

USEA MATTERS!

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Covid Cave

What is Covid Cave? Just like in 2018 when a soccer team in Thailand were trapped in a cave so our students are figuratively stuck in a cave.. Some of our students have become trapped in a cave since COVID, developing an apathy to learning, forgotten how to behave, or struggling to even make it to school. (K Winder 2022) What role as ESPs do we take in rescue our students?

- We each hold a part in the education of students starting with the time they get on the bus in the morning until they get off the bus in the evening to go home.
- Bus Personal transport the children safely to and from school.
- Lunch worker feed the students, if a child is hungry they can not learn.
- Paraprofessionals work one on one with the students.
- Librarians share their love of books and encourage the love of reading.
- Custodians and Maintenance keep the buildings and grounds clean and safe for everyone.
- Secretaries keep the communication, secretaries are the one that listen to all the complains.
- The law enforcement keeps everyone safe.
- The District staff keep everything running from taking care of staff so the can do their jobs to organizing nutrition and health of the students.
- Everyone plays a part in rescuing our students from the cave.



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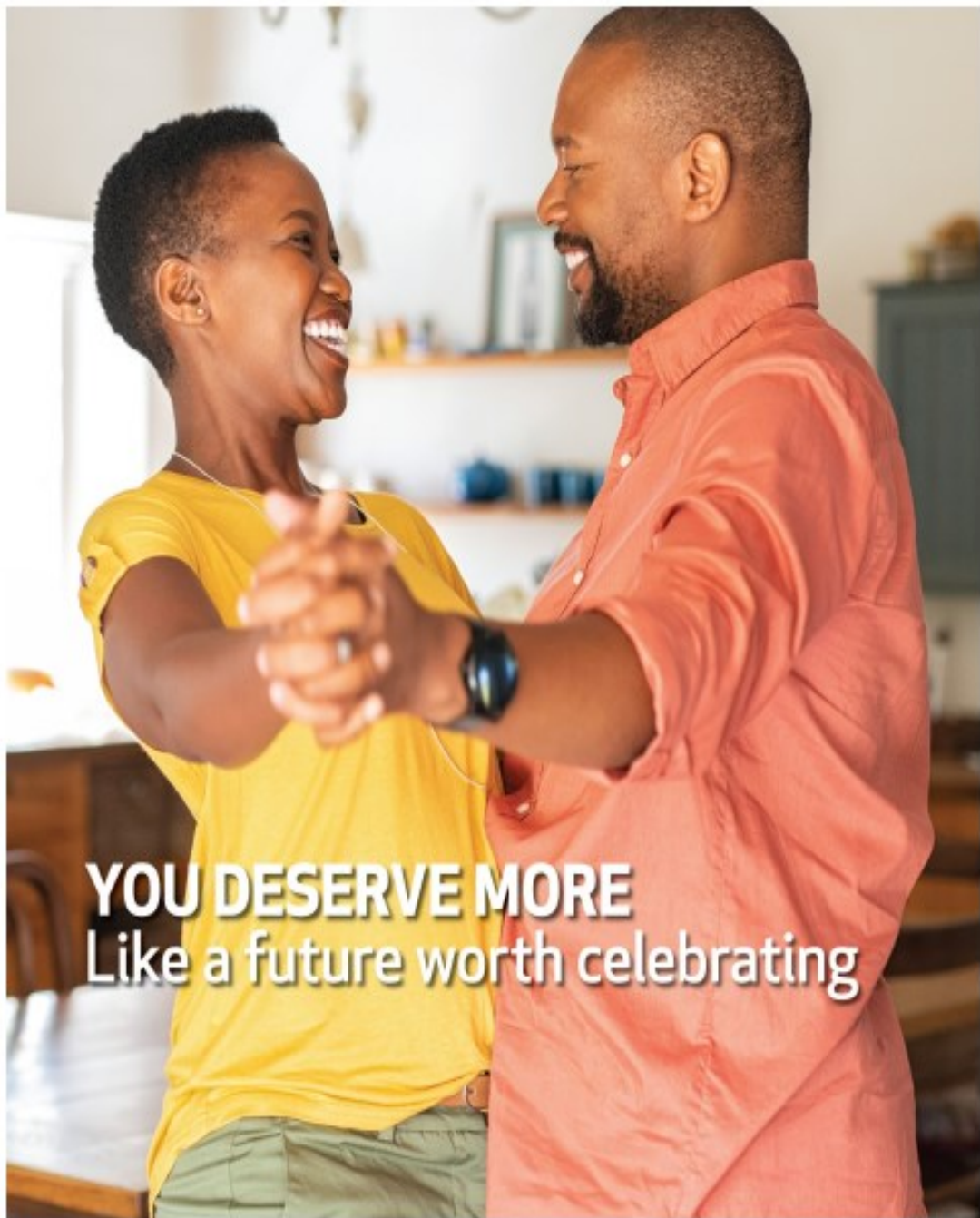
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RETIREMENT PLANNING

Granite School District

GESPA bbq today was quite the turn out! Had 50/60 people attend, one new member, great food hosted by nutrition services (Stacie on the Gespa board) fun raffles, (Breezy from transportation) face painting (Nick Crosland's wife) and great weather!

Can't wait till next year!



Box Elder Education Support Professionals Association

Welcome Back BBQ

Box Elder Education Support Professionals Association hosted a welcome back barbecue for all their ESP employees at the end of September. It was a great opportunity for ESP employees to meet their representatives from Box Elder Education Support Professionals Association as well as their state representatives from Utah School Employees Association. At the barbecue, Box Elder Education Support Professionals Association provided dinner as well as door prizes and drawings. They had some amazing prizes that were donated, and no one left the barbecue empty handed. Everyone won at least one prize! It was a fun event for everyone, and we can't wait to see what Box Elder Education Support Professionals Association does next for their ESP's!

Meet Park City's New President Gina Cox

Gina has worked for Park City School District for a little over a year. Gina is a busy mother, wife and Search and Rescue Volunteer. Gina said "I've only been with the school district for a little over a year, but I have already witnessed first hand how important it is to be an association member! Our previous president Jen Bramson worked tirelessly last year to help the transportation department lobby for higher wages for drivers, and all ESP's. It was an eye opening experience to see what we could accomplish when we organized our ideas, combined experiences, and conveyed our needs to the administration and school board. I knew from that moment that I could not just sit idly by, being discontent with things that were happening with our ESP workforce. I needed to step up, lead by example, and help make the necessary changes. I am eager to meet employees from all ESP categories! I'm looking forward to working with you towards accomplishing a successful negotiation this year! We are excited about the things we will be able to accomplish together as a unified, organized, and strong association!"

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USEA Vision and Mission

Great Public Schools where school support professionals are recognized and respected as essential partners in student success.
Our mission is to empower, support and elevate school support professional careers to positively impact student success.

Dates to remember:

- 11/12/22– Board meeting
- 11/16/22– ESP Day
- 12/10/22– Board Meeting
- 1/14/23– Board meeting
- 2/11/23– Board Meeting
- 3/1/23– Awards Application deadline
- 3/11/23– Board Meeting
- 4/15/23– Board Meeting
- 5/3-5/6/23 –Delegates Conference
- 6/10/23– Board Meeting
- 7/8/23– Board Meeting
- 8/2/23– Tim Wangsgard Memorial Golf Tournament
- 8/12/23– Board Meeting