



GRIFFIN CHRONICLE



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am so excited to see all the growth the students are making in reading! We are getting closer every day to reaching our goal of having 80% of our students reading at or above grade level by the end of the school year. The combined efforts of teachers, parents and our school reading team are really showing! Since the beginning of the year, students in grades K-8 increased reading scores by 17%. Let's keep the ball rolling and go above and beyond that 80%!

Keep on reading!

Sincerely,
Mandy Kartchner
Executive Director

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TIPS TO ENCOURAGE READING AT HOME



HERE ARE **FIVE TIPS** TO ENCOURAGE A READING FRIENDLY HOME:

1

MODEL A POSITIVE READING EXPERIENCE-LET KIDS SEE YOU HAVE A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH LEARNING AND READING.

2

SET ASIDE DESIGNATED READING-TOGETHER TIME-ONE ON ONE TIME IS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE.

3

FILL YOUR HOME WITH BOOKS-HAVING BOOKS AT HOME CAN CREATE A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

4

SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE LEARNING PROCESS-SHOW SUPPORT IN ALL THE READING ACTIVITIES YOUR CHILD IS INVOLVED IN.

5

MAKE READING PART OF DAILY LIFE-READING IN NOT SOMETHING WE DO FOR SCHOOL.



"PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INFLUENCES ON KIDS IN DEVELOPING STRONG LITERACY SKILLS AND A POSITIVE LEARNING ATTITUDE THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME."

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Kristen McIff, Athlos Academy's Reading Specialist, encourages families to have their students read at least twenty minutes each day. She wrote, "The tri-annual Acadience Reading Assessment is almost complete for all kindergarten through fourth-grade students. We have seen improvement in every grade. There is still much ground to be covered. We encourage all families to have their students read at least twenty minutes each day, out loud is even better.

Athlos Academy of Utah offers some online learning platforms called Let's Go Learn (letsgolearn.com) and Waterford (waterford.org) to supplement your child's education. Students should be using these interactive

adaptive learning programs twenty minutes each day as well.

You can access these accounts through your child's Clever accounts.

Log in and check out how your student is progressing. See what lessons they might need to review and celebrate the successes they have achieved.

Persistent parental support at home is an indicator of a child's educational success. Reading is one task especially important for support at home to help in the student's reading progression."

BOARD APPROVES 9TH GRADE – JR. HIGH



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**DEAR ATHLOS
FAMILIES,**

You can help Athlos Academy grow so that we can continue offering our unique model of education for the whole child. Help your friends and neighbors Discover the Athlos Edge! Tell them about Athlos Jr. High, offering sports, clubs, unique electives and more!

ATHLOS JUNIOR HIGH

Athlos Academy of Utah is now enrolling *junior high* students in grades 7–9.





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ON DRIVELINE
PROCEDURES
AND REVIEW OUR
SAFETY POLICIES**

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As we continue through these winter months, please remember to take your time and follow the Driveline rules. Please remember to pull all the way through Driveline rather than stopping or parking in undesignated areas, please signal when pulling out and look for other cars and children. Student safety is our number one priority during drop-off and dismissal. Please review and follow the Driveline rules to assure all students are safe during these times.

All families who drive their students to school **MUST** use Driveline this year to accommodate our health regulations regarding drop off.

THE MORE YOU KNOW



COLDER TEMPERATURES ARE HERE.

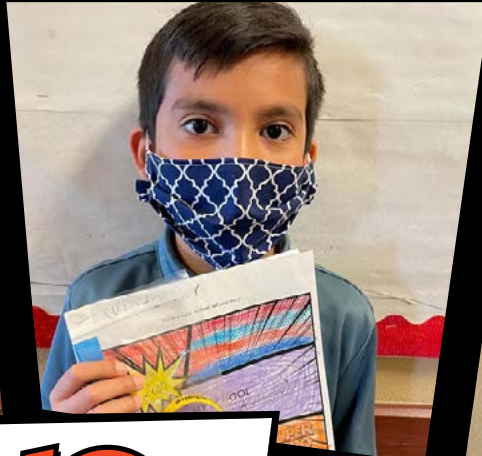
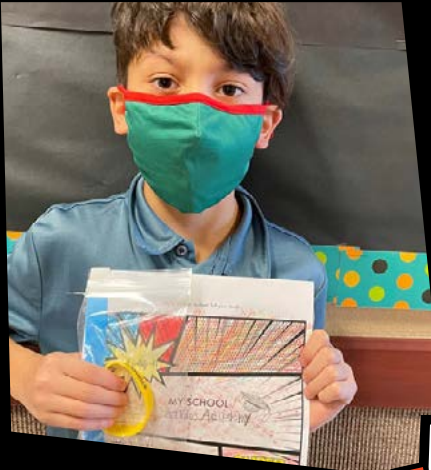
Please dress your kids accordingly. They will be going out to recess as usual. We do still have some donated Athlos jackets available if your student needs one. Call the front office to see if there is a size available for your student.



LOST AND FOUND IS FULL AGAIN!

Please check lost and found for your child's clothing. Please call the front desk at (801) 438-4619 and we will let you in to check lost and found. Thank you!

STUDENTS CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK



WOW!



Students celebrated National School Choice Week with activity sheets highlighting their Super Hero qualities and what they love about Athlos Academy. Bracelets and stickers were given to students to celebrate choice in public education.

Thanks to all you participated!

MEET THE TEAM:

STACY TONOZZI

4TH GRADE TEACHER

My name is Stacy Tonozzi, Mrs. Tonozzi, or Mrs. T. This is my first-year teaching at Althos Academy, and I am LOVING it! Both the administration and teaching staff have welcomed me with open arms; I feel grateful to be a part of a positive and encouraging team.

Over the course of my teaching experience, I somehow have accomplished a very diverse background, teaching reading, interventions, math interventions, third grade, sixth grade, honors math classes and even a few college

lectures. My favorite subjects to teach are math, art and history.

In the summer months, I spend my time with my family and my two dogs! We are an outdoorsy and adventurous family enjoying everything from hiking, ATVs, fly fishing, road trips, and rafting.

I live my life by two quotes...

"if you do NOTHING, nothing will happen..."

and

"Keep Moving Forward..."



FUN FACTS:



I have a Springer Spaniel Named Lenny & a Lab named Antone



I Fly Fish all Summer Long!



I also work as a professional artist

VACATION POLICY

Spring break is March 29-April 2. There is also no school on Friday, March 26 for Teacher Professional Development.

Please schedule your family vacation during this time. We

want our students to benefit from as much classroom instruction as possible, especially before the spring testing begins.

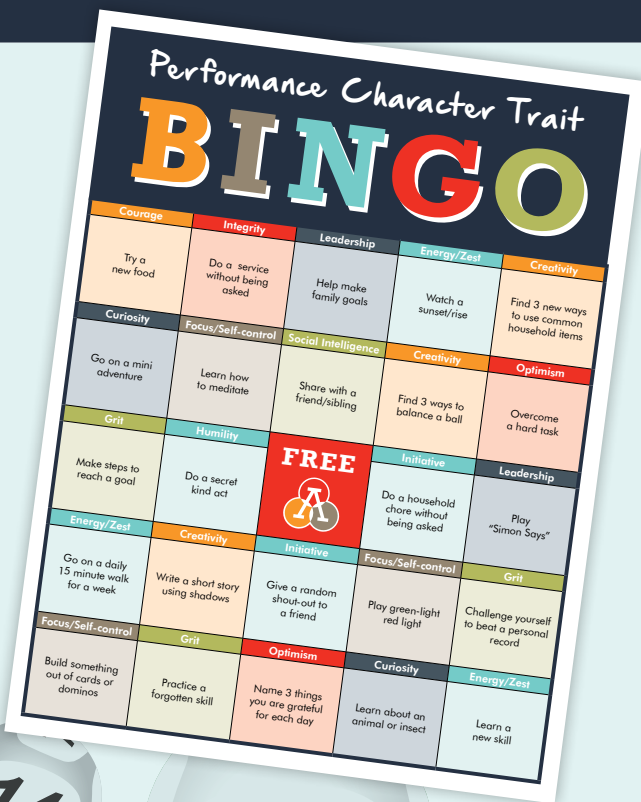
If you are planning on taking

your student out of school for a family vacation and they will miss more than 4 days of school, you need to fill out a vacation form in the front office and it will need to be approved by admin.



Performance Character Trait BINGO

Athlos families are invited to play BINGO with the Performance Character card at home. Print off the card or pick one up at the front desk. Once you have four across, diagonal, or down, post a photo on social media or email the photo to social @athlosacademies.org and we will share it on our social media pages. If you provide a photo of your child or your family doing any of the activities (like performing a chore at home), we will also share that on social media. This is a great way to reinforce the Athlos model at home and help your children learn Performance Character both in and out of school.



 **DOWNLOAD**

PTO



BIG THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS AND THE PTO FOR DONATING MUCH NEEDED CLASSROOM SUPPLIES!

Start getting ready for our annual Lip Sync Battle. More information to come. Virtual lip sync battle will happen in Feb check FB and flyers for more info. Get creative, get the cameras out and become a star! The videos will be posted and voted on later in the month.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF MAKING DECISIONS FOR OUR SCHOOL AND PLANNING FUN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR FAMILIES, PLEASE JOIN OUR PTO.

AAUTPTO@GMAIL OR CALL BONNIE 801-688-7481.