



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2

Dr. Seuss Breakfast 7:10 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

MARCH 2-13

Book Fair

MARCH 6

Snow Day Makeup 7:55 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

MARCH 10

- Principal's Pride
- Spring Photos
- The Books Come To Life Event 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

MARCH 12 & 13

Student Led Conferences 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

With spring break approaching, we want to remind families about the importance of instructional hours. Good attendance is a huge factor in student success in school. We have seen large numbers of absentees surrounding our breaks, and ask that students are in class each day leading up to the break and return when break is over.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Mandy Kartchner

Dear Athlos families,

Spring is right around the corner, and that means it's time to focus on finishing the school year strong!

As a school, literacy is a big focus for us as we work to assure all students are advancing in their reading skills. To support efforts at home, we encourage you to read to, or read with, your child 20 minutes per day. This short amount of daily reading helps students go from "learning to read" to "reading to learn!"

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Staff Spotlight

JIM BENTZ

JR. HIGH ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER

Jim Bentz absolutely loves grappling with the complexities of the adolescent mind in his seventh and eighth-grade English Language Arts classes. He finds each day in middle-school English a truly rewarding and humbling experience.

When asked what he thinks young people need most, he quotes Flanner O'Connor: "To know oneself is, above all, to know what one lacks. It is to measure oneself against the truth, and not the other way around." Mr. Bentz believes humility is the key character trait upon which all the others stand. He believes that, to put students first, a teacher must recognize his or her proper place in the scheme of things.

In his spare time, Mr. Bentz loves reading and writing (big surprise!); in fact, virtually every room in his home is a library of some sort. Bentz has spent the past 40 years collecting books, including many rare, signed first-editions. He is the loving steward of well over 6,000 treasured volumes.

Mostly, though, Bentz just loves the people and the promise of Athlos Academy Utah. Bentz graduated from the University of Utah in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in journalism mass communication and minored in English literature. For the first 18 years of his professional life, Mr. Bentz worked in communications, marketing, and product management in the health-care industry.

In 2001, Mr. Bentz was encouraged by his office to volunteer in his community, so he spent one hour each Tuesday and Thursday morning helping in the "I Can Read" program at his children's elementary school. Before the end of that pivotal year, Mr. Bentz dropped out of business and enrolled in the University of Phoenix's master of arts in education program. He completed his graduate work in 2003 and is currently entering his fifteenth year as an English language arts teacher. He has worked with students in grades seven to twelve.

Mr. Bentz says his best quality as an educator is his desire to put students and their needs first and foremost in all his classes. "Everything I do, from ongoing professional development to advocating for kids, is driven by a humble desire to see young people become smarter, better human beings," he said.

SPRING PHOTOS!

Lifetouch will be coming in for spring photos on **March 10**. Students can wear best dress or uniforms in these photos. They may only dress out of uniform if they are having their photos taken. This is an optional photography session for your students. It is enjoyable to see a student's transformation from fall to spring. Spring photos are also a wonderful gift for grandparents, aunts, uncles or any other family members. Ordering information will be coming home soon with your students.



Prepared Mind Pillar

Athlos Academy is built upon three pillars that encourage, motivate, and construct a student's kindergarten through eighth-grade experience. One of these pillars is the Prepared Mind pillar. This module consists of an academic rigor established by our hardworking teachers and the collaboration of students in the classroom environment.

At Athlos, we encourage learning to broaden outside of the classroom. Parent-child study sessions at home can create deeper understanding of content through at home review. Time taken aside to read and study at home can also better prepare your student for success in high school. Lastly, studying with your child at home is guaranteed to produce quality memories.

Athlos Academy is proud to be able to take time to uplift every single one of our students and prepare them to succeed outside the school walls and in future classrooms. Each student is frequently assessed and challenged to reach the highest of their abilities. Athlos Academy has a positive and inspiring school environment which is vital for students to have and utilize a prepared mind both at home and in the community.



THE NIGHT THE BOOKS COME TO LIFE

Kids are welcome to dress up as book characters during the school day, and invite family to a very special after-school event where our favorite books come to life!

**SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, PLAY GAMES,
VISIT YOUR FAVORITE STORIES, AND MORE!**

THE BOOK
FAIR WILL BE
OPEN!

MEET
DOG MAN!

**JOIN US
MARCH 10TH
4PM TO 6PM**



Athlos Presents



Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Free Continental Breakfast

COME READ WITH YOUR STUDENTS AND
ENJOY A FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

March 2nd from 7:10am to 8:00am

Special Appearance by
the Cat in the Hat

Free Athlos Family Event

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VACATION REMINDER

Athlos Parents and Guardians,

This is reminder that if a student is out of class for three or more days a vacation excusal note is required. This form can be found at the front office and must be signed by the parent/guardian, executive director, and the student's homeroom teacher. As spring break approaches we want to remember that attending scheduled school days are important in determining a student's success. Athlos Academy has scheduled spring break as a time for family and vacation. We would like to discourage taking additional days off outside of the scheduled spring vacation.

Thank you Griffins!

Student Meal Prices		Student Drink Prices		ATHLOS ACADEMY OF UTAH MARCH MENU	
Breakfast: \$1.60 Reduced Breakfast: 30¢ Lunch: \$2.60 Reduced Lunch: 40¢		Milk: 30¢ Juice: 30¢ Water: 30¢		MONDAY	TUESDAY
2	B: Dr. Seuss Birthday Breakfast L: Pizza Rippers or Chicken Wrap	3	B: French Toast or Cereal w/ Toast L: Bean & Cheese Burrito or Hard Shell Taco	4	B: Hot Oatmeal w/ Hashbrown or Cereal L: Chicken Patty Sandwich or Chef Salad
9	B: Muffin or Cereal w/ Toast L: Teriyaki Chicken or Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich	10	B: French Toast Sticks or Cereal w/ Toast L: Chili Fritos or Navajo Taco	11	B: Cinnamon Roll or Cereal w/ Toast L: Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Caesar Salad
16	B: Pancakes or Cereal w/ Toast L: Orange Chicken or French Dip Sandwich	17	B: Zucchini Bread or Cereal w/ Toast L: Chicken Enchiladas or Street Tacos	18	B: Biscuit & Gravy or Cereal w/ Toast L: Hamburger or Mandarin Salad
23	B: Waffle Bites or Cereal w/ Toast L: S & S Chicken or Baked Potato w/ Ham & Cheese	24	B: French Toast or Cereal w/ Toast L: Quesadilla or Chicken Fajita	25	B: Hot Oatmeal w/ Hashbrown or Cereal w/ Toast L: Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich or Beefy Mac
30	B: Muffin or Cereal w/ Toast L: Chicken Alfredo or Meatball Subs	31	B: French Toast Sticks or Cereal w/ Toast L: Beefy Nachos or Soft Flour Taco		
				THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5	B: Waffle Stacker or Cereal w/ Toast L: Mac-N-Cheese or Country Fried Steak	6	B: Yogurt Parfait or Cereal w/ Toast L: HALF DAY - NO LUNCH	12	B: Western Omelet or Cereal w/ Toast L: Waffle Stacker or Breakfast Pizza
				13	NO SCHOOL
				19	B: Croissant Sandwich or Cereal w/ Toast L: Popcorn Chicken Basket or Turkey Gravy over Potatoes
				26	B: Waffle Stacker or Cereal w/ Toast L: Waffle-N-Chicken Strips or PB&J
				27	B: Bagel w/ Hard Boiled Egg or Cereal w/ Toast L: Pizza or Turkey Sandwich

*Salad bar, fresh fruit, and milk offered daily. *Menu items subject to change.



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SNOW DAY MAKE UP MARCH 6

Regular Classes 7:55 A.M. to 11:55 A.M.

Morning Kindergarten 7:55 A.M. to 9:55 A.M.

Afternoon Kindergarten 10:15 A.M. to 11:55 A.M.

We will be serving breakfast but no lunch.

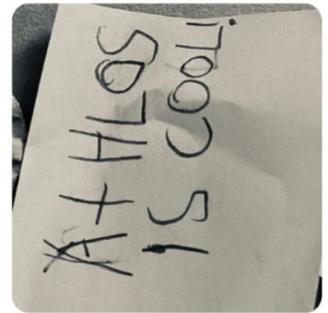
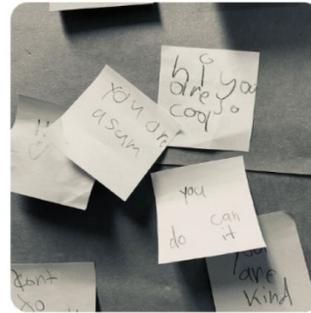
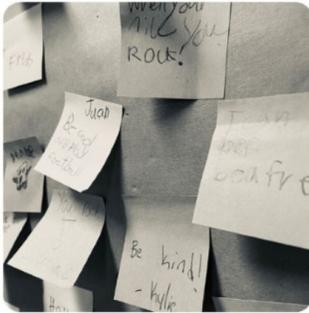
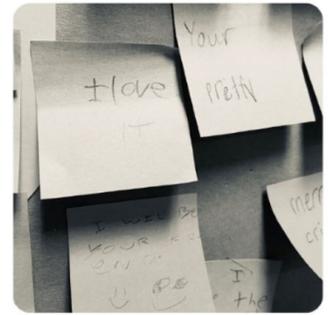
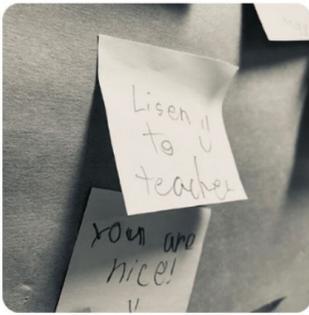
Seventh-Grade Career Fair

The following photos show our seventh-grade Griffins presenting their career projects in the career fair. Many of our grades visited the career fair and participated in the discovery of vocation. Our seventh-grade College and Career Awareness class worked in cooperative group projects in order to highlight professional careers ranging from the agricultural field to the business and marketing field. Each group of students created their own booth and activity for the other grades to participate in by practicing the Performance Character traits initiative and creativity. The fair was a huge success thanks to both our students and Ms. Morris's hard work.



PTO KINDNESS PROJECT

ATHLOS STUDENTS POST KIND STICKY NOTE REMINDERS



PTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Need YOU!

We are in the process of looking for next year's PTO Board. If you are interested in helping out, descriptions of positions and forms are on the school website under Parent Resources and PTO. Forms are due by March 13. All commitment levels are needed. More information is available by talking to a current PTO Board Member or emailing the PTO at AAUPTO@gmail.com.