

Protecting community



Students at South Clearfield Elementary raised more than \$2,500 to outfit two K9 officers with ballistic vests. Pictured is Ranger, the bloodhound, who serves mainly as a Search and Rescue dog for the Woods Cross Police Department. [Read more about the fundraiser at davis.k12.ut.us](http://davis.k12.ut.us)

District focuses on school security

Committees formed to review safety protocols, implement change

About two months ago, Davis School District Superintendent Reid Newey stood before a group of about 135 school assistant principals, school interns and school district personnel.

The meeting had already been scheduled, and an agenda was already in place. But he couldn't ignore what had happened the day before — when 17 people lost their lives in a shooting that occurred at a school in Parkland, Fla.

Even before that day, safety had been top-of-mind with every school and district administrator. During the first principal leadership meeting of the school year — back on Sept. 14 — Supt. Newey, along with Assistant Superintendent John Zurbuchen, talked

about school safety. They discussed aspects like locking school doors that didn't need to be opened from the outside; adding secure vestibules to schools; making the wearing of ID badges mandatory; conducting school lockdown and fire drills; adding more cameras, etc.

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— Superintendent Reid Newey

School safety has also been discussed by the Davis School District Board of Education. On March 6, board members learned the district has created four separate safety committees. Those groups are reviewing the physical structures of schools, standard response protocols, collaboration with law enforcement, and procedures followed by the Student & Family Services Department and district case management team.

District representatives have met with security officials at the LDS Church and the Ogden Police Department Real Time Crime Center. Supt. Newey and Zurbuchen have met with the Davis County Sheriff and all police chiefs throughout Davis County — all since the Parkland, Fla. shooting.

The District's director of Architecture and New Construction, Bryan Turner, has been asked to participate in the newly-created Utah School Safety Commission. Its mission is to “bring community members of varying expertise together to discuss potential policy ideas that could be used to make Utah schools safer.”

West Bountiful Police Chief Todd Hixson has made four presentations to the superintendent's cabinet, support service department heads, all 89 school principals and all school assistant principals and interns about re-

Shout out to staff and students for great work



Steven Hendricks, center, received the coveted Huntsman Award. Students in a music theory class gave a big cheer for their award-winning teacher.

The Davis School District recognizes and congratulates the following individuals and schools for their accomplishments.

- Davis High School music teacher **Steven Hendricks** is one of 11 state educators who is a recipient of a 2018 Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education. Hendricks is also the 2017 Davis School District Teacher of the Year.

- Centerville Elementary Principal **Dan Hansen**, Stewart Elementary Principal **Amanda Keller** and Mountain View Elementary Principal **Christopher Mudrow** received "Outstanding School Administrator" awards from the Utah

Region 3 PTA.

- **Clayton Sunley** from Viewmont High was named the "New Advisor of the Year" at the state SkillsUSA leadership conference. The award recognized his efforts to involve students in SkillsUSA activities throughout the year.



Cragun

- **Shawna Cragun** is the USEA Outstanding Administrator of the Year. Additionally, the board recognized the Davis District Custodial Services' silver award as the Best

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Superintendency message

Graduation culminates years of hard work, dedication

"You don't just luck into things...You build step by step, whether its friendships or opportunities."

— **Barbara Bush**

As this school year comes to a close, I want to thank the teachers, administrators and staff who every day build opportunities for the children that attend school in Davis District. Throughout the district, the dedication, passion and genuine concern of all educators and support staff is evident.



Reid Newey

The end of the school year is one of my most favorite times of the year, because we have the opportunity to attend graduation and witness the joy (and sometimes sadness) that comes with the accomplishment of completion. I am always impressed with the

actions of families and friends at graduation and love to hear the words of students as they talk about their school experience. Some of the memorable quotes from last year's graduation speeches:

- "...the faculty KNOWS who we are!"
- "We all want bonfires, sometimes all we get are sparks"
- "Highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them!" — Kennedy;
- "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts;"
- "Ask more questions, talk about yourself less." — Macklemore;
- "Life will have more purpose if you focus on others;"
- "It will all work out in the end, if it's not working out, then it's not the end;"

And one of my favorites that was

related by a student who said that his father would offer this encouragement every time they went to a family party or social event, "WE are not here for the food!" The student went on to explain that the focus should be on human interaction and appreciation rather than things.

One of my most anticipated graduations to attend is at the Vista Center. There is always a great "abundance mentality" constantly exuded by the graduating students. The students' happiness and joy is usually directed at their classmates and families who they seem to be happier for them than they are for themselves, even though they are the one graduating!

We wish all students, families and staff members a great final month to an exceptional school year. Thank you for allowing us to participate with you.

—**Reid Newey, Superintendent**

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New K12 Program in the nation.

- The International Technology and Engineering Educators Association named **Tim Feltner**, a Career and Technical Education teacher at Layton High, as this year's "Emerging Leader" at an awards ceremony in Atlanta, Ga.

- **Davis High** competed in the Vex Robotics World Championship and received the "Excellence Award." This award is the highest honor that could be presented and designates that they are the top team in the world for this season.

- The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands named

Foxboro Elementary student, **Avery Aase**, as the "North Regional Winner" for her Arbor Day poster contest submission.

- Secondary students throughout the district competed in the annual Bountiful Davis Art Center art show. The winners are as follows:

High School

Best of Show — **Pablo Ayala**, Bountiful, "Flooding in Houston";

Ceramics — First place: **Issak Mann**, Viewmont, "Utah Lake"; Second Place: **Zae Karee Kunkel**, Davis, "Universal State of Mind"; Third Place: **Robbie Sandman**, Syracuse, "Black 'N' White";

Drawing — First place: **Mariah Allen**, Northridge, "Artists' View"; Second Place: **Betty Samples**, Northridge "Rainy"; Third Place: **Mason Roberts**, Viewmont, "Mira Le Squish";

Jewelry — First place: **Steven Wright**, Bountiful, "Elder Wyvern"; Second Place: **Timothy Godfrey**, Boun-

tiful, "Dragon Head Ring" Third Place: **Alexander German**, Clearfield, "Spring Sprout Ring"

Mixed Media — First place: **Talia Tacy**, Northridge, "Fragile: Handle With Care"; Second Place: **Betsy Johnson**, Layton, "Plenty of Fish in the Sea"; Third Place: **Jacob Bell**, Layton "Playing for Keepsies";

Painting — First place: **Chance Heap**, Syracuse, "Aqua Goddess"; Second Place: **Emily Erikson**, Viewmont, "Mari"; Third Place: **Ashley Nokes**, Davis, "Palermo";

Photography — First place: **Sasha Andrews**, Syracuse, "Colors of the World"; Second Place: **Mary Folsom**, Davis, "Incandescence"; Third Place: **Megan Figgins**, Davis, "Concrete Mountain";

Sculpture — First place: **Abi Chambers**, Viewmont, "Brivairrys the Guardian";

Second Place: **Harrison Harker**, Layton, "Victor's Crown"; Third Place: **Andrew Bargerion**, Viewmont, "Jerry Chip Tortoise"; Honorable Mention, **Pablo Ayala**, Bountiful, "Whispers at Sunset"; **Kendall Carr**, Viewmont, "Brother Mine"; **Maddie Dabling**, Syracuse, "Under the Overpass"; **Heather Hill**, Layton, "Cycle"; **Colter Hoffman**, Syracuse, "Stretched Wonder"; **Shea C. Holt**, Clearfield, "Cookie Jar"; **Tayana Jorgensen**, Northridge, "Disorder"; **Michael Mcewen**, Syracuse, "China Lake"; **Lauren Olsen**, Woods Cross, "Grandmas Quilt"; **Mandy Paulson**, Layton, "Anecdote"; **Sean Raines**, Layton, "The Teenage Brain"; **Lauryn Reynolds**, "African Elephants," Woods Cross High; **Adelaide Rutter**, Layton, "Bone Wreath"; **Collin Shill**, Davis, "Victory".

Junior High School

Overall — First place: **Samantha Lutz**, Millcreek, "Avery & Mason"; Second Place: **Ma'ki Anderson**, North Layton, "Pterodactyl"; Third Place: **Lilly Oliver**, Farmington, "Oceans Over Me".

Honorable Mention — **Meigan Checketts**, Centennial, "Hei Hei"; **RJ Cox**, Centennial, "Lion"; **Savy Kimball**, Syracuse, "Mythological Beast"; **Hunter Lomax**, Fairfield, "Lil' Pupper"; **Anastasia Sekel**, Syracuse, "Self Portrait".



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sponding to active killer scenarios. A video of that presentation has been provided to all police jurisdictions throughout Davis County and is being shared with all school faculties.

Three district schools are also currently piloting an addition to an intercom system that has the capability to silently notify the front office when help is needed. The pilot has garnered

attention of other school districts.

The district also continues to encourage use of the SafeUT smartphone app, which because of its existence, has been used by students and parents to report suspicious activities, rumors and threats. A recent threat which originated out of New Mexico — and had nothing to do with the Davis School District or any of its schools — resulted in more than 130 reports to cli-

nicians answering the crisis line.

The district is also committing \$4 million to build more secure vestibules and to enhance video monitoring systems.

Supt. Newey characterizes the district's efforts as ongoing, adding, "We are going ... as quickly as we can, with the recognition that it is going to cost money and involve manpower."



Leaving a mark

Woods Cross LIA students upcycle construction waste into usable planters



Top left: Woods Cross High Latinos in Action students sort through construction waste for material for their planters. Center left: Volunteers from GSBS Architects were available to help drill and saw the material being used for the planters.

Center right: A student lays down mortar to build a planter bench from old brick from the Woods Cross High remodel. Above: Latinos in Action students pose following their presentations. A main tenet of the LIA program is to provide service to the community. Advisor Kelly Avalos said the planters can be used by the school for years to come.

Left: A team explains their finished planter project. [Read more about the project at davis.k12.ut.us](http://davis.k12.ut.us).