



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Athlos families,

We're in the final stretch of learning leading up to the holiday season! This time of year can be exciting for students and can distract them from school work. We are working to ensure students are engaged, focused, and putting in all of their effort during learning.

Each year during the holiday season, we see an increase in absences as families are taking prolonged vacations. We want to reinforce the importance of attendance, especially with our minimized learning time in the past several months due to COVID-19.

As families come together for the holidays, we want to take a moment to remind everyone to continue taking all precautions to stay healthy. We are so proud of the work our students, staff, and families are putting in for the health and wellbeing of our school community. We couldn't do it without your continued support!

Breaks from school are also great times to take advantage of reading time and opportunities for physical activity. There's still time to participate in PBS Reading Marathon and Run the Athlos Network. See pages 4 and 5 for details.

Sincerely,
Mandy Kartchner
Executive Director

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THE MORE YOU KNOW UPDATES AND REMINDERS



COVID-19 INFORMATION

STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO QUALIFY TO BE TESTED AS PART OF THE STATE'S "LOW-RISK TEST AND RETURN" OPTION MUST REGISTER FOR A RAPID TEST AT MAVERIK ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR FRIDAY. THE REGISTRATION LINK IS ON THE ATTACHED FLYER.

You qualify for the low-risk test and return option if:

1. You were exposed at school and the school verifies that you AND the person who exposed you were both wearing a face covering at all times.
2. You do not have symptoms of COVID-19.
3. 7 days have passed since you were exposed

Click below to view the flyer that explains and includes the registration link.

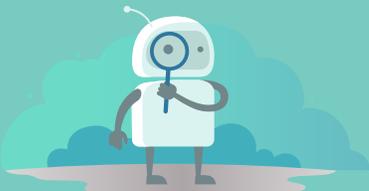
All other testing needs, including for symptomatic people, should be addressed by visiting the state's test site locator. The Maverik site is included there along with the appropriate registration link, should an individual choose that site.

COVID STUDENT QUARANTINE AND TESTING FLYER ▶

[VIEW HERE](#)

LOST AND FOUND

We have multiple items in our lost and found. If your child is missing an item, please visit the front office during office hours M-Th 7:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. and F 7:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. As a reminder, please label your child's belongings.



THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be no school Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving break.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CARLY HOOPER

THIRD-GRADE TEACHER

Carly Hooper graduated from Southern Utah University with a degree in elementary education and ran hurdles on the track and field team. She is currently working on her master's degree in curriculum and instruction through Western Governors University. This is her second year teaching, both which have been at Athlos Academy. In her free time, Ms. Hooper enjoys playing volleyball, running, hiking, and other outdoor activities. She loves spending time with family and friends.

"My favorite character trait is grit. I think grit is a necessity because you will face different challenges in your life. By having grit, you are able to achieve your goals and push through the hard times with an upbeat attitude. True grit is staying in the game even after your mistakes or hardships."

FUN FACTS ABOUT MS. HOOPER

I played volleyball for two years at a junior college then ran track for three years at Southern Utah University.

I got married in May.

I can touch my nose with my tongue.



BREANNA BELTRAN

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Breanna Beltran has been a teacher for seven years in Mexico, California, and Utah. This is her second year at Athlos.

Her favorite thing about Athlos is athletic movement and incorporating movement into all of her lessons. Her favorite character trait is creativity because she loves to come up with new ways to make lessons come alive and also see how the children use their own creativity to solve problems.

FUN FACT ABOUT MS. BELTRAN

Ms. Beltran has been to 15 countries and has taught ESL or kindergarten in 3 of them. (El Salvador, Iraq, and Mexico)



Run the Athlos Network!

4,800 miles



JOIN THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CHALLENGE

STUDENTS, STAFF AND ATHLOS FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO RUN THE ATHLOS NETWORK. THE ROUTE CIRCUMNAVIGATES THE THREE ATHLOS ACADEMY SCHOOLS AND HOME COURT, FROM MINNESOTA TO LOUISIANA TO UTAH TO IDAHO. THIS IS PART OF THE HEALTHY BODY PILLAR OF ATHLOS ACADEMY.

HOW TO ENTER: Share your miles and activity type with Bryan Bennion. He will keep track of miles and choose winners at the end of the month. Most importantly, be sure to share your photos on social media using the hashtags #athlosnetrun and #teamathlos and send photo submissions to social@athlosacademies.org.

CREATIVITY

What's the most creative way you can complete the route? Staff and students can run, walk, ski, bike, swim or longboard! Wear a crazy hat or bring your dog.

GRIT

Grit is about overcoming obstacles with perseverance. This prize will go to the staff and students with the most miles.

PRIZES!

\$25 Amazon Gift Cards for 2 students and 2 staff members



DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

PBS UTAH READING MARATHON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30



READING MARATHON
NOVEMBER 2020



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE PBS UTAH 28TH ANNUAL READING MARATHON, WHERE ADVENTURE AWAITS!

If students read 20 minutes each day in November, they can earn an Adventure Pass that can be used for free admission to a variety of local adventure locations:

Discovery Gateway: Free Child Admission

Red Butte Garden: Free Child Admission

Hogle Zoo: Free Child Admission

The City Library: Free Book

Intermountain Therapy Animals: Free Book

Tracy Aviary: Free Child Admission

Natural History Museum of Utah: Free Child Admission

Utah Museum of Contemporary Art: Free Family Admission

Ogden Nature Center: Free Family Admission

Utah Symphony: Free Child Admission

We are excited to be promoting the PBS Utah Reading Marathon in November.

or other communications. We will be having rewards for the top classes in each grade who have greatest percentage of students completing the reading marathon.

pbsutah.org/28th-annual-reading-marathon

Kindergarten through sixth grade students will be able to earn an Adventure Pass to a variety of locations in Utah. They need to read 20 minutes each day, November 1st-30th. Students received paper copies of the reading logs and teachers are sending links in Classroom Dojo, emails,

Don't have books at home or time to visit the library? Let the library come to you with the Libby app. The Libby app provides free access digital books from the library. The Salt Lake County library participates in this resource. <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>. Library cards are required, and they are also free. This is a great way to read for the reading marathon and to keep reading throughout the winter months. Students can use a computer, tablet or phone.

AAU GRIFFINS FLY INTO PBS KIDS UTAH READING MARATHON

BY PAYTON MCDONALD, NAYLA MARTINEZ, JEANETTE SIMONSEN



**I DO BELIEVE SOMETHING
VERY MAGICAL CAN
HAPPEN WHEN YOU READ
A BOOK**

-J. K. ROWLING

Hey, parents! Do your kids like to read? If so, they—and you—are in luck, because Athlos Academy Utah is participating in the 28th annual PBS KIDS Utah Reading Marathon.

The Reading Marathon is an exciting way to take time out of kids' busy days to learn to love books and earn the prize of a better education or discovering new worlds and people. "The ability to read is important for our students at Athlos," explains AAU Reading Specialist Kristen McIff, "because in almost everything we do we need to read."

And even if your kids don't like to read yet, they are still in luck because anyone who fully participates in this fun program gets a reward.

The Reading Marathon challenges all AAU students to read 20 minutes a day, each day, throughout the month of November (30 days). Students in preschool to sixth grade can win an Adventure Pass, which allows its holder free admission to some Utah's coolest attractions: Hoogle Zoo, Discover Gateway, the Utah Symphony, and many other hot spots around the valley.

Seventh and eighth graders are also encouraged to take on the Reading Marathon challenge. "We want to encourage all our students to read for at least 20 minutes each day," McIff adds, "so we have included seventh- and eighth-grade students in our school-wide incentives." AAU middle-schoolers can win free books in regular drawings and seventh- and eighth-grade classrooms can qualify for special "Top Class" honors and privileges.

So don't waste another minute: Click on the "Adventure Awaits" banner at athlosutah.org for complete rules and information...and don't forget to download a reading log before you leave. 📖

THANKSGIVING STUDENT SURVEY



Malakia Chaney- 6TH

ARE YOU GUYS GOING ANYWHERE FOR THANKSGIVING?

I usually go to my cousin's house with lots of my mom's side of the family, but this time we are going to our grandparents house.

DO YOU GUYS HELP MAKE ANY OF THE DINNER ITEMS?

Not really

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE ABOUT THANKSGIVING?

Nope I love Thanksgiving

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT FOR THANKSGIVING?

Pumpkin pie for sure

WHAT ARE YOU MOST THANKFUL FOR?

My whole family



Addison Shawell- 2ND

ARE YOU GOING TO BE DOING THE READING MARATHON?

Yes

ARE YOU GOING ANYWHERE FOR THANKSGIVING?

Just going to stay home

DO YOU HELP MAKE ANY OF THE DINNERS?

Sometimes. I will this year.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THANKSGIVING?

Spending time with family

ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE ABOUT THANKSGIVING?

I would change that you won't kill turkeys

WHAT ARE YOU MOST THANKFUL FOR?

For my family



Easton Rutterrossdaldez- 2ND

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?

Dog Man

ARE YOU GOING ANYWHERE FOR THANKSGIVING?

We're going to go have dinner at my grandparent's house

DO YOU HELP MAKE ANY OF THE DINNERS?

Sometimes

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THANKSGIVING?

The part where you eat!

ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE ABOUT THANKSGIVING?

I would change that people would stop talking so much and just eat!

WHAT ARE YOU MOST THANKFUL FOR?

For all the people I know



Jordan Crandall - 6TH

ARE YOU GUYS GOING ANYWHERE FOR THANKSGIVING?

Just going to go to my grandma's

DO YOU GUYS HELP MAKE ANY OF THE DINNER ITEMS?

I make a cake

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE ABOUT THANKSGIVING?

Nope

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT FOR THANKSGIVING?

Strawberry ice cream

WHAT ARE YOU MOST THANKFUL FOR?

My friends and family



Boston Strictlan- 4TH

ARE YOU DOING THE READING MARATHON?

Kinda

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?

Dog Man

ARE YOU GOING ANYWHERE FOR THANKSGIVING?

Nope

DO YOU HELP MAKE DINNER?

Yeah, always

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THANKSGIVING?

Hanging out with family and friends and dinner and helping cook

WHAT ARE YOU MOST THANKFUL FOR?

Family, house, food, and life



Casen Bassett- 4TH

ARE YOU DOING THE READING MARATHON?

Yes!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?

Over the Rings

ARE YOU GOING ANYWHERE FOR THANKSGIVING?

No, I am staying home

DO YOU HELP MAKE DINNER FOR THANKSGIVING?

Yeah, but I only do dessert; I make brownies

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THANKSGIVING?

Hanging out with the family and friends. But it might not happen because of the coronavirus.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST THANKFUL FOR?

For family, and for water.

MESSAGE FROM THE PTO



ATHLOS ACADEMY OF UTAH
PTO

**\$5 INDIVIDUAL
\$8 DUAL**

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**PLEASE INCLUDE THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

**NAME OF MEMBERS(PARENTS)
EMAIL ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER
STUDENT'S TEACHER(S)**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**