



News from Oak Canyon Junior High School

By Principal Kate Ross

“Together We Learn for Life”

August 12, 2022

Greetings Oak Canyon Eagles!!

I am thrilled to be writing my first official Principals' Newsletter as your new principal. First and foremost, I want to acknowledge Mrs. Wanamaker and her exceptional work over the past 5 years. I am humbled to pick up where she left off and to honor the tradition of excellence at Oak Canyon Junior High. Second, it is a rare privilege to continue to work in the community where I've already been a principal for the past 11 years. Lindon Elementary was my home for those 11 years, and it brings me so much joy to build on already established relationships with Lindon students and families while forming new relationships with the rest of the Oak Canyon school community. Thank you for the words of support, kindness, and partnership that have already been extended to me and our new administrative team!

As the new school year is right around the corner, there are some items of importance we'd like to put on your radar prior to the first day of school:

- **1 to 1 Student Chromebook Deployment:** *This year, all Oak Canyon Students will be assigned a Chromebook for their use both at school and at home. We want to make you aware of some important information regarding the Chromebook deployment. Students will receive their device during their Student Success for 7th Graders and in their English classes for 8th and 9th graders on August 18-19. **Chromebooks will only be checked out to students who have received the proper parental permissions in Skyward.** These parental permissions are part of the yearly update required for each student in Skyward. Click on the following link to access a tutorial on how to update student information, family information, emergency contacts, acceptable use Internet policy, as well as to grant permission to check out a Chromebook. Parents/Guardians must log into Skyward and click on the tab called "At Home Chromebook Permission." Please refer to the information linked below if you have questions:*

[Chromebook Permission Tutorial in Skyward](#)

[Chromebook Permission Tutorial in Skyward Video](#)

[At-Home Technology Agreement--English](#)

[At-Home Technology Agreement--Spanish](#)

[Oak Canyon 1:1 to Parents and Students '22](#)

[Purchasing Chromebook Insurance](#)

[Chromebook Issues Troubleshooting Tips](#)

- **New Pick Up and Drop Off Traffic Pattern:** Due to the construction of the LDS Temple adjacent to the school, we anticipate increased traffic to compound an already congested pick up and drop off system. Please be advised that a new traffic pattern will be implemented to start the new school year. This new pattern was created by a team comprised of representatives from Lindon City, Alpine School District, and Oak Canyon. There will only be ONE entry (by the Seminary building) and ONE exit (by the marquee) from the parking lot in front of the school. The entry/exit in the center of the parking lot will be closed off indefinitely. New signage and new painting on the asphalt will identify the drive through lane as well as a pickup/drop off lane. Please refer to the map below and plan accordingly. Student safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we make this adjustment. Click [here](#) to see the new traffic pattern map.

- **Back to School Dates and Information:**

- August 15 Back to School Open House 4:00-6:00 PM
- August 16 7th Grade Day 7:45-10:45
- August 17 First Day of School (Early Out Wednesday Schedule)
- August 18 7th Grade Hearing Screening
- August 22 School Spirit Day @ SWIG 1600 N Orem
- August 23 Cross Country Begins

- **Auditions for Matilda Jr. The Musical**



AUDITIONS

Prepare a 30 second to 1 min Broadway song
Bring Printed Audition form with you

Tuesday August 30th 2:30-4:30

Thursday September 1st 2:30-4:30

In the choir room.

Bring your recorded music

Sign up for an audition time on the website

Forms and sign up found on Mrs Lamoreaux's website

eagledrama.weebly.com

- **Lockers**

If you would like to request a locker for your student for this school year, please fill out a locker request form [here](#). There will be a \$2 locker fee charged to your student's account.

- **OCJH Ballroom**



- **New Oak Canyon Administrative Team 2022-2023**

Mr. Abrams, Assistant Principal

Student Supervision/Counselor Assignment: Students A-D/Mrs. Platt

Hometown: Spokane, Washington

Years in Education: 20+

Teaching Experience: High School Science

Administrative Experience: Summit High School (TAA), Lehi High School (AP)

Hobbies: Biking, Reaching Tall Things,

Mrs. Burt, Assistant Principal

Student Supervision/Counselor Assignment: Students E-K/Mr. Johnson

Hometown: Seattle, Washington

Years in Education: 13

Teaching Experience: Junior/Senior High English

Administrative Experience: Nikola Tesla STEM High School (AP)

Hobbies: Hiking and Reading

Mr. Murphy, Assistant Principal

Student Supervision/Counselor Assignment: Students L-RE/Mr. Bearden

Hometown: Vernal, Utah

Years in Education: 29

Teaching Experience: Junior High Math and Spanish

Administrative Experience: American Fork Junior High (P), Timpanogos High School (AP/P), District Office

Hobbies: Golf, Tennis, Spending Time with Family

Mrs. Ross, Principal

Student Supervision/Counselor Assignment: Students RI-Z/Mrs. Rhees

Hometown: Highland, Utah

Years in Education: 26

Teaching Experience: Junior High School English

Administrative Experience: Lindon Elementary (P)

Hobbies: Traveling, Interior Design, Reading, Music