

Utah Schools for the  
Deaf and the Blind

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## USDB Friday Letter - From Safety to 100 Days of School and Basketball!

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# USDB Friday Letter

#WeAreUSDB

Dear friends of Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB),

Please enjoy this week's snapshot of the great work underway from USDB campuses and programs across the State of Utah.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Joel Coleman

USDB Superintendent

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## Boys & Girls Basketball Update



The images in this video include a montage of photography from both the girls basketball team and the boys team on the court during a recent game.

USDB's Jonathan Helgesen said, "Our Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams played hard in each of their games. Their practices have helped them improve over the season thus far and I look forward to seeing them continue to do so. Reese Diven and Nicholas Stuart were given the All-Star Awards. It was great to see our students interact with other Deaf students during the Western States Basketball Classic at the Oregon School for the Deaf. The trip was worth it!" [Folder of Photos](#)

Come Watch the Final Games Wednesday, February 1  
Salt Lake Campus, Openshaw Education Center

1655 E. 3300 S.

Girls 4:30 p.m. Boys 6:00 p.m.

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## Ogden Fire & Police Educate Students on Safety



Several colorful and fun pictures of firemen dressed as clowns teaching students safety! An Ogden Police officer is also helping, wearing his police uniform. Pictures of the students and teachers in the audience show lots of smiles.

The Ogden City Fire Department hosted a very colorful and entertaining lesson about safety for students at the USDB Ogden campus. Fire personnel dressed up in happy clown costumes and Ogden City Police also participated in the official police uniform. The event is amazing and enhances collaboration between local emergency personnel and our campus. The program is called "Boots 'n Bunker" and we are grateful for these annual events. Many different topics and tips about safety are shared in a fun way.



# Elizabeth DeLong School of the Deaf USDB Springville Campus







The Elizabeth DeLong School in Springville celebrated 100 days of school. The elementary teachers and students went all out. Early elementary dressed up as 100 year olds. Upper elementary's theme was 1923 history day on the 100th day. Other special activities were interspersed throughout the day such as the Second Annual 100th Day Old Race. Additional celebrations are planned for next week at our campuses. For more fun photos [link](#).

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## Highly Specialized Teachers Help Students with Low Vision in Local School Districts



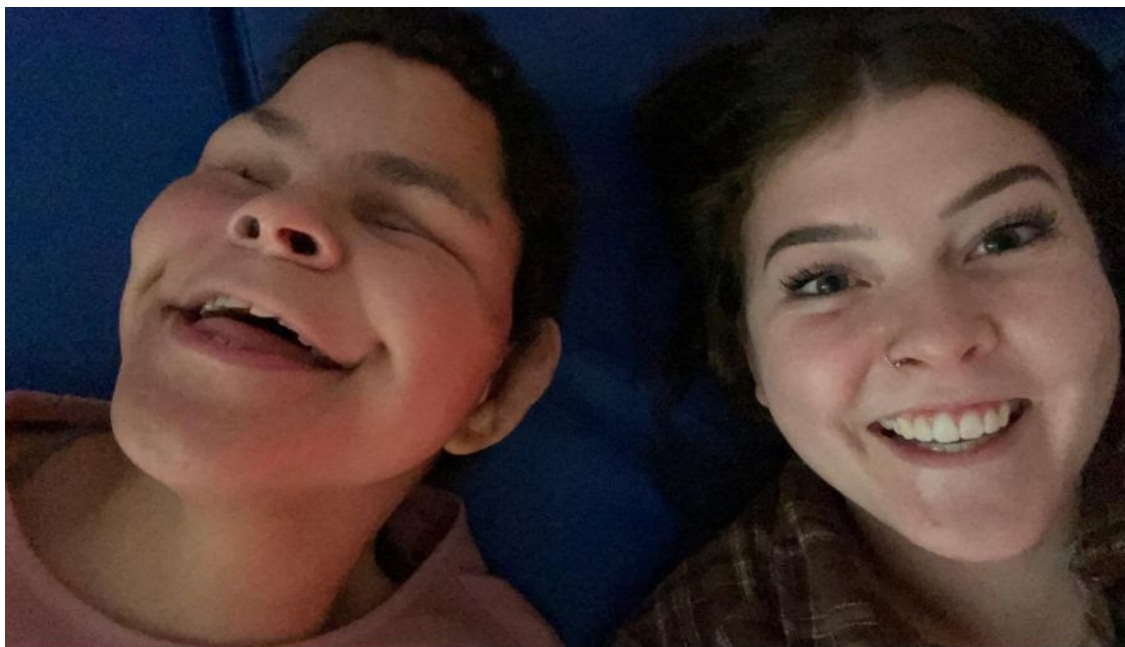
Several students in the Tooele area enjoyed a short term program with the Utah School for the Blind outreach program. They learned about cooking skills, hygiene skills, orientation and mobility, backpack & coat identification, and social interaction skills. Devany is one of our student interns. She helped with the planning and execution of the activity. Being a high school intern for our Outreach Program is helping her to learn important job skills. She is looking forward to planning their next activities which includes bowling as well as the Utah Work Introduction Network.

-Amber Jensen, Teacher of the Visually Impaired

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## Deafblind Services





Sydney Steele is an amazing intervener! During the last two years, she has significantly expanded her student Michaela's tactile communication system. She has created routines that have increased Michaela's participation in school activities and meaningful interactions. Sydney has also worked to create a transition portfolio that shares information about Michaela's strengths, interests, and needs to help future staff that will be working with the student when Sydney graduates this year. Thank you, Sydney for all your amazing work to increase Michaela's access to communication and the world around her.

-Brooke Barnhill

# Deaf Culture & Proverbs



by Ana Avalos, Deaf Mentor

Have you ever heard of this proverb; “An apple a day keeps the doctor away?” If you are not sure what exactly that means, it means if you keep eating healthy food, you don’t have to worry about visiting the doctor. What about this phrase; “A sign a day keeps a teacher away.” Interesting right?

If you are interested in reading about Deaf proverbs, you can purchase a book called *Deaf Proverbs: A Proverbial Professor's Points to Ponder*. For more insight about Deaf Culture, ask your Deaf Mentor their book recommendations. [More](#)



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