



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We had an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week supported by the PTO May 6th–10th. Please check our social media to see the fun door decorations and goodies we gave to our awesome teachers.

Summer is right around the corner and we wanted to let you know we have two new exciting offerings for this summer. First, we have purchased an online intervention program called i-Ready. i-Ready can be logged into anywhere in the world and you will receive your student's login by May 17th. This is a free program to enrolled Athlos students (K–9) that will be available through the summer and next year. Read more here: <http://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/>.

The second exciting offering will be our first annual robotics camp. We are working on times and specific dates but are aiming to offer a FREE robotics camp for Athlos students. We will be sending more information out in the coming weeks.

An exciting offering for next year will be our extended kindergarten program. This will be available for students who are enrolled in our AM kindergarten. AM and PM kindergarten are still free, but we will be asking for tuition for the extended day program which will run from 11:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:25 a.m.–1:55 p.m. on Friday. The extended tuition will be \$250 per month and allow students to engage in hands-on activities and new experiences that they do not get during the AM and PM sessions.

We are so excited to have you and know the future is bright because of you. Go Griffins!

Darin Knicely,

Interim Executive Director

LOOKING AHEAD

May 6–10	Teacher Appreciation Week (sponsored by PTO)
May 10	Principal's Pride (sponsored by PTO)
May 15	PTO board meeting 6:00 p.m. School board meeting 6:30 p.m.
May 16	Middle School Spring Concert Choir / Drama / Ukulele CMMS 6:30 p.m.
May 16–31	Griffin Days: Performance Character traits highlighted
May 20–21	Spring Music Concerts May 20th: Grades 4 and 5 May 21st: Grades 1, 2, and 3
May 27	No School Memorial Day
May 28	PTO Bounce House Day
May 29	Kindergarten Graduation Morning 9:00 a.m. Afternoon 1:00 p.m.
May 30	Field Day
May 31	Last Day of School Grades 1–8 School out at 12:00 p.m.

May 9th Issue:

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PARENT INFORMATION

Kindergarten for 2019–2020

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Kindergarten Roundup. If you did not attend, please call the office to indicate your preference for next year: morning with extended day, morning, or afternoon kindergarten.

Updating Student Information for the 2019–2020 School Year



You recently received an email instructing you to log into your PowerSchool account to update your student(s) information for next

year. Please make sure to do this by May 31st. If you have decided not to attend Athlos next year please call the front office at (801) 438-4619 to change your intent to return status.



Last Day of School is May 31st

The last day of school is on Friday, May 31st. This will be an early release day. School will get out at 12:00 p.m. for grades 1–8. There will be breakfast offered in the morning but NO LUNCH will be served.

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. So you are aware, if a student is having a home lunch, they will not be able to purchase a milk or a water unless they have a positive balance in their meal account. If the student is eating a school lunch, they will not be able to purchase a second milk or water unless the student has a positive balance in their meal account. If you would like to pay on your student's account until the end of the year, please be aware that we will not be serving lunch on the last day of school, May 31st, as it is an early release day. Any money left in your student's account will carry over to the next school year.



Yearbook Update

We regret to inform you that we have identified multiple errors in our yearbooks and will not have an opportunity to fix the errors or

replace the yearbooks. Due to these errors, we will be reducing the cost of the yearbooks from \$15 to \$10. For families who have already purchased yearbooks and would like to keep them despite the errors, you may receive a \$5 refund per yearbook. Additionally, if you would not like to keep your yearbook, you can receive a full refund. More information will be sent to Athlos families via email.

We apologize for this inconvenience. You can still purchase yearbooks at <https://www.athlosutah.org/payments/>. If you have any questions, please call the front office at (801) 438-4619.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MS. HOWARD

I'm originally from the City of Champions, Pittsburgh, PA, which makes me a die hard Steeler fan. I moved to Raleigh, NC in 2004/2005 for a technical sales position and that same year, a family tragedy made me realize that I should be using my education degree and doing what I love—teaching. Two weeks later, I landed a first grade teaching position. I have taught first grade, kindergarten, and second grade. Teaching at Athlos has made this move to Utah so much more enjoyable. We are loving all things Utah, especially the bakeries (there are no bakeries in NC), and skiing on the greatest snow on Earth.

MS. MANDY KARTCHNER

Athlos Academy of Utah is pleased to announce the hiring of Mandy Kartchner as the charter school's new executive director. Ms. Kartchner's first official day as executive director is Monday, May 20. She is looking forward to learning and growing with the Athlos community and can't wait to get to know all of you, so let's make her feel welcome!

Welcome
Executive Director
Mandy Kartchner



ATHLETIC NEWS

Athlos Athletic Curriculum (AAC) End of Year Assessments

The AAC Assessments will begin this week for students in grades 4–8. These assessments are designed to assess the overall health and abilities of your student. At the beginning and the end of each school year, we perform these tests to help us measure your student's progress and the effectiveness of the athletic movement curriculum. The nine assessments that your student will be performing are:

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| 1. 20 Yard Dash | 6. Balance |
| 2. Vertical Jump | 7. Hex Agility |
| 3. Pacer | 8. Plank |
| 4. Straight Leg Raise | 9. BMI |
| 5. Push Up | |

The BMI (Body Mass Index) assessment is a very common and easy way to assess students' health and is completely confidential! If you do not want your student to participate in the BMI assessment, they may opt out with a note or email from a guardian. In the past, we have had a like-gendered coach perform the Straight Leg Raise assessment. Because we now only have one female coach, some female students will need to be assessed by a male coach. This non-invasive test can be seen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5u_OuOw6ho. During the test, a coach will observe the ankle from several feet away to determine the stretch angle. If you have any concerns with your female student being assessed by a male coach, please contact your child's coach.

SPRING CONCERTS

May 15	Dress rehearsal All combined music in the gym during each grade's athletics/music times. Students do not need to dress up on this day.
May 20 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	4th & 5th Grade Programs The two programs will run back-to-back. The 5th grade program will begin approximately at 9:45. 4th grade attire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to school dressed in costume • Bring full uniform to change into • See Ms. Buhler's webpage for more details athlosutah.org/classes/marie-buhler/ 5th grade attire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to school dressed in nicest outfit with RED, WHITE, and/or BLUE accent colors • Bring full uniform to change into
May 21 8:45 a.m.	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade Spring Concert Attire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to school dressed in nicest outfit with SPRING colors • 1st–3rd graders will NOT change out of their outfits; they will remain dressed up all day
May 24	Day of Dance Held during music/athletics time. Combined in the gym (except 5th grade).
May 24	Last day of music and athletics

PTO NEWS

PTO Board for 2019–2020

In April, the PTO voted on the new PTO board for the 2019–2020 school year. Although we had several positions filled for the year, we are still in need of the following positions:

- Programs VP
- Community Involvement VP
- Hospitality Chair
- Fundraising Chair

If you are interested in helping out in one of these positions, please fill out a nomination form (available on the school website under the Parent Resources tab, then choose PTO) and return it to the front office or e-mail it directly to aauppto@gmail.com. Thank you to those that attended the PTO nomination meeting last month and are willing to help out in the upcoming year. It takes many volunteers to make the PTO a success.

Next PTO Meeting

Our next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the school. This will be our final board meeting for the year and will include a recap of this year's PTO accomplishments. A special thanks to everyone who helped make this year of the PTO a success.

Principal's Pride

Each month, a student from each class is selected to participate in a special breakfast sponsored by Chick-fil-A and the PTO. The students are given a special award for being selected for exemplary behavior of the 12 Performance Character traits. Friday, May 10th is the last Principal's Pride of the year. We want to give a special thanks to Chick-fil-A for helping to sponsor this event by providing Chick-n-Minis each month for 40 students!

End of Year Bounce Party - Sponsored by the PTO

This year, the PTO is once again providing the students with a year-end bounce party on Tuesday, May 28th. Each grade will participate at a separate time. Kindergarten students are welcome to come back and bounce during their designated time.