



United: For Good



February

Newsletter of the NEBO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

2010



Leadership Message

I recently read an article on choosing happiness, which started me

thinking about why I chose to become a teacher. One of the main reasons is that teaching brings me great happiness.

I know that we as teachers sometimes feel underappreciated and overwhelmed by our teaching loads. We feel a lot of pressure from administrators, parents, and legislative mandates.

So, I would like you all to know that you are appreciated. I want to thank you for choosing to be a professional teacher. Thank you for spending many more hours than your job requires to make sure that your students are successful and enriched. Thanks also to those who have chosen to be a part of our professional teaching association. Together we can advocate for programs that will help us and our students to be more successful. After all, who knows more about what students need than those of us who are with them each day?

I am proud to be a teacher and rub shoulders with all the great teachers of Nebo School District. Thank you for your dedication and professionalism, and for making a difference in the lives of your students everyday. Thank you for choosing to become teacher!

RuthAnn Roach
Springville Area Representative



With Your Rep.

• How do I contact my legislators (or find out who they even are)?

Ask YOUR Association:

Q: What is a neighborhood caucus meeting and why is it important?

A: Bi-annually, voting precincts (areas of neighborhood size) meet to select a few citizens to serve as delegates to the county and state conventions. The caucus meeting is a crucial part of the political process here in Utah. **It is where the average citizen has the most impact** – especially here in Utah County.

The delegates elected are just regular folks who want to make a difference. These delegates have the real political "clout" in the process. Candidates for the Utah Legislature will be selected by delegates at the county convention and candidates for Congress will be selected by the delegates at the State Convention. Therefore, in Utah Co. the election essentially happens at the Republican conventions rather than at the polls, since the vast majority of elected officials in Utah Co. are Republican.

Any registered voter within a precinct may run as a delegate. One doesn't need any specific knowledge of the process, just a willingness to represent their precinct. **Again, it is these delegates who really choose our elected officials on the state and federal level.** Make sure to take several friends/family to support, nominate and vote for you if you intend to run for a delegate position. It may be a bit intimidating, but it's not difficult. Avoid being defensive on any issue and enjoy the process. This is one instance where a single voice can truly make a difference.



2009 Legislative Session updates can be found at:

<http://www.utea.org/politics/Legislation/legislativeInformation/index.htm>.

Say What?

Not wanting to make a big announcement to my students, I assumed they would figure out I was pregnant as time went on and my belly grew. Well, one day after school a group of three 5th graders came to my room looking very concerned. I was nearing my 8th month of pregnancy. "Mrs. Bohon," one said. "Are you pregnant?" I laughed and said, "Yes, I sure am!" They all let out a sigh of relief and one said, "Oh good! We were worried you were just getting fat!"

Lindsey Bohon Wilson
Elementary - Special Ed.



"Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in."

- Abraham Lincoln

