



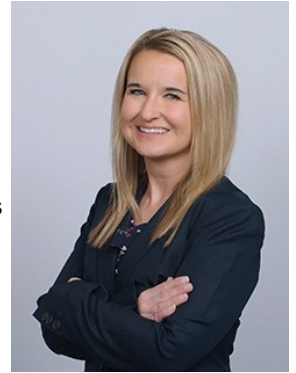
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents and Students,

In August, students learned about the Performance Character trait *grit!* Grit is defined as rising up to meet challenges and persevering in spite of failure. There were many opportunities to develop grit as the school year began, and students were introduced to new students, teachers, and administrators! We are proud of our students and their positive attitudes in accepting change.



In September, our focus is on *leadership*. Leadership is about making responsible decisions and motivating others to action. We love seeing our students rise up and help each other in the hallways, classrooms, at recess, and in the lunchroom.

While these traits are discussed and emphasized at school, I would encourage you to talk about them at home as well. It is great for students to see the school to home connection and recognize that you are involved in their education.

I continue to love working with your students! Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,
Mandy Kartchner

PRINCIPAL'S PRIDE

Principal's Pride is a program the school runs 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 selected students get to enjoy breakfast from Chick-fil-A with Ms. Kartchner! They will also receive a certificate to showcase their great work! The character traits are; Leadership, Social Intelligence, Focus/ Self-Control, Optimism, Curiosity, Energy/ Zest, Courage, Initiative, Integrity, Humility, and Creativity.

This information serves as a community-wide opportunity to discuss a student's success and challenges, to hold each other accountable, and to build strong and positive relationships as students develop these Performance Character traits.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
September 17-18	Vision screening for students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7
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 11 –12	Haunted Hallways
October 16	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
October 21-25	Fall Break—NO SCHOOL

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VISION SCREENING FRIENDS FOR SIGHT

OCT 17–18 | GRADES K, 1, 3, 5, 7

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 www.friendsforsight.org.



"Our Place in the Universe" is a presentation that puts into perspective the size of our universe, starting with our solar system and working out deep into space. It is presented in a way that is very interesting to elementary grade students and is interactive to encourage participation from the students. It is a PowerPoint-based presentation which lasts about 40 minutes plus time for questions and answers.

Presented by: Roger C. Fry

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Ms. Merrell

Ms. Merrell earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Brigham Young University and a dual master's degree in library science and school librarianship from the University of North Texas.



"I chose Athlos because I know the curriculum they had chosen for our students and am impressed with the educational results the math and reading programs can produce," Merrell said. "They are some of the best."

Merrell strives to assure the kindergarten students love coming to school and building on their natural curiosity about the world around them. She also focuses on helping the library grow through grants and book donations and bring in guest authors and illustrators for assemblies.

Ms. Littleford

Brook Littleford received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She has been a teacher for more than eight years. "I have enjoyed working with my students to find the learning strategies that will help them succeed!" she said.



Ms. Littleford feels her best quality as an educator is her ability to build caring relationships with her students and their parents. "I believe when a student feels respected, cared for, and safe in the classroom, they will be willing to take educational chances they might not have otherwise," she said.

"I also believe that building these relationships with parents helps lay a strong foundation for parent, student, and teacher communication. Having this foundation can help alleviate some of the stress when having to handle difficult academic or behavioral situations."

MESSAGE FROM ATHLOS COUNSELORS

Hello! We are the new counselors at Athlos Academy, and we are so excited to be here. We are looking forward to a really great year! If your student needs help with a personal or academic issue, we are here for them. Our job is to listen to student and parent concerns and do our best to help in whatever way we can. Our goal is to ensure that each and every student reaches their fullest potential in school and life.

One of the things we are excited about doing this year is facilitating small groups for students who need help with things like building better friendships, handling anger, learning better social skills, and managing stress and anxiety. Watch for these groups and let us know if you think your child would benefit from one. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for your student. We can't wait to get to know them!

– Jennifer Saderholm, Guidance Counselor

– Jessica Winward, Social Worker

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

Free/Reduced Price Meals

Many students are eligible for free/reduced price meals. To find out if your child qualifies, please return a completed [Free/Reduced Price Meals Application](#) 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 applications 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.