



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

Athlos Academy of Utah Griffin Chronicle | September 27, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1	Jog-a-thon (school-wide)
October 7	Boys' basketball begins
October 7	Cheerleading begins
October 8	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night @ Mountain View Village 5–7 p.m.
October 1-11	PTO BoxTop Drive
October 10	Picture Day
October 11–12	Haunted Hallways
October 16	Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.
October 21–25	NO SCHOOL—Fall Break
November 1	Halloween Parade

IN THIS EDITION

Page 1	Message from the Director, Upcoming Events, Recess Reminder, Jog-a-Thon
Page 2	Update from Ms. Doll, Staff Spotlights, Athletic Assessments for Grades 4–8
Page 3	PTO Information & Events
Page 4	Driveline map

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear parents and students,

Thank you for your help and patience as we figure out new procedures for Driveline. I know it can be a frustrating process. We are doing our best to keep students safe and get everyone through the line in a timely manner. You may have noticed Herriman police on campus last week. They have been assisting us in developing a more efficient traffic plan for Driveline as well as enforcing parking laws. We appreciate their help and cooperation. Please see the last page of the Griffin Chronicle for our updated Driveline route. Your children's safety is one of our top priorities.



We have also made a change for students coming for breakfast. They will now need to enter through the front doors. Any parents who wish to eat with their students will need to check in to the front office, show their identification, and get a visitor's badge.

Thank you again for all of your support.

Sincerely,

Mandy Kartchner



Recess Reminder

Recently, there have been many damaged sprinklers on the property during recess. We will be monitoring outdoor activity to try to minimize this behavior. We ask that you please reinforce integrity with your children at home and the importance of respecting property.

Jog-a-thon—Tuesday, October 1

Our fourth annual Jog-a-thon will be taking place next Tuesday! This is the school's biggest fundraiser for the year, and it's a great way to celebrate the Healthy Body Pillar as a school. We are looking for volunteers to help. To sign up, please go to [Sign Up Genius](#). We greatly appreciate your help and support!



A MESSAGE FROM MS. DOLL, READING SPECIALIST



The Reading Specialist program is in full swing at Athlos Academy! We are serving over 150 students in kindergarten through fourth grade who are striving to reach grade-level reading standards. You have received a program letter if your learner qualifies for the Reading Specialist program, based on benchmark reading scores. If you are not already part of Mrs. Doll's Reading Class Dojo group, please contact her at edoll@athlosutah.org to join the appropriate grade-level group.

The Reading Specialist staff members have also been receiving additional training in analyzing and utilizing the Acadience benchmark assessment scores. This helps teachers identify needs and strengths within their own classrooms. Teachers will receive professional development in the coming weeks on goal setting and creating flexible groups to benefit all the readers in their homerooms.

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Ms. Johnson—First-Grade Teacher

Meagan Johnson obtained her teaching license from Eastern Washington University. After a brief period of teaching, she received her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Phoenix.



Ms. Johnson feels her best quality as an educator is her ability to create a strong classroom community. "I create a community where students are able to be their best selves, focus on the Performance Character traits, and make mistakes," she said. "In my classroom, we say our Johnson Jingle twice per day. It goes like this: I am capable. I have choice. I can change. There is nothing that I cannot do. I am a Johnson Brainiac!"

Mr. Williams—First-Grade Teacher

Justin Williams received his bachelor's degree in elementary education in grades K–6 and an associate's degree in culinary arts.

When it comes to his best quality as an educator, Williams said, "I feel my positive attitude is a great attribute to help me in teaching. I also have the patience to help me through the really trying days. If at first we do not succeed, we shall try, try, again."



ATHLETIC ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADES 4–8



During the next two weeks, our students in grades 4–8 will participate in our semi-annual quantitative assessments. Each year, we measure student growth across a variety of different physical attributes. Students are encouraged to do their best, and coaches do not share scores with other students. These assessments are an important measure for students to see their own growth and can be an important measure for continued growth through goal-setting exercises. We also use these assessments as one measure of the success of our athletic movement program. The assessments are:

- 20-yard Sprint
- Hexagon Agility Test
- PACER Test
- Push-up
- Plank
- Hamstring Flexibility (Leg Raise Test)
- Balance Test
- Body Composition (this is not shared with students unless asked for, and is done away from all other students)
- Vertical Jump Test

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO

Emergency Preparedness Night and Blood Drive

Thanks to everyone who came and helped assemble classroom kits and for all those that came to donate blood! We were able to supply each K–8 homeroom teacher with a classroom backpack containing emergency supplies as well as a bucket with student go bags. We also collected 25 units of blood which can impact up to 75 different individuals. The night was a huge success, so thank you!

BoxTops Collection Drive

The BoxTops Collection Drive is coming up on October 1–11. The money collected for the Fall BoxTops drive will help supply the school with new playground supplies for the school year. Each student has a goal of turning in 30 BoxTops or \$3 each. Each student that meets the goal between October 1 and October 11 gets credit for their grade. The grade with the highest percentage of BoxTops will earn an in-school field trip provided by the PTO. We will also give students the opportunity to win an individual prize by holding a giveaway each day of the drive when we will choose 10 winners.

We also encourage you to download the BoxTops App. BoxTops is transitioning towards all digital over the next couple of years, so you will see items with both physical BoxTops to clip and turn in as well as items that ask you to scan your receipt. We still get credit for items that qualify on scanned receipts, so do both to get all your BoxTops submitted.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night is coming up on Tuesday, October 8 from 5–7 p.m. at Mountain View Village. Stop by anytime between 5–7 p.m. and order at the drive-thru, the app, or come in to dine. We always need a few volunteers to help the dining room run smoothly. Sign up for this and other PTO volunteer opportunities at [Sign Up Genius](#).

PTO Silent Auction Class Baskets

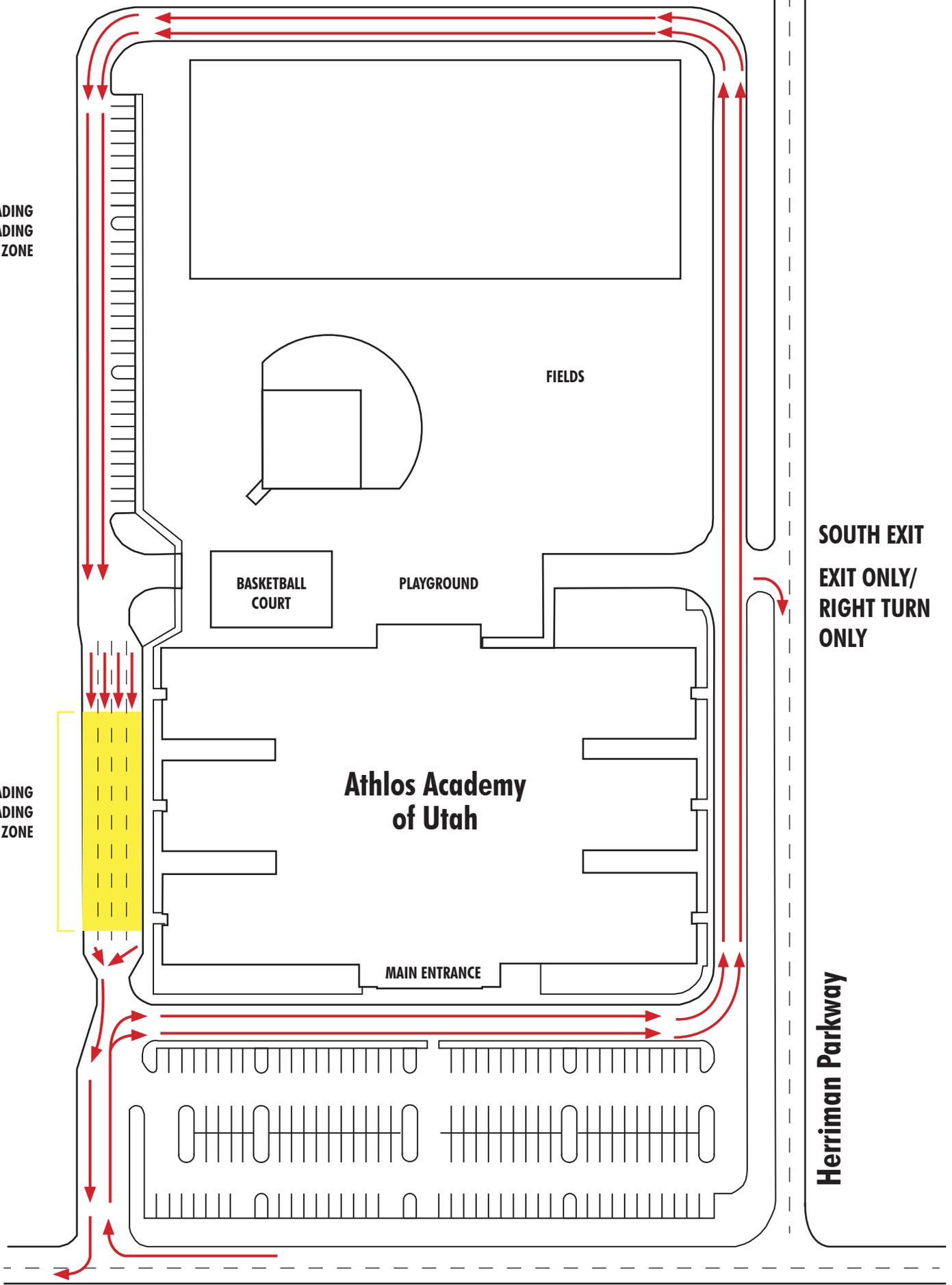
Each class is donating a class basket to the silent auction to be held at our Winter Boutique Fundraiser on November 15 from 5–8 p.m. If you would like to donate items or money to help with your class basket, reach out to your classroom parent.

All for Books

Start saving those pennies. The week of October 14–18, we are holding a Change War to kick off the upcoming book fair. Each grade will compete for the opportunity to win a dress-down day and reading party with snacks provided by the PTO. The grade that brings in the most change will win the Change War! Change collected during this week will go toward getting books in the hands of children at the school!

UNLOADING
& LOADING
ZONE

UNLOADING
& LOADING
ZONE



SOUTH EXIT
EXIT ONLY/
RIGHT TURN
ONLY

Herriman Parkway

RIGHT TURN ONLY

S. Mustang Trail Way