

GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

UPCOMING EVENTS				
September 2	No School, Labor Day			
September 9–13	PTO Membership Drive			
September 11	PTO Events: 3–8 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive 6–8 p.m. Emergency Preparedness Night (assembling classroom emergency kits)			
September 17–18	Vision Screening for students grades K, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th.			
September 25	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.			
September 26	PTO Event: Lip Sync Battle 6:30—8:30 p.m.			
October 1	Jog-a-thon (school-wide)			
October 8	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night @ Mountain View Village 5–7 p.m.			
October 1–11	PTO Box Top Drive			
October 10	Picture Day			
October 16	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.			

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Dear parents and students,

What an amazing first two weeks we have had! The first day of school was a success. Students moved throughout the school as they learned the different policies and procedures that help keep our students safe and our school running effectively. Administration and teachers were impressed with their excellent behavior in the hallways and their pride in Athlos Academy!

In the middle of the first week, students had the opportunity to attend the Welcome Back Opening Assembly. Students were introduced to the Three Pillars: Prepared Mind, Healthy Body, and Performance Character. This year one student from each class will be chosen at the end of each term to receive the Performance Character in Action Award. Students will be chosen based on if they have demonstrated the Performance Character traits during that term. Parents will be invited to attend the awards assembly. This will help our students to not only excel academically but also be prepared for lifelong success.

Another focus this year will be on attendance. In order to be successful in the academic setting, students need to be present. When students arrive late or leave early from school they miss out on learning opportunities like huddles, morning announcements, academic activities, tests and quizzes, and social interactions with peers. Please have your student to school on time every day.

As a reminder, your child may not be checked out after 3:15 p.m. Monday–Thursday, or after 1:40 p.m. on Fridays. Having students leave early disrupts class, places group projects on hold, and contributes to students making less significant peer connections.

Over the last two weeks I have been able to spend some time in classrooms, out at Driveline, and in the lunchroom. I am so excited to be working with your children! They are kind, courteous, and friendly. I am so lucky to be working with such great families.

Sincerely,

Mandy Kartchner

VISION SCREENING

Friends for Sight: October 17–18

A message from Friends for Sight

Friends for Sight is a non-profit organization that works passionately each day to save sight and change lives. Our sole purpose is to provide free vision screenings that can detect possible preventable blindness factors and to assess if children are seeing as they should for their age.

If your child cannot see at the appropriate distance for their age, a referral form will be sent home with your child. This sheet will give you more detail, and is a good indication that scheduling a full eye exam for your child should be a priority. Please remember that a vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye exam and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Since no child should be denied proper eye care because of finances, Friends for Sight has several partnerships that provide free eye exams and glasses for those who qualify for financial assistance.

If you have any questions regarding vision screening, ages when full exams are recommended, or would like any additional information, please call us at (801) 524-2020 or visit our website at <u>www.friendsforsight.org</u>.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Ms. Beltran

Breanna Beltran attended Columbia International University where she received her bachelor's degree and master's degree in teaching. Shortly after graduation, she taught kindergarten in Puebla, Mexico for a period of time. Beltran then went back to

California and taught kindergarten and third grade. After moving to Utah, she became a K–12 substitute. "I make it a point to create a family environment in my classroom," she said.



Mr. Siliva

Carlos Silvia has a master's degree in education leadership and has been a math teacher for more than 12 years. Mr. Silvia taught in Granite School District, Legacy Preparatory Academy, Dual Immersion Academy (as principal), Entheos Academy, and Syracuse

Arts Academy. Mr. Silva feels that his best quality as an educator is his love for students and dedication to his work. "Initiative and creativity are part of my life, always," he said.

SCHOOL RIDE SHARE SHOUTOUT

Recently, a few of our Athlos families got together to come up with a clever plan for a school carpool. They purchased a bus big enough to bring their neighborhood Athlos students to and from school each day. Shoutout to these families and all of our dedicated Athlos Griffins!



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BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

Student Meal Prices Breakfast: \$1.60 Reduced B Lunch: \$2.60 Reduced Lunc		YIYIYIYIYIYIYIYIY	ATHLOS ACADEMY OF UT	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	 B: Strawberry Scone or Cereal with Toast L: Pizza Rippers or Chicken Wrap 	 B: Hot Oatmeal with Hash Brown or Cereal with Toast L: Cheeseburger or Baked Potato with Ham & Cheese 	5 B: Waffle Stacker or Cereal with Toast L: Mac-N-Cheese or Meatloaf	6 B: Yogurt Parfait or Cereal with Toast L: Corndog with Tater Puffs or PB&J
9 B: Muffin or Cereal with Toast L: Orange Chicken or French Dip	 B: French Toast Sticks or Cereal with Toast L: Chili with Fritos or Taco Salad 	 B: Cinnamon Roll or Cereal with Toast L: Grilled Cheese with Soup or Caesar Salad 	12 B: Western Omelet or Cereal with Toast L: Waffle Stacker or Sausage Pizza	B: Maple Bites or Cereal with ToastL: Hot Dog with Chips or Turkey Sandwich
 B: Pancakes or Cereal with Toast L: Teriyaki Chicken Bowl or Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich 	 B: Zucchini Bread or Cereal with Toast L: Nachos or Quesadillas 	 B: Breakfast Burrito or Cereal with Toast L: Chicken Patty Sandwich or BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich 	 B: Sausage Croissant Sandwich or Cereal with Toast L: Popcorn Chicken Basket or Turkey Gravy over Potatoes 	20 B: Breakfast Corndog or Cereal with Toast L: Pizza Rippers or PB&J
23 B: Waffle Bites or Cereal with Toast L: S & S Chicken or Baked Potato with Ham & Cheese	 B: Strawberry Scone or Cereal with Toast L: Chicken Enchilada or Street Tacos 	25 B: Hot Oatmeal or Cereal with Toast L: Athlos Sub Sandwich or Mandarin Salad	 B: Waffle Stacker or Cereal with Toast L: Chicken Cordon Bleu or Chicken Haystacks 	27 B: Yogurt Parfait or Cereal with Toast L: Rib-B-Q Sandwich or Ham Sandwich
30 B: Muffin or Cereal with Toast L: Orange Chicken or Italian Sub				
or Cereal with Toast L: Orange Chicken	ered daily. *Menu items subject to	change.)A is an equal opportunity provid

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Free/Reduced Price Meals

Many students are eligible for free/reduced price meals. To find out if your child qualifies, please return a completed <u>Free/Reduced Price Meals Application</u> to the school. It takes just a few minutes to apply and only one application needs to be completed for all children living in your household.

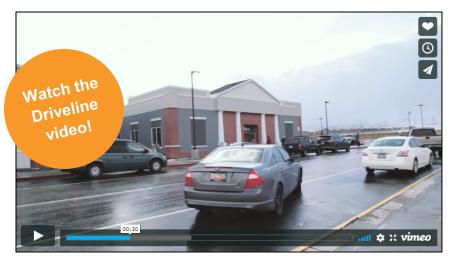
If you qualified last year for our free/reduced price meals program, you will need to fill out another application for this school year. Families may also complete an application whenever changes in income may occur.

Complete applications can be dropped off at the school office or mailed to 12309 South Mustang Trail Way, Herriman, UT 84096.

If you have questions regarding the 2019–2020 Free/Reduced Price Meal Application, contact the front office at (801) 438-4619.

ALL ABOUT DRIVELINE

Be sure to follow the driving route <u>outlined on the map</u>. When you enter the driveway, an attendant will type your family number into a system. This will trigger your child's release from class. By the time you drive around the building, your child will meet you at the loading zone. Please pull all the way up to the car in front of you. This will help keep the loading line moving along!



www.athlosutah.org/parent-resources/student-safety/

Morning Drop Off

Morning Driveline starts at 8:00 a.m.

Students are to arrive no earlier than 8:00 a.m. (15 minutes prior to the start of classes).

The only exception is if your student will be eating breakfast at school; students may be dropped off earlier as breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast students are to remain in the cafeteria until the main doors open at 8:00 a.m. Students are not to be on the playground before school.

Students must be dropped off only in the designated loading zone. Follow the entrance and exit route on the map. Be sure to pull all the way up to the car in front of you as this will help move traffic along and keep waiting cars off the main road. An attendant will be on site each morning to assist students with crossing the loading zone. They will also help direct traffic.

Our number one concern is student safety. Please be patient and kind.

5 DRIVELINE SAFETY TIPS

- 1. Please drive slowly on school property.
- 2. Parking is not permitted along the roads bordering the school.
- 3. Please do not stop at the front of the school or on the south side of the building, but pull all the way around the school to drop and pick up your students on the north side designated zone.
- 4. Children may only cross at designated crosswalks.
- 5. Please be extra vigilant about checking around and behind you when backing out of parking stalls.

Afternoon Pick-p

Afternoon Driveline starts at 3:30 p.m.

Students are to be picked up no earlier than 3:30 p.m. and no later than 4:00 p.m.

Students may only remain in the building longer if they are participating in a supervised activity approved by the administration. Please do not check your child out of school "early" after 3:15 p.m. The office staff's primary duty at this time of day is preparing for a safe dismissal.

Student safety is a *top priority* at our school, and we need your help to assure that the Driveline process is as safe as possible for students.

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Join the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for the 2019–2020 School Year!

What is the PTO?

The Parent Teacher Organization is a non-profit organization ran by volunteer parents and teachers that exists to encourage parent involvement, supports academic and enrichment activities, and improves the environment of the school by helping provide volunteer and financial support.

The PTO Board

The PTO Board consists of parents and teachers that help plan and carry out programs and events that benefit the school and further the mission of the PTO. Each board position is a volunteer position and we could not exist without new members helping on the board each year.

We are currently looking for TWO new faces to join the PTO Board this year. Our open positions are: Programs VP and Fundraising Chair. Whether you work in the home or outside the home we could use your help in filling these positions so the PTO can run at full capacity. To ask questions, get more info or to sign up to fill one of these positions, please email <u>AAUTPTO@gmail.com</u>.

We Need YOU!

We need volunteers to help throughout the year. We know you are busy but each volunteer can help according to their schedule. We need help during the day and at night, at home and at school. We need help at several activities and events coming up in the next few months, sign ups will be going around for Emergency Preparedness Night, Vision Screening, The Lip Sync Battle, Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A, Picture Day, Box Tops Collection, Teacher Dinner at Student-Led Conferences, and the Fall Fundraiser.

An individual membership is \$5. A membership for TWO is \$8.

Membership payments can be made using cash, check, or VENMO (@AAUTPTO). We will also be holding a membership drive in September. The class with the most PTO memberships will be rewarded.

Mark Your Calendars

September 9–13 PTO Membership Drive

September 11 from 3–8 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive

September 11 from 6–8 p.m. Emergency Preparedness Night

September 26 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. 1st Quarter Activity – Lip Sync Battle

October 1–11 Box Tops Collection

October 8 from 5–7 p.m. Chick-fil-A Spirit Night @ Mountain View Village

November 1 Halloween Parade and Class Parties

November 15 from 5–8 p.m. 2nd Quarter Activity – Fall Fundraiser

December 20 Holiday Class Parties

PTO: CONTINUED

Emergency Preparedness Night

Save the date! On Wednesday, September 11 we will have an opportunity to honor 911 by giving back. We will be having a blood drive at the school from 3–8 p.m. and putting together emergency kits for the classrooms from 6-8 p.m. You can sign up to donate blood by going to <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter ATHLOS under Find A Blood Drive to schedule an appointment.



Student Go Bags

Next week you will receive a gallon size Ziploc bag with a student info card inside of it. Please fill out the information card, and put the following items inside the bag:

- Water
- Snack
- Note from home
- The Student Info Card filled out)
- Small comfort item

All items must fit in a closed bag easily and need to be returned to school on Monday, September 9, 2019. We will then organize student go bags and assemble emergency backpacks for each classroom at our Emergency Preparedness Night on September 11.





Facebook

Did you know the PTO is on Facebook? Stay informed about everything the PTO is coordinating throughout the year by following us at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/AthlosUtahPTO/</u>



Instagram

We finally got with the times and joined Instagram. If you are on Instagram you can follow us to stay up on <u>all things PTO</u>.