

Oak Canyon Jr. High School

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Upcoming Events

2/21 - No School
2/23, 2/24 - Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00-6:00 P.M.
3/14 - No School
3/25 - End of 3 rd Term
3/28 - Early Out/Prof. Dev Day
4/11 - 4/15 No School
5/30 - Memorial Day
6/3 - Last Day of School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

The first half of the 2010-2011 school year has come and gone quickly. We enjoy working with your students and helping them succeed in school. We have many GREAT students here at Oak Canyon. One of the reasons that we have such great students is because of parents who care about their children and strive for excellence in their education. Keep up the great work!

The goals we have set at Oak Canyon are to work with and encourage our students to be the best they can be. Specifically, we have been working together to decrease the overall percentage of students with failing grades. We have also been working on our Desired Result of Student Learning to help develop Life-Long Learners here at Oak Canyon.

I am honored to work at Oak Canyon Junior High with so many dedicated teachers who care about their students and work diligently to help them succeed. After six years here at Oak Canyon I can say that we are focused on finding ways to continually improve what we do to help students achieve success.

Recently, we sent home our annual Stake Holder Report. Each year I am impressed with the report and the high percentage of students who demonstrate proficiency on their end-of-year tests. If you did not receive a copy of the Stake Holder Report, please visit our school web site at www.oakcanyon.alpinedistrict.org.

As always, feel free to come in and speak with any member of our administrative team, if you have concerns about your children. We will do our best to help in any way. Again, thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on February 23rd and 24th at Parent Teacher Conferences.

Sincerely,

Scott B. Sumner
Principal, Oak Canyon Junior High

Parent/Teacher Conferences - 2/23 and 2/24

Parents, please mark your calendars! Our Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd and Thursday, February 24th, from 1:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Students will have lunchtime scheduled into their day and the buses will pick up promptly at 12:25.

This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers. It provides a way to find out about your child's academic performance. We hope that it also helps you have a working relationship with our teachers, to better understand

classroom expectations, discipline rules and the daily classroom schedule. It is also a great time to talk about homework! What a great way to help your child understand how important their education is.

We want the best for all of our students. Parent/Teacher conferences provide a way to open the communication lines. Student success is important to all of us!

Mr. Panee Wins Award!

Mr. Doug Panee was one of eight recipients of the 2010 Governor's Medal for Science and Technology. Mr. Panee was one of only two educators recognized by Governor Herbert for his great contributions to Science Education. Mr. Panee was honored for his outstanding contribution to the State of Utah and to Science Education through his incredible skills as an educator and for the creation and implementation of the Science Demo Team, which was created fifteen years ago at Oak Canyon. This program helps students discover the "WOW" in science. Mr. Panee is also an instructor for NASA's Summer of Innovations, which is an outreach program teaching NASA curriculum to Native American students throughout the state of Utah.

Mr. Panee is currently on sabbatical as an adjunct professor at BYU for two years, but he is still working with the Science Demo Team at Oak Canyon Jr. High. Mr. Panee is also the President-Elect for the Utah Science Teachers Association. He represents the best of who we are in the Alpine School District.

Congratulations Mr. Panee!



Attendance

Absences/Tardies: Parents, please call the office within 24 hours of the student's absence to have it excused. Whenever possible these should be excused the morning of the absence. After that excuses will need approval through the administration. Tardies should be excused the same day.

Checking students out during eTime: if you need to check your student out during eTime (10:35-11:00, Tuesday-Friday) you may want to ask your student in advance where they will be. You can also send a note with your student that morning indicating the time to be checked out. The student can bring this note to the office before school and he/she will receive a check-out slip that will allow him/her to meet you in the front office for checkout.

Checking students in late: If your student is late checking-in at school, a note or phone call excusing him/her is sufficient. Because of our eTime policy, the tardy will need to be excused the day of, in order to allow them to attend

eTime activities the following day.

Checking students out: Oak Canyon is a closed campus. Therefore, if a student needs to check out or leave campus for any reason (even at lunch), a parent /guardian will need to come into the front office and sign their student out.

Going out of town: If you are going to be out of town for an extended period of time, please notify the school of any individuals you will authorize to check out your child while you are gone.

Change of address or phone number: if you have a change of address or phone number, please contact the school as soon as possible. This will help us have the most current information on file in case of an emergency.



Media Center Information

The Media Center is open on regular school days from 7:15 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

Our Media Center is here for our students, and we highly encourage them to come and enjoy!

Check out the Media Center website by going to:
www.oakcanyon.alpinedistrict.org and clicking on the Media Center button which is located along the left hand side bar. Through this website you can search and view what we have in our library.

Ms. Batchler is also certified and able to proctor Electronic High School tests. She is available on Wednesday's right after school. Please contact her if you have questions

Media Center Rules:

Students may check out up to three books at a time.

Books can be kept for three weeks and renewed three times if the book is not on HOLD.

Books can be checked out, as long as student fines are less than \$1.00.

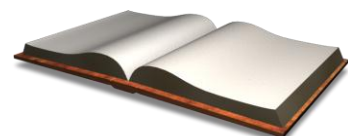
Late books are charged 5 cents per day.

No food or drink in the library.

No talking or horseplay.

BOOK FAIR

Our PTSA will be hosting a book fair on 2/23 and 2/24 in the Media Center. Please feel free to stop by!



Band, Choir, and Orchestra Information

Band

2/18 - Jazz Festival @ Pleasant Grove Jr.
3/11 - Intermediate Band Festival @ Vista Heights Jr.
3/18 - Advanced Band Festival @ Riverton High
3/26 - Percussion Art Festival @ Riverton High
5/12 - Final Band Concert 5:30 P.M.

Choir

4/6 - Advanced Choir Festival, location TBA
5/18 - 8th & 9th Grade Choir Concert 5:30 P.M.
5/18 - 7th Grade Choir Concert 7:30 P.M.

Orchestra

2/23 - Solo and Ensemble Festival @ Lehi Jr.
3/23 - Pre-Festival @ Oak Canyon 7:00 P.M.
3/30 - Advanced Orchestra @ Canyon View
4/7 - Intermediate Orchestra Festival @ Mt. View High
5/14 - Music in the Park @ Lagoon
5/17 - End of Year Concert 7:00 P.M.

Oak Canyon has very talented and dedicated musicians! We hope that you feel welcome to come and celebrate their enthusiasm and many hours of practice.

2010-2011 School Land Trust Report

Oak Canyon uses the Land Trust money to improve student performance and to enhance the school wide academic climate. We received \$43,496 which was used for the following enhancements to our curriculum. We offer, through the Land Trust funding, Read 180, Guided Studies, After School Math Lab, AP Geography and My Access on line writing program. Our test scores have steadily

increased or maintained over the last three years. Our students have benefited from these programs. We are appreciative of the Land Trust money that we receive from the State of Utah for the academic welfare of our students at Oak Canyon Jr. High.

Thank you for your support in our efforts to serve each and every student at Oak Canyon Jr. High.

BRAVO Play!

Oak Canyon's BRAVO Team presents:

"Uff-da!!"
Thursday, May 5th
and
Friday, May 6th
7:00 P.M.
\$3.00



"Hilarious mayhem ensues as a Viking girl named Kirsten and some fierce female warriors head out on an amazing Viking adventure and meet up with gunslingers, utopians, Amazonians, TV actors, Hansel and Gretel, some evil minions, and even Robin Hood and his Merry Men!"

-- Kamron Klitgaard

Counseling

Please mark your calendars with these important dates from our Counseling Department!

March 4th will be 6th Grade Day. Please watch for a flyer that your elementary student will bring home toward the middle of February.

March 7th - 6th Grade Registrations 7:15 - 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 - 6:00 P.M., at Oak Canyon

March 8th - 6th Grade Registration 7:15 - 9:00 A.M.

March 9th - 9th Grade Freshman Orientation Day

March 23rd or 31st - 6th Grade Algebra Test at Oak Canyon 4:00 P.M., in room B152

April 27th - Career Day

~ Counseling Contact Information ~

Phone: 801.610.8139

Fax: 801.785-8767

Hours: 7:15 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

PTSA Message

I can't believe we are half way through the school year! Time flies when you're having fun, right?

I would like to first send out a very sincere THANK YOU for all the hard work our PTSA board does. We are lucky to have such talented and dedicated gals running our PTSA programs. I also want to thank our community. We feel so much support and appreciation from you! Last, but surely not least, I would like to thank our administration! Their support is incredible.

Our year has been awesome so far...from Reflections to Red Ribbon Week to Freedom Week, and the list goes on and on. We have felt your students' appreciation and enthusiasm as we run these programs. I feel like our students benefit from them so much. I am happy to let you know that during Freedom Week we collected from you and your students 3,426 sticks of gum to donate to our U.S. Troops! This was a class competition, and the 7th graders won! Thank you so much for your support of this program.

I would like to invite you all to visit us at Parent Teacher Conferences. We will be selling our sucker and Eagle Cards. We will also have a sheet available for you to sign if you are interested in helping with the PTSA for the remainder of this year, or even next year. We would love to have you! I know that it can seem a bit scary or even intimidating to say you want to help with PTSA. Believe me, I was there once myself. I decided to jump in and I have never regretted it. It is awesome to be able to help our school and community! If you would like to help, please let us know. The more the merrier!

Track Information

Pre-conditioning: Preseason endurance training has started. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays (through February) at 2:25, in the weight room. Runs are structured to accommodate all ability levels. All are welcome. Come ready to run. Dress appropriately (sweats, gloves, etc.) for colder weather.

Season information: Two information meetings will be held (Friday, February 18 and Friday, February 25) during e-Time in the weight room. Come on either of these days for more information about the season. The season will start the week of February 28 - March 4. Four meets will be held in later March and April. The district championship will be in May.

Events: Sprints (100m, 200m, 400m), Distance Events (800m, 1600m, 3200m - for 9th grade), Shot Put, High Jump, and Long Jump.

To participate in meets, we must have a physical on file at school. Make a doctor appointment now, if necessary. There will be a \$15.00 participation fee to be paid before competing.

We invite you to come to "Bring Your Parent to School Day" It will be on March 9th at 11:00. You will be able to go to lunch with your child and to their 3rd period class. This is always a very fun day, so we hope you will be able to come. You will love it!

Your children are amazing to me! As I spend time at the school I am amazed at the awesome character I see there each time. They are all so amazing! Thank you for allowing me to serve our school, our students, and our community! I thoroughly enjoy it!

-Tanya Wilkinson
PTSA President



PLEASE NOTE...

Alpine School District is required to give public notice before destroying archived special education records. If you were born between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1985, received special education services through Alpine School District, and want to claim your records before they are destroyed, please contact Lacey Jackson 801-610-8461 before Friday, November 11, 2011. Records will be destroyed December 30, 2011.