

## District getting ready for '10-'11 school year

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ST. GEORGE — The Washington County School District is filled with excitement and anticipation as it gears up for the upcoming school year.

Max Rose, superintendent, said even with budget cuts throughout the district he doesn't think the reductions will affect students.

"We've bent over backwards to make sure that nothing affects the students," he said. "We have really tried hard to make sure classroom students haven't been affected so at the beginning of the year it'll be business as usual."

The only thing that possibly would impact students is teachers maintaining their morale after taking salary cuts and losing school days.

"I think the teachers will teaching and keep the morale — that's with my optimistic feeling that people will still want to do a quality job," he said.

This year school begins Aug. 11. Although it's fairly early, Rose said, it's not because the district wanted students to come back to school sooner.

"It was just the function of the calendar. We didn't want the first semester to go into Christmas break," he said.

Rex Wilkey, assistant superintendent of elementary education, said students can register for elementary school three days before school starts, on Aug. 6-9.

This year, Wilkey said, teachers will have a more organized literacy program, for which many of the teachers have gone through training.

"I'm excited about the continuity of the literacy program. We'll be able to be on the same page," Wilkey said.

All subjects taught in elementary classrooms will have a more consistent flow among all the schools.

"We're getting more and more organized. It's going to be a fun school year in that way," Wilkey said. "We're just going to have some consistency so if they move to a different school it won't matter."

Both Wilkey and Rose are excited about the new year.

"I want to get rolling," Wilkey said.

Rose said he remembers when he was in elementary school. He said he has that same feeling now.

"It's a feeling of 'yahoo!', school's back in session," Rose said. "It just seems like the right thing to do every year in the fall."

Marshall Topham, assistant superintendent for secondary education, said one of the goals for secondary education this year is to improve response to intervention for all students who need it.

"We want to have programs in place for those stu-

dents who are struggling, where they can get additional time and help during the school day based on what they need," Topham said.

The district is also making a big push toward safety. Topham is in Maryland going through training procedures on how to handle emergency situations from earthquakes to intruders.

Meanwhile, Topham said the administration and school employees continue to be hopeful for increased enrollment.

"This year it seems we're increasing a little bit, although conservatively, growth is still good," he said.

Topham also likes the beginning of the school year.

"There's just a lot of excitement in the air; it's a new beginning," he said. "Kids are getting back together, and there's a renewed commitment and setting goals."

### NEXT WEEK: IRON COUNTY

To see registration information for the Iron County School District, please check back next Friday on our Learning page.



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Janda Macie fills out the registration paperwork for her son Mikey, who will be attending Coral Canyon Elementary School for the first time, on the first day of classes in this file photo.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY REGISTRATION INFORMATION

School is almost here again for the 2010-11 year. The following are registration times for schools in the Washington County School District.

The following documents are required for registration: Proof of immunizations or waiver from the Utah Public Health Department, birth certificate or other reliable proof (affidavit) of the student's identity, transcript or report card (secondary). Please note that some schools may require proof of residency.

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- All elementary schools except Enterprise — Aug. 4 to 6 and 9 to 10, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. No appointment necessary.
- Enterprise Elementary — Aug. 11 to 13 and 16 to 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. No appointment necessary.
- Kindergarten children who have not previously registered and will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 may also register on the dates listed above.

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Fees must be paid before students can pick-up their schedule.

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS (GRADES 6 AND 7)

- Fossil Ridge Intermediate (652-4706) — 383 S. Mall Drive, Grade 6: Aug. 4, 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Grade 7: Aug. 5, 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Open Registration: Aug. 6 and 9, 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- Hurricane Intermediate (635-8931) — 1325 S. 700 West. Open Registration: Aug. 5 to 6. No appointment necessary.
- Lava Ridge Intermediate (652-4742) — 2425 Rachel Drive. Open Registration: Aug. 5 to 6. No appointment necessary. Pay fees and pick-up schedule: Aug. 10.
- Sunrise Ridge Intermediate (652-4772) — 3167 S. 2350 East. Grade 6: Aug. 4, 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Grade 7: Aug. 5, 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Open Registration: Aug. 6 and 9, 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- Tonaquint Intermediate (688-2238) — 1210 Curley Hollow Drive. Grade 6: Aug. 4, 8 to 11 a.m. and Noon to 2 p.m. No appointment necessary. Grade 7: Aug. 5, 8 to 11 a.m. and Noon to 2 p.m. No appointment necessary. Open Registration: Aug. 6. No appointment necessary.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS (GRADES 8 AND 9)

- Desert Hills Middle (628-0001) — 1936 E. Desert Hills Drive. Aug. 5 to 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 9 to 10, pay fees and pick-up schedule.
- Dixie Middle (628-0441) — 825 S. 100 East. Aug. 5 to 6. No appointment necessary.
- Hurricane Middle (635-4634) — 395 N. 200 West. Aug. 2 to 6 and 9 to 10. No appointment necessary.
- Pine View Middle (628-7915) — 2145 E. 130 North. Aug. 5 to 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 9 to 10 pay fees and pick up schedule.
- Snow Canyon Middle (674-6474) — 1215 N. Lava Flow Drive. Aug. 5 to 6. Call school for an appointment.

#### HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 10 TO 12)

- Desert Hills High (674-0885) — 828 E. Desert Hills Drive. On or after Aug. 2, call school for an appointment.
- Dixie High (673-4682) — 350 E. 700 South. On or after Aug. 2, call school for an appointment.
- Enterprise High (878-2248) — 565 S. 200 East. On or after Aug. 9, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.
- Hurricane High (635-3280) — 345 W. Tiger Blvd. Aug. 4 to 6. Call school for an appointment.
- Millcreek High (628-2462) — 2410 E. Riverside Drive. By referral only.
- Pine View High (628-5255) — 2850 E. 750 North. On or after Aug. 2, call school for an appointment.
- Snow Canyon High (634-1967) — 1385 N. Lava Flow Drive. On or after Aug. 2, call school for an appointment.

## Grants available for programs in American history

For The Spectrum

The Utah Humanities Council has announced the continuation of an initiative called "We The People." Funded by a special appropriation from Congress to the National Endowment for the Humanities, "We The People" supports programs that explore significant events, people and themes in American history.

The Utah Humanities Council invites grant proposals that focus on advancing the public's knowledge of America's past and the principles that define our nation.

Examples of projects that may fit UHC's criteria for a "We The People" grant include, but are not limited to:

- An exhibition, public lecture, symposium, or conference that explores any theme, event or issue associated with American history and culture. Applicants should feel free to explore the full breadth of the American experience. Topics in social, political and cultural history — immigration, ethnicity, popular entertainment and race relations, for example — will be considered.
- Development and production of a documentary film on one or more aspects of America's past with a planned public screening.
- A program designed to give public audiences a historical explanation of the work of an American artist, author or poet.
- A seminar or public lecture series that focuses on the place of Utah in the broader history of the United States.

Proposals for "We The People" funding will be evaluated through UHC's established grant review process

and must meet already established guidelines posted on UHC's website — [www.utahhumanities.org/Grants.php](http://www.utahhumanities.org/Grants.php). Funding may be sought through the Major Grant (application deadlines are Aug. 1 and Feb. 1), Quick Grant (no deadline) or research fellowship application (deadline is Feb. 1) process.

Any nonprofit organization, institution or group, whether or not incorporated or tax-exempt, is eligible to submit a proposal for a "We The People" grant. Potential applicants include colleges and universities, libraries, museums, historical societies, professional associations, agencies of state and local government, community organizations, public radio and television stations, and ad hoc groups. Co-sponsorship by two or more organizations is encouraged. Funding through UHC — with the exception of the research fellowship programs — is not available to individuals.

Council staff members can advise potential recipients on completing the application process, as well as to suggest appropriate scholars or other resources that may be useful. If you have an idea for a project that you think might qualify for a We The People grant or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Maria Torres at [torres@utah-humanities.org](mailto:torres@utah-humanities.org) or call (801) 359-9670, extension 105.

For more information on the national "We The People" initiative, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, consult the NEH's website — [www.wethpeople.gov](http://www.wethpeople.gov).

## DXATC official selected by UCAT

For The Spectrum & Daily News

The Utah College of Applied Technology recently announced the selection of Tyler Brinkerhoff as vice president of finance and administrative services.

Brinkerhoff has served since 2005 as the chief financial officer for Dixie Applied Technology College (DXATC), a campus of the Utah College of Applied Technology in St. George. His experience also includes accounting and finance for accounting firms and private businesses in St. George. He is also an adjunct faculty member for DXATC. Brinkerhoff graduated from Dixie State College and completed a master's of business administration degree at Southern Utah University.

"Tyler Brinkerhoff brings his great enthusiasm and passion for technical education to the office of the UCAT pres-



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ident," said UCAT President Rob Brems. "Respected by his peers for his practical and straightforward approach, Tyler is a natural and personable leader."

Brinkerhoff said he was honored to have been selected for the position.

"UCAT is a great institution and I look forward to working more closely with President Brems and the other leaders who work so hard to make UCAT a success," Brinkerhoff said.

Brinkerhoff was selected after an extensive screening process, including consideration by a committee representing the UCAT Board of Trustees, president's office staff, campus finance officers and campus presidents.

He will assume his new responsibilities Aug. 9.

The Dixie ATC will begin a search for a new director of finance immediately.

them of the event.

The July 27 exercise is the first full-scale emergency exercise conducted at Pine View High School in recent years and is a part of the school district's efforts to update and improve its emergency preparedness plans and procedures.

The school district website [www.washk12.org](http://www.washk12.org) also contains information about the emergency response exercise.

## Full-scale emergency exercise planned at Pine View High School

For The Spectrum & Daily News

ST. GEORGE — A full-scale emergency exercise will be conducted Tuesday, July 27, at Pine View High School. The exercise will run from approximately 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Traffic along the streets bordering Pine View High School may be limited at times during the exercise.

The exercise is designed to prepare school person-

nel to effectively respond in the event of a violent act on school campus. It is also meant to increase the proficiency of responders and dispatchers to successfully engage violent suspects if an incident were to occur on a school campus.

Law enforcement officials are directing the exercise in consultation with school and district officials. More than 200 trained student and adult participants, as well as First Responders from

local and area law enforcement and fire departments. The bomb squad and SWAT will also take part in the exercise.

Colored wristbands will identify participants of the exercise. Safety Monitors, strategically stationed at various points throughout the school building, will be identified with an orange vest.

Area residents and motorists should not be alarmed by increased traffic from

law enforcement and emergency response vehicles in the Pine View High School area during the day of the drill.

Officers taking part in the drill will not carry armed weapons. Simulated explosions might be heard during the exercise. Communication strategies, planned to make citizens aware of an actual school emergency, will be employed during the exercise in order to test the district's emer-

gency communication plan. This will include the county's reverse 911 alert system, text-blast messaging, a computer alert system and an informational alert webpage which will replace the regular school district website.

Pine View High School parents have already received a notice about the exercise through the school's text-wire communication system and close neighbors will receive a flyer informing

them of the event.