



GRIFFIN

BI-WEEKLY

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 1-11

PTO Box Top Drive

OCTOBER 11 –12

Haunted Hallways

OCTOBER 16

Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 21-25

Fall Break NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 1

Halloween Parade

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear parents and students,

I am so excited about our upcoming Performance Character in Action assembly. At Athlos Academy we integrate Performance Character into every learning opportunity. Our morning huddles teach about the traits and help students make a connection to them first hand. During the assembly, administration will award one student from each class who has shown excellence in the Performance Character traits. I am excited to see our students excelling in making these traits part of their lives. I hope you are also helping your student develop these traits at home! The weather is getting colder! I have seen a lot of students out of dress code. Please make sure that your child is dressed in an Athlos approved uniform.

I continue to love being part of the Athlos Academy community. There are great things happening at our school. Don't forget to give a shout out on our Athlos Academy of Utah Facebook page if you see something amazing happening!

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Ms. Martin



Jurate Martin graduated from George Washington University in Washington, DC with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1992 and is currently working toward her master's degree at Drexel University in secondary education with an emphasis in mathematics.

From 1991 to 1993, Martin taught second grade in the Washington, DC area public schools.

For three years, Martin taught kindergarten, first grade, and high school in New Jersey, and taught fourth grade at Aristotle Academy, a charter school in American Fork, Utah.

When asked about her best quality as an educator, Martin said, "I really care about my students and want to develop a good, positive relationship with the whole child. I have a passion for learning in all areas from academics, social and emotional skills, and physical health too!"

Ms. Jones



Zhe Jones majored in finance and received a master's degree in business administration. She taught in China for 10 years before moving to the United States where she began teaching in Utah in 2009. She has experience teaching elementary, middle-school, and high-school students.

For the past two years, Ms. Jones developed a curriculum and taught Chinese to middle-school students, provided support and guidance to debate classes, and taught student success curriculum to incoming seventh-grade students to strengthen their social skills and academic success. Ms. Jones was recognized for teaching excellence, enthusiastic instruction, and "above-and-beyond" commitment to maximizing learning outcomes and student success.

"I am passionate about teaching and education," she said. "It is my goal to make a meaningful impact on children to help them be successful and reach their fullest potential." Ms. Jones feels that her best quality as an educator is her diverse background, adaptability, and varying perspectives. "Having diverse experiences and backgrounds will better prepare me to adapt to unforeseen challenges and opportunities," she said. "It helps me to bring new and different perspectives to the table."

It's Been a Busy Fall with School Events!

Here are a few fun photos from recent events including the Lip Sync Battle and our Jog-a-thon!



Annual Middle-School Fees

Dear families of Athlos middle-school students,

It's that time of year to collect middle school fees from our students in grades seven and eight. Middle school fees go toward supporting our electives and ensuring we have all materials needed to best support our middle-school students.

This year, fees for the year will be \$50.

This one-time fee can be paid online at <https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/cart/event.php?EID=3290>, by cash or check at the front office, or by credit card at the front office (fee applies for in-office credit card transactions).

We are also working on a possible end-of-year Lagoon trip for our students in eighth grade. We will send a separate email with information on this trip, including a fee associated with the trip.

If you have any questions or need assistance paying the middle-school fee, please contact the front office at (801) 438-4619.

LOST AND FOUND:

We are currently experiencing a large influx of lost and found items. We will be going through the items at the end of each month. If the items are not claimed they will be donated. Be sure to check the lost and found.

Thank you!

Message from PTO:

All For Books Change War

In preparation for the Book Fair in November, on October 14-18, grades will compete to bring in the most loose change!

The winning grade will receive a reading party with dress down and snacks provided by the PTO.

10/14 Monday: Bring in Pennies!

10/15 Tuesday: Bring in Nickels!

10/16 Wednesday: Bring in Dimes!

10/17 Thursday: Bring in Quarters!

10/18 Friday: Bring in ANY coin or bill!

Book Fair Grand Event

Join us on November 4 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. for the Book Fair GRAND Event. Invite your grandparents, relatives, friends, and neighbors to join us for a night of food, books, and fun!

Book Fair Hours

November 4: 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Grand Event

November 5: 7:30-8:45 a.m. & 3:30-4:00 p.m.

November 6: 7:30-8:45 a.m. & 3:30-4:00 p.m.

November 7: 7:30-8:45 a.m. & 3:30-8:00 p.m.
at Teacher Conferences

November 8: 9:00 a.m.-Noon at Teacher Conferences

Halloween Class Parties

Halloween class parties will be on November 1 from 12:40-1:40 p.m. Room parents should be reaching out to coordinate class parties. This is a fun opportunity to help with the class party and help you to get your volunteer hours for the year.

PTO Annual Fundraiser

Save the date! The annual fundraiser will be on November 15 from 5-8 p.m.. Entry to the fundraiser is FREE and is open to the public.

You will have the opportunity to get a head start on holiday shopping with small businesses and vendors, eat at delicious food trucks, participate in our silent auction, win giveaways throughout the night, and students can participate in our Student Market and play games to win prizes.

All money earned during this fundraiser goes to the PTO to support the needs of the school and help provide supplies, equipment, and free events and programs throughout the year.

Volunteer - We Need YOU!

Throughout the year there are volunteer opportunities in the school and with the PTO. Your help is vital to the success of the programs and activities the school and PTO provides. Please visit our volunteer sign up and look for volunteer opportunities that work with your schedule! We have something for everyone! You can also stay informed of upcoming volunteer needs by following the PTO Facebook & Instagram accounts.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044fafa822a3fd0-boxtop>