me at (801) 438-4619 or [dknicely@athlosacademies.org](mailto:dknicely@athlosacademies.org).

Thank you!

Darin Knicely

Interim Executive Director

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>April 30</b>	Enrollment Open House (Spanish translators available) 6:00-7:30 pm
<b>April 30</b>	Kindergarten Round Up for all upcoming kindergarteners 5:30-7:00 pm
<b>May 1</b>	1st grade Field Work Butterfield Farms
<b>May 1</b>	Arbor Day 3rd graders plant a tree with Herriman City at Athlos
<b>May 3</b>	Kindergarten Field Work Wheeler Farm
<b>May 6-10</b>	Teacher Appreciation Week (sponsored by PTO)
<b>May 10</b>	Principals Pride (sponsored by PTO)
<b>May 15</b>	PTO Board Meeting 6:00 pm School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
<b>May 16</b>	Middle School Spring Concert Choir / Drama / Ukulele CMMS 6:30 pm
<b>May 16-31</b>	Griffin Days: Performance Character traits highlighted
<b>May 20-21</b>	Spring Music Concerts May 20th: 4th & 5th Grades May 21st : 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades

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## ATHLOS ACADEMY HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Athlos Academy of Utah is pleased to announce the hiring of Mandy Kartchner as the charter school's new executive director. Kartchner previously served as assistant head of school at Channing Hall in Draper, Utah.

"As the director of Athlos Academy of Utah I will be a committed and successful leader who provides direction and purpose to shape a positive school culture," Kartchner said. "Through academic excellence, building healthy lifestyles, and developing character, I will inspire students to become dedicated life-long learners devoted to their own success. I believe that all students deserve a quality education delivered by qualified and caring teachers."

Kartchner is a life-long resident of Utah. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Westminster College, her K-12 special education certificate from Utah State University, and her master's degree in educational leadership from Western Governors University. Prior to serving as assistant head of school at Channing Hall, Kartchner was the school's director of special education. She also taught special education at Connections Academy in Bountiful and West Hills Middle School in West Jordan.

Kartchner has two children. She loves to spend time in the mountains, run, swim, read, and road trip. One fun fact she shared about herself is that both of her children surpassed her height by the time they were in fourth grade. She says she's "small but mighty" and looking forward to being a committed and successful leader who provides direction and purpose to shape a positive school culture.



## PARENT INFORMATION

### **Breakfast & Books | Middle School Reading Lounge**

April 26th is the last day Breakfast and Books and the Middle School Reading Lounge will be open. Starting Monday, April 29th - May 31st breakfast will be served at the regular time of 7:30-8:05 am Monday -Thursday and 7:10-7:45 am on Friday. **The** cafeteria will only be open to students who are getting breakfast. Please do not drop your students off before 8:00 am if they are not planning on eating breakfast at school. At 8:00 am promptly, we will open up the gates to the playground for supervised free play until the bell rings at 8:10. Fridays, the gate will open at 7:40 am for free play until the bell rings at 7:50 am.

## PARENT INFORMATION (CONT'D)



### Enrollment | 2019-2020

We still have a few spots open to enroll at Athlos for next school year. If you know anyone who would like to be part of the Athlos community, please encourage them to submit an application! We offer tours of our school every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:30 am and every Friday from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. We will also be holding an open house on Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00-7:30 pm for all grades!

### Updating Student Information for 2019-2020

Keep your eye out for an email coming to you in early May regarding updating your student's information for next year. You will be able to do this via email this year! Please remember, however, that you will still need to fill out the forms for **each** student you have that attends Athlos. Look for this email soon!

### Breakfast and Lunch Balances

The end of the year is fast approaching, and we ask that you keep an eye on your student's lunch account balance. If your student has a negative account, please make a payment as soon as possible. If you would like to pay on your student's account until the end of the year, please be aware that we will not have lunch on the last day of school, May 31, as it will be a short day. Any money left in your student's account will carry over to the next school year.

### Yearbooks on Sale | 2018-2019

Yearbooks will go on sale May 1st! We have a limited number available, and they will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Yearbooks will cost \$15.00 each, and they can be purchased on our website with a credit card or at the front office with cash only. Call the front office with any questions at (801)438-4619.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MS. BUHLER

Miss Buhler is a Herriman local that loves music! She has been involved with music and the performing arts for most of her life and grew to love it enough to want to teach it. She also loves to travel and does so as often as possible, even internationally on occasion. She enjoys hiking, biking, camping, trying new things and all things related to space travel, Disney and Harry Potter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Kindergarten Round Up | April 30**

If you have a kindergartner attending Athlos next year, this is the event for you! Kindergarten Round Up will be from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 30th. At this event, you will be able to make sure all the required paper work is turned in, meet the kindergarten teachers, see the classrooms, get a goody bag for your student, and sign up for AM, PM, or a tuition-based extended day option! We hope to see you on April 30th!

### **Teacher Appreciation Week | May 6-10**

PTO is sponsoring Teacher Appreciation Week again this year! They have planned a special treat for the teachers each day, along with a BBQ and a daily snack cart. They will be asking for volunteers to help with this event and donations. There will also be an opportunity for your children to bring in one or more of their teacher's "favorite things" on certain days of the week. Please keep a lookout for more information coming from the PTO via email, flyers sent home and on their social media pages!

### **Spring Music Concerts | May 16, May 20 & May 21**

Ms. Buhler is excited for her students to show you what they have been working on in music class the second half of the school year! There will be three different concert days this year. Middle School Choir, Drama and Ukulele will perform on April 16th at 6:30 pm at Copper Mountain Middle School. On May 20th, 4th grade students will be singing about Utah state history from 8:45 am to 9:30 am in the Athlos gym. Following 4th grade, the 5th grade students will then be singing about United States history from 9:45 am to 10:30 am in the gym. Students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades will be performing a couple of spring songs for you on May 21st from 8:45 am to 9:30 am in the Athlos gym. We did not forget about kindergarten, either! They will be showcasing their musical talents at their graduation ceremony on May 29th! Make sure to mark your calendars for all of these fantastic events! We can't wait to see you there!