



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Athlos families and students,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we've transitioned to distance learning during this unprecedented time. I am encouraged by the collaboration we've seen between teachers and families as we've worked together to continue learning for students in an otherwise uncertain time.

As we continue to develop and refine our distance learning program, we rolled out new attendance and grading expectations yesterday. Check your emails or visit the [Distance Learning page](#) on the website for the details. These expectations are not intended as punitive consequences, but rather meant as a way for our staff to monitor and evaluate each student's progress in this new environment.

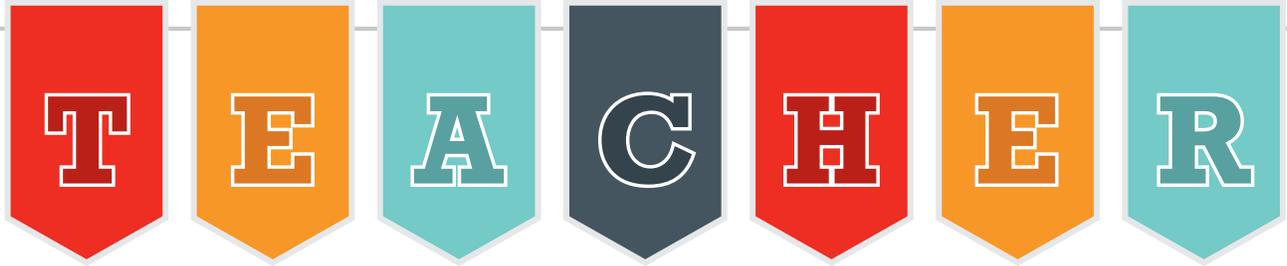
We understand that these are difficult times. We, like you, are doing our best to help students succeed. We would be remiss in our duties as educators if we didn't evaluate students' academic performance and make recommendations to help them meet their full potential. Please note that retention recommendations will only be made in the most extreme circumstances.

I'll reiterate again, just do your best! With a growth mindset and support of one another, we'll continue to achieve great things! We miss you, and we thank you for all your hard work!

Sincerely,
Mandy Kartchner

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APPRECIATION WEEK

Next week, May 4–8, is Teacher Appreciation Week! There is a custom Zoom background [available for students to download](#) this week as well as some coloring sheets to show appreciation for Athlos teachers!

Students are encouraged to share a picture of themselves with their coloring sheet using the tag **#TeacherAppreciationWeek**

Learn how to set a [custom Zoom background!](#)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO:

Hello teachers and parents,

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We would like honor our teachers in the best and safest way possible, so please help us in celebrating them through these simple activities:

Shout Out Monday May 4th:

Post a picture of your kiddo and blast your social media pages with praise about their teacher/s. Share a favorite memory or funny story about them. We know that not all teachers are on social media, but many follow our public and private parents page, so don't forget to tag [#athlosutah](#) [@AthlosAcademyUtahParentsandTeachers](#)

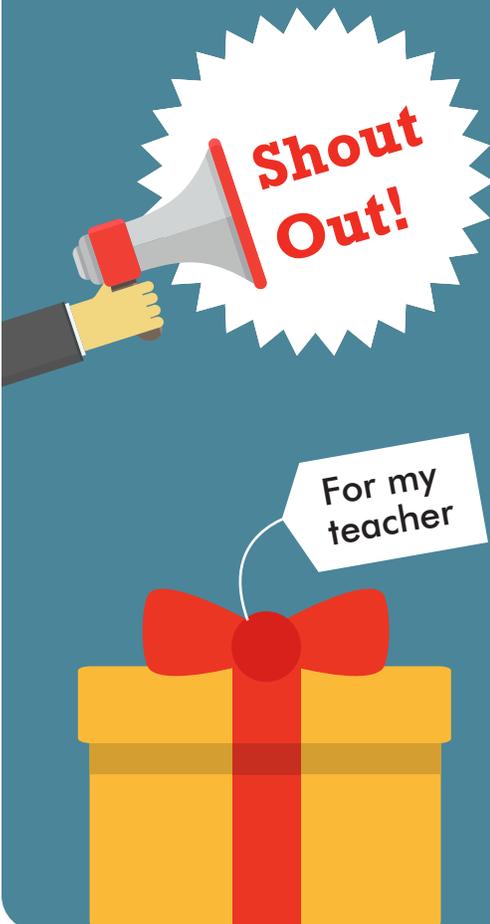
Teacher Gift Drop Off Tuesday May 5th:

From 9am-11am there will be a box available to put a gift of your choosing to give to your teacher. Some ideas include but are not limited to a hand written letter, a drawing or painting, a special drink, gift card or treat. Please make sure that your item is clearly labeled, as it could be put into the incorrect teacher's box if not done properly.

We do realize that our teachers deserve more, any and all options are not required but greatly appreciated.

Have a great week. Athlos Utah PTO

Robyn White, TAW Coordinator





Staff Spotlight

DENDI MORENO

SPANISH TEACHER

I was raised in Utah. I went to the University of Utah and graduated with my teaching certificate in Secondary Education. I am certified to teach both Spanish and Math. I remember since I was in the 3rd grade, I have always wanted to be a teacher.

I chose to teach Spanish because I fell in love with the language and the culture. It was like a whole new world of people were opened up to me to be able to communicate with and learn from. I love to travel. This love of the language has suited me well in that very expensive hobby of mine.

I chose also to study math because of many reasons. It is a critical need subject that often determines a person's salary depending on how well a student does. I care about student success regarding things that matter. I also had never had a female math teacher until I started college, and then I only had one. I decided that I wanted to break the mold in that regard. I have always enjoyed being good at something that is difficult to master.

My favorite age student is the middle school student. They are still wide-eyed and bushy-tailed with their enthusiasm for life. They can also handle my sense of humor.

My favorite character trait is OPTIMISM. Every day is a new day. There is always something wonderful to be learned. We can do hard things. Every person is a needed contributor to this world to make it a better place. We just have to find our passion and share it.

Item Pick Up

Hello Athlos Community,

First and foremost, Athlos Academy wants to thank you for your participation and cooperation during this transition. **On May 5th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** we will have another Item Pick Up for our school.

Personal Item Pick Up will be located at the North end of the school. This is for all students and is our final pick up day. Any remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

Sincerely,
Mandy Kartchner



Distance Learning Link

If you have any questions regarding distance learning please **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

This link provides various resources, student expectations, and frequently asked questions and answers.

STAY ACTIVE AT HOME

PRACTICE THE HEALTHY BODY PILLAR

Here are a few active games to practice at home with your students. Watch out for our coaches athletic movement videos as well.

Table Top Ping Pong

What's needed:

- Ping pong ball
- Paperboard boxes (cereal boxes)
- Table or counter

How to Play:

Find a table where partners can stand on both ends. Use empty cereal boxes (or some other box) and set them up across the middle of the table to act as a net. If you want, you could cut the boxes lengthwise down the middle and stack each half, as they'd be the same height. Use your hand as a paddle and start your own family ping pong tournament!



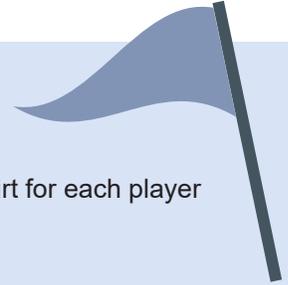
Flag Tag

What's needed:

- An old hand towel or t-shirt for each player
- Open space
- Rubber bands (optional)

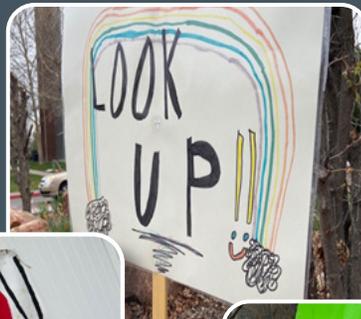
How to Play:

Tuck an old hand towel into the waistband of your pants so that most of the towel is hanging outside of the pants, on the side of your body, serving as your flag. If you'd like to keep your flag more compact you can twist the loose fabric until it forms a tighter roll and then use rubber bands to keep the roll tight. Once every player has their flags ready, choose one person to be the tagger. The tagger must pull the flags of everyone else (the runners). If a runner gets their flag pulled they must kneel on the ground and wait for another runner to come rescue them by touching their shoulder. Play for a set time or until every flag is pulled. Modify the rules or add your own to make it fun for you!



SOMETHING TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

Around our communities, many have taken it upon themselves to bring a little joy and a smile by creating signs. At Athlos Academy we practice the performance characteristic trait optimism. This means thinking will bright minds and having a positive perspective. Below are pictures to spread the positivity.





Athlos Academy of Utah
2020-2021 Calendar

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First day of school	First day of kindergarten	No school	No school - Teacher P.D.	No school - conferences	Last day of school
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Fall semester	08/17/20 – 1/15/21	Schedule (grades 1–8)	Mon–Thu 8:05 AM–3:05 PM
Spring semester	1/20/21 – 06/04/21		Friday 8:05 AM–1:05 PM
Quarter 1	08/17/20 – 10/16/20	Schedule AM Kinder.	Mon–Thu 8:05 AM–11:05AM
Quarter 2	10/27/20 – 01/15/21		Friday 8:05 AM–10:05AM
Quarter 3	01/20/21 – 03/25/21	Schedule PM Kinder.	Mon–Thu 12:05PM – 3:05PM
Quarter 4	04/05/21 – 06/04/21		Friday 11:05AM – 1:05PM
Total school days / hours	176 days / 1021 hrs	Earliest Drop Off	Mon – Thurs 7:50AM Friday 7:50AM