



# GRIFFIN CHRONICLE



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Athlos families,

This school year is flying by! I am amazed by the progress that I see each day as I visit classrooms. Teachers and students are working hard to fulfill our mission! As we enter the holiday season and a very long break, I ask that each family read 20 minutes per day with your children. We have gained a lot of academic momentum and we want to keep it up. Statistics show if you read to or with your child 20 minutes daily starting in kindergarten, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by sixth grade and will likely score better than 90 percent of their peers on standardized tests. Please join us in challenging your family to read, read, read!

Congratulations to every student who participated in the PBS Utah Reading Marathon.

I hope you all enjoy your holiday break. I am grateful to be part of such a giving and caring community.

Sincerely,  
Mandy Kartchner  
Executive Director



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## ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

A LOTTERY WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2021. STUDENTS MAY STILL APPLY AFTER FEBRUARY 24, BUT MAY BE PUT ON A WAITLIST.

SPREAD THE WORD TO FUTURE ATHLOS FAMILIES!

## SCHOOL TOURS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER SCHOOL BY APPOINTMENT.

Several of our teachers are volunteer ambassadors for the school and will give personal tours to families. Our volunteer ambassadors include: Susan Ellermeier, Justin Williams, Nick Grundhauser, and James Bentz.

When asked why she wants families to enroll in Athlos, Mrs. Ellermeier said, "I love Athlos because of our three pillar approach. I believe that kids learn best, educationally, when they have a healthy body and embody good character traits. We have amazing staff who work hard to bring all the pillars into their teaching."

To schedule a tour, email Courtney Haacke at [chaacke@athlosutah.org](mailto:chaacke@athlosutah.org)



Mrs. Ellermeier

CHRISTMAS STORY CONTEST



# ATHLOS CHRISTMAS SHORT STORY CONTEST

## ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

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- All Athlos' students may participate. A winner from each grade level K-8 will be selected (grades 7th and 8th will be combined).
- Only one entry per person will be accepted
- Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Students may conference with parents, teachers, and/or peers on their work.
- Entries can be non-fiction or fiction.
- Entries must include mention of at least one Athlos Performance Character Trait.
- Each entry must be submitted with the signature of a parent/guardian or a teacher, confirming that the story is original.
- **Short stories may be submitted to Miss Jessica via in-person (returned to Room 305) or email (sent to [jwinward@athlosutah.org](mailto:jwinward@athlosutah.org)) by 1:30pm on Friday, December 18th.**
- Winners will be announced and rewarded Friday, January 8th.

### SHORT STORY FORMATTING

- Text should be printed and eligible (preferably typed).
- Short stories entered should include a title as well as the full name and grade of the student.
- All stories should have a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 800 words.

### RETURN OF ENTRIES

Short stories must be submitted by December 18th and will not be returned, so please retain a copy for yourself.



# RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



In sharing the holiday spirit, students have been “tagged” in a Random Act of Kindness (ROAK) challenge. All students have been given a card that encourages them to do something kind for someone else and then leave behind the ROAK card, which challenges the other person to then pay it forward with an act of kindness. Ask your student about their random act of kindness!

## MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERS

### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? WHAT ARE YOU MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?

One of my main hobbies is working with my horse named Pepper, also nicknamed “Pepperoni Pizza” or “Peppy.” He loves pizza and glazed donuts. I also love to sew and am actually in the 4-H sewing group and the 4-H horse program. Some of the things I am most passionate about are my dream job (being a pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon), attending the University of Utah, as well as being a successful older sister to my 3 younger siblings and a successful future parent.

### WHAT UNIQUE QUALITIES DO YOU BRING TO ATHLOS STUDENT COUNCIL?

I try to bring a great attitude and lots of ideas for all ages to benefit Athlos’ students. I also bring a great amount of the Performance Character traits.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PERFORMANCE CHARACTER TRAIT AND WHY?

My favorite Performance Character trait is social intelligence. I think social intelligence is really important to become a good citizen because if it’s hard to socialize and put yourself in other people’s shoes, it will be hard to make friends, have good grades, and more things.

### IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE THE ATHLOS STUDENT BODY TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I have been at Athlos since it opened, which means I have been here for 5 years! I want to give back to the school. I also have had many leadership opportunities in 4-H, like junior teen council, horse ambassadors, and community services.

MEET OTHER ATHLOS STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THE WEBSITE. STUDENT COUNCIL - ATHLOS ACADEMY OF UTAH (ATHLOSUTAH.ORG)



**PAYTON**  
STUDENT BODY  
PRESIDENT



# THE MORE YOU KNOW UPDATES AND REMINDERS

## THE JORDAN FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER IS OFFERING A SEMINAR FOR ADULTS ENTITLED SAFEGUARDING OUR YOUTH:

A seminar for parents addressing bullying, internet safety, child sexual abuse, substance use and abuse, and suicide prevention. This seminar will be held on Wednesday evening, January 12, 2021 and on Tuesday evening, February 16, 2021 from 6:00-7:30pm. Parents who would like to attend the seminar can call the Jordan Family Education Center at (801) 565-7442 to register. There is no cost to participate in the class. COVID-19 regulations will be in place with limited class size, social distancing, and extra cleaning.

## COLDER TEMPERATURES ARE HERE.

Please dress your kids accordingly. They will be going out to recess as usual. We do still have some donated Athlos jackets available if your student needs one. Call the front office to see if there is a size available for your student.



## WE ARE HAVING AN UPTICK IN STUDENTS COMING TO SCHOOL WITHOUT MASKS.

Face coverings must be in place before students exit their cars. Looking for ways to organize your masks and keep them clean and ready for the next day? Check out this link: Our Simple System For Organizing & Washing Face Masks ([smallstuffcounts.com](http://smallstuffcounts.com))



WINTER  
**SALE**  
DECEMBER  
7-13

**THE ANNUAL WINTER  
APPAREL SALE ENDS AT  
MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 13.**

NO COUPON CODE IS NECESSARY.

# ATHLETIC MOVEMENT IN JANUARY

Here's a sneak peek at some of the skills and/or sports our students will be doing in athletic movement next month! Remember that as the weather changes, students will need to bring tennis shoes to school with them or they may be asked to sit out of certain activities.



## **K AND 1ST:**

Skipping, tossing, jumping, carrying, and rolling



## **2ND AND 3RD:**

Dribbling a soccer ball through traffic, receiving a hockey pass while moving, jumping off two feet, throwing a frisbee, and hitting a badminton birdie



## **4TH AND 5TH:**

Volleyball bumping, Frisbee throwing, Basketball dribbling, and spikeball passing



## **6TH - 8TH:**

Volleyball spiking, Frisbee catching, the hockey stop movement, and hip hinging

# 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](mailto: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 READING MARATHON WRAP-UP



**WE HAVE COMPLETED THE PBS READING MARATHON. THANKS TO KRISTEN MCIFFF FOR ORGANIZING THE EVENT FOR THE SCHOOL.**

**WE HAD SOME GREAT PARTICIPATION. WE HOPE THAT STUDENTS FOUND ENJOYMENT IN READING ALL OF NOVEMBER.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS THAT QUALIFIED FOR A FREE ADVENTURE PASS.**

Parents will need to log in to [pbsutah.org/reading](https://pbsutah.org/reading) to fill out their child's reading information and download the Adventure pass. The deadline is December 15.

**DRUM ROLL PLEASE! HERE ARE WINNERS:**

Dress down day - We have a tie between Whittaker and Bowen classes, so they will both win.  
Pizza Party (for the grades that participated) This will be part of their Christmas party.  
Bowen  
Ellermier  
Whittaker

**WINNERS PER GRADE:**

\$10 Amazon card and Griffin Hoodie

K – Nason Brock Woolf and Hayden Sorensen

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1- Jameson Bennett

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2 - Joshua Wooten

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3- Jacob Robbins

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4 - TIE - Kylie Wooten and Thatcher Purser

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5 -Melia Bonner

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6- Savannah Karr

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7/8 - no participants.