



# GRIFFIN CHRONICLE



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Athlos families,

I want to thank you all for your continued support and partnership as we continue to navigate this new learning landscape. While times are challenging, I feel we have come together as a community with the common effort of giving the best possible educational experience to our students while also assuring they are physically and mentally healthy.

Whether you are learning from home or learning on campus, we hope your experiences are going well and your children are happy to return to learning. Please always feel free to reach out to myself and the leadership team with feedback. The more feedback we gather, the better we can meet the needs of our students. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mandy Kartchner  
Executive Director

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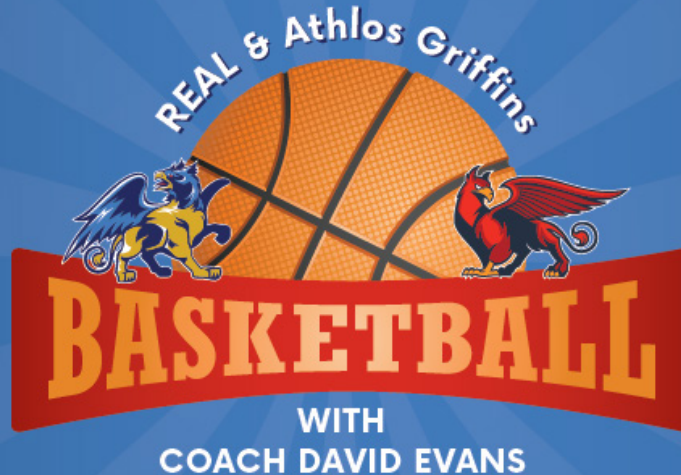
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# BANTAM YOUTH BASKETBALL WITH COACH DAVID EVANS



**Coach David Evans**

**Meet the Coach Kickoff:  
September 11, 5–7 p.m.**

Athlos Academy of Utah

- Meet coach David Evans
- Sign up for boys youth Bantam tryouts (grades 3-8)

**Tryouts: September 16 and 17**

Athlos Academy of Utah

- Grades 3-5 from 6-7:30 p.m.
- Grades 6-8 from 7:30-9 p.m.
- Parent meeting to be held outside from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

## Join REAL Salt Lake Academy, Athlos Academy of Utah, and coach David Evans for boys Bantam basketball!

We are excited to announce a new Bantam youth basketball team opportunity for students in grades 3-8 led by esteemed Coach David Evans, the former head coach at both Wasatch Academy and Lone Peak High School. Coach Evans is known for leading both schools to the High School National Championships, as well as his playing and coaching career at BYU-Hawaii.

Fees for the team will be \$200. Athlos students will receive a discount. Fees include a jersey, shooter shirt, and multiple skill development clinics.

***Students will be permitted in the building after having a temperature check and sanitizing their hands.***

***Parents will not be permitted into the building.***

## LATE STUDENT AND ITEM DROPOFF PROCEDURE UPDATES



Our new procedure for dropping off items in the front office is to call when you arrive at the school and a staff member will unlock the front door for you to come inside the first set of doors and place your items in a cubby. There are sticky notes and pens for you to write your student's name and teacher on it. One of the front office staff will then deliver it to the student for you.

The new procedure for dropping off late students is to pull up to the front of the building and call the front office. One of the front office staff will come out and check the student's temperature and bring them into the building.

It is a similar procedure for checking out your student early. You will need to call the front office when you arrive at the school and one of the front office staff will come out to check your ID and then call your student from their class.



## DONATION! THANK YOU!

Athlos received a donation of backpacks and school supplies from a member of a local non-profit. Thank you Sippy Cups & Chardonnay for your donation to our school!



# New Student Spotlights

## KALLIE



We are excited to welcome Kallie to the Athlos family! She will be entering kindergarten this school year. She says that she is excited to start school with Athlos because she “heard it’s a great school.”

Kallie’s family chose Athlos because they received lots of recommendations.

## DAX

Meet Dax, one of our newest students at Athlos! Dax will be starting kindergarten this year and is excited to start because “I like Athlos!” he said.

Dax’s family chose Athlos for their children because of the class sizes, reputation, and convenience.



## Reminder: Holiday

We are closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7.

**LABOR DAY** 



# MEET THE TEAM:

## SHYLAH POIRIER

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF LOWER SCHOOL  
(K-4) / SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

My name is Shylah Poirier, and this is my first year at Athlos! I am so excited to be here and to learn and grow with everyone!

I have taught special education for 15 years in various settings including elementary, middle school, high school, and the district level as a trainer and behavior specialist for all secondary schools. I have many degrees and certifications! I am a nerd at heart and love going to school and learning more! I currently have a dual bachelor's degree in elementary education/special education, a master's in curriculum and development, an administrative and Leader in Education license, a reading endorsement, an ESL endorsement, and I'm currently working on my math endorsement.

This is just proof that learning never ends, no matter how old you get!

I have been married for almost 15 years and have two beautiful girls - both of whom also attend Athlos and absolutely love it as well!

I am super excited for this school year and to meet everyone and work alongside the best faculty ever!



# MEET THE TEAM:

## KRIS HATCH

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF UPPER SCHOOL (5-8)

I earned my bachelor's degree in physical education from Weber State University and my master's degree in Educational Leadership from Western Governors University. I started my educational career in Wyoming, where I grew up, teaching PE, Health, and Spanish at an alternative school for 7th-12th graders. I then served as the administrator for that school for four years. I then became interested in charter schools and made the move to Utah. The last four years, I worked at Franklin Discovery Academy in Vineyard, where I served as a wellness teacher, a field trip teacher (super fun), and as director.

I am excited to be here at Athlos. Having a PE background, I love the emphasis that Athlos puts on helping students maintain a healthy body. In addition, I love the fact that Athlos incorporates the Performance Character traits. One of my favorite quotes comes from Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "...Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." I feel Athlos encompasses that vision.

I have five wonderful kids and love spending time with them and my wife. We love to travel and experience all the wonderful places and activities this state and nation has to offer. In my free time, I like to play sports and to be outdoors. I enjoy hiking, biking, and just spending time in the woods. Being in nature is my happy place.

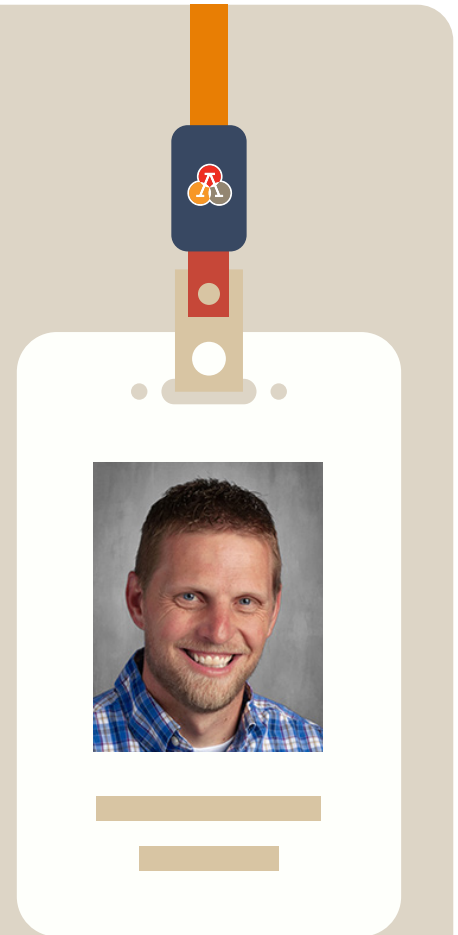
Although each is important, one of the performance character traits that resonates with me is humility. I love the idea of letting your actions and accomplishments speak for themselves. I believe we tend to talk too much and want to make ourselves sound impressive, instead of just doing what we should do and realizing we are all humans who make mistakes and have weaknesses.

When it comes to humility, there are two examples that come to mind: George Washington and Barry Sanders. George Washington, our first president, didn't really want the limelight but was willing to step up and serve when he was asked by his fellow countrymen. Barry Sanders, a Hall of Fame running back who played for the Detroit Lions, never really celebrated when he scored a touchdown. He just handed the ball to the ref. He had many opportunities to be boastful and to showboat, but he really did let his accomplishments speak for themselves.

I would say my best quality as an educator is that I enjoy participating in the activities with the students. As a PE teacher, my students enjoyed the fact that I would perform the exercises with them and play some of the games with them. This helped us have enjoyable moments together, which helped build relationships.

## 3 INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME

- 1 I grew up in a state with more cattle than humans! That would be Wyoming!
- 2 I love being outdoors and have visited all five national parks in Utah.
- 3 I've had a stingray swim over my face and whole body! It was awesome!



# Run the Athlos Network!

4,800 miles



This school year the Athlos community is invited to participate in “Run the Athlos Network!” This is a virtual “run” to support the Healthy Body element of our program.

The route follows schools in our network, as well as Athlos Academies Homecourt.

## THE ROUTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN: Athlos Leadership Academy, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

JOINED THE ATHLOS NETWORK: 2012  
Athlos Academy of St. Cloud, Minnesota

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JOINED THE ATHLOS NETWORK: 2016

Homecourt in Boise, Idaho

Athlos Academy of Utah, Herriman

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JOINED THE ATHLOS NETWORK: 2016  
Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish, Terrytown, Louisiana

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JOINED THE ATHLOS NETWORK: 2018  
And then ends up back at Athlos Leadership Academy, Brooklyn Park

You can run the route with us as we travel the combined distance between all of our Athlos network schools. We will provide updates throughout the school year on our progress!

**Who can participate?** The whole Athlos community, including staff, students, and family members (pets too if you share a photo).

**What's the distance?** 4,800 miles.

**What counts?** Anything that counts as physical movement, this includes running, walking, hiking, biking, etc. Bonus points if you share photos or video!

**How to report miles?** You can message us on any of our social media channels or email us your miles at [social@athlosacademies.org](mailto:social@athlosacademies.org).

**Let's run the Athlos network together!**

# SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 No School – Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Meet the Coach Kickoff	12	13
14	15	16 Basketball tryouts	17 Basketball tryouts	18	19	20
21	22	23 Vision screening	24	25	26	27
28	29 School photos	30	1	2	3	4