

# OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

By Principal Kate Ross

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## EVENTS 9/12-9/25 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

### 9/12-9/18 (B-WEEK)

### 9/19-9/25 (A-WEEK)

12 Ballroom in the Orchestra Room 2:15-3:45  
13 PTSA General Board Meeting 9:30 AM in TLC  
14 Secure and Hold Drill  
14 Cross Country Meet 5-6 @ Lehi Jr.  
15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month  
15 Spirit Night-Kneaders 5-8 PM  
15-16 School Pictures + Vision Screening (in Science)  
12-16 OCJH SCC Elections

20 SCC Meeting 2:30-3:30 PM in Conference Room  
21 RAD Time: Citizenship-Constitution Week  
21 Magic the Gathering Draft Party 12-2 in the Library  
21 Cross Country Meet 5-6 @ Mountain Ridge  
22 9th Stu Co/ 9th Hope Squad Field Trip 8:45-2:00

## MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROSS

Oak Canyon Junior High School has a guiding Mission, Vision, and Values. Our mission is, "Together, We Learn for Life." Our vision is for "Eagles to become confident, resilient, life-long learners through their development of the 6 Cs (character, citizenship, communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking)." Our values are connection, citizenship, and commitment. Over the next few weeks/months I will focus my newsletter remarks on these values and what they actually mean for OCJH Eagles. Let's start with Connection:



WE INCLUDE AND  
SERVE OTHERS

WE COMMUNICATE  
APPROPRIATELY

WE NOTICE AND  
ENCOURAGE GROWTH

WE CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES  
AND SUCCESSES

WE CONTRIBUTE TO  
THE WORLD

In the graphic on the left you can see the behaviors we desire to see amongst OCJH students, staff, parents, etc. The first two statements are a great starting point to build connection--including and serving others and communicating appropriately. I can't help but notice as the newness of the school year is starting to wear off that we have students that haven't yet been extended the hand of friendship or acceptance by all members of our school community. It is a vulnerable position to be in, and Eagles, I know we can do better at helping all to feel safe and included. Part of this is by truly seeking to get to know our fellow students. This can be done by developing our communication skills--making eye contact with each other when speaking, listening when others are talking, calling each other by our names, asking questions about hobbies, interests, etc. I have been so impressed with students that have made an effort to get to know me by introducing themselves and taking a minute to include me. After all, I know all too well what it feels like to be new at our school, and those moments of connection make everything better! I challenge our whole school community to reach out and get to know each other better, to learn each other's names, to make authentic connections, and to demonstrate our values through our behaviors! It's going to be a great week!

## NEW INFORMATION:

### OCJH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS--NOMINATIONS NEEDED!!

The OCJH School Community Council consists of elected parent and teacher members who identify the areas of greatest academic need in our school and oversee the allocation of over \$100,000 of LandTrust funds to address those needs. There are currently **three parent positions** open on the Council. You may nominate yourself or someone else for a position using this [nomination form](#). We have not received any nominations yet, so we are extending the window to submit a nomination until Wednesday, September 14. As per our bylaws, we will put in those nominated to fill the available slots without an election so long as there are no more than three received by Wednesday. If there are more than 3 nominated individuals by Wednesday, we will proceed with elections. If needed, an electronic ballot will be sent to all Oak Canyon parents on September 14th, and voting will close at 3:00 pm on September 16, 2022. The SCC will meet from 2:30-3:30 on 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, and 5/16.

### FROM THE OCJH PTSA:

#### **School Spirit Night on THURSDAY!**

Our PTSA Spirit Night fundraiser for the month is at Kneaders on Thursday, Sept. 15 from 5-8pm!! Please come grab a treat or get dinner for the family! Kneaders will be donating 20% of all orders to Oak Canyon PTSA!! We appreciate your support as these funds help pay for our student appreciation treats throughout the year.

#### **PTSA Eagle Discount Cards**

PTSA Eagle Discount Cards are here!! There are many amazing discounts at your favorite businesses for only \$10!! Don't forget our back to school membership special ends on Sept. 30: B1G1 free Eagle Card when you pay for two PTSA memberships!! You can purchase and pick up your Eagle Cards at the Oak Canyon finance office.

#### **Now is the time to help us celebrate Teacher and Staff Birthdays throughout the year!!**

Donate at the finance office or online at [myschoolfees.com](https://myschoolfees.com) (click the PTSA Category under Optional Fees or Public Items). We want to help our teachers and staff feel loved on their birthday and your donations will help us do just that!

#### **2022 PTA REFLECTIONS Theme: "Show Your Voice"**

Do you like to dance, write, take pictures, make music, movies, or art? Submit an entry for Reflections this year and get recognized! There will be prizes for all participants and cash prizes for winners in each category! Reflections has never been easier- everything is ONLINE! For more information, rules and FAQs visit [utahpta.org/Ref](https://utahpta.org/Ref) Entries are due on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022.

**Be in the Know** by following Oak Canyon Junior High on facebook @OakCanyonJuniorHigh and Instagram @OCJHeagles. Get REMIND texts about PTSA events by texting @ocjh-ptsa to the number 81010.

### SCHOOL PICTURES 9/15-9/16

On Thursday or Friday during your student's science class, school pictures will be taken. All students will have their pictures taken for the yearbook, regardless of if you plan to purchase a picture packet. If you would like to purchase a packet, please see the flier at the end of the newsletter.

## OCJH AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

Oak Canyon offers a variety of after school connection activities. There is a link to them on the website and they are listed on the OCJH Calendar as well. Here is a listing of those weekly activities:

M Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room) 2:15-3:45

T E-Sports (Redford F115) 2:15-3:00

T FBLA (Wintle F114) 2:15-3:00

T 3D Design (Hansen E106) 2:15-3:00

T Improvisation (Lamoreaux Auditorium) 2:15-3:00 Starting in January.

W Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room) 12:30-2:30

TH Flag Football Intramurals (Johnson) Thursdays in September

TH TSA (Redford F115) 2:30-3:30

TH Dungeons and Dragons (Adamson E102) 2:30-3:30 (Until January)

F Jewelry Making (Flood B147) 2:15-3:00 (1st and 3rd Fridays)

F Math Team (Jorgenson B150) 2:15-3:15

In addition, Ms. Bachelor, will be hosting a lunch time book club in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays during both lunches. Students can bring their lunches with them to the library. They will be discussing *Never After: The Thirteenth Fairy*, a fun fantasy adventure for fans of *Fablehaven*.

## CHROMEBOOK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT COSTS

Now that students have received their Chromebooks we are starting to perform repairs and replacements on damaged machines. This is what you need to know:

1. Please remind your students that they are responsible to take care of these district owned machines. Chromebooks are quite durable, but if thrown around in backpacks, slammed shut repeatedly, dropped, etc., they will become damaged.
2. Students are responsible to pay for damages they cause to their Chromebook. The repairs/replacement costs are as follows:
  - a. Minor Tampering \$10
  - b. Replacement Charging Cord \$30
  - c. Screen/Other Replacement \$150
  - d. Replacement Device \$150
3. When a chromebook is being repaired, the school has some loaner devices that can be used by students in the meantime. However, in order for a student to get back their assigned Chromebook after it has been repaired/replaced, they will need to pay the charged fee first.
4. Insurance is available on these devices for \$25 per year. Click [here](#) if you would like to learn more.

**OAK CANYON IS HIRING AIDES!**

Currently, we are looking to fill multiple aide positions at Oak Canyon. The pay starts around \$13 per hour ranging up to 29 hours per week. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have at least a high school graduation equivalency. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Ross directly at [kateross@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:kateross@alpinedistrict.org).

## REMINDERS:

### FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE:

Fee Waiver Applications are due by September 30th. This application needs to be completed and turned in every school year along with current documentation for proof of qualification. Only one application needs to be filled out per family. If you have students at the High School it is preferred the application is turned into the High School Finance Secretary. Upon approval they will notify OCJH if your family qualifies. If you're interested in a payment plan to assist you in paying your students fees please contact the Finance Office at 801-610-8141. Statements will be sent via email--at the beginning of every month--until the balance of your students fees are paid.

### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 1 TO 1 CHROMEBOOKS AT OCJH

**STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHECK OUT A CHROMEBOOK WITHOUT PARENT PERMISSION.** Permission can be granted in Skyward by parents/guardians. Please see the links below for assistance navigating Skyward:

[Chromebook Permission Tutorial in Skyward](#)

[Chromebook Permission Tutorial in Skyward Video](#)

If you cannot access Skyward, you can print out, sign, and return the following document to the school:

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

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

In the instance of lost, stolen, or damaged Chromebooks, **insurance** can be purchased for \$25 for the whole school year. Otherwise, the cost to replace a Chromebook is \$150. Click on the link below for insurance information:

[Purchasing Chromebook Insurance](#)

If you would like to **manage your student's Chromebook at home**, we are pleased to inform you about an app called Blocks. Blocks allows parents to pause the internet, to set a "bedtime" for the Chromebook, to create a list of restricted sites, etc. when the Chromebook is in use at home. ASD has various filters and restrictions in place when the students are at school, but we desire students to be safe online at home as well. Click here to learn more about Blocks:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ObSUqvSD028sohWCFJ9O6sihS4V8S67b2X8uIG21z8/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F3Q6Ond21tPsYJ5qYE40kdMqDngi5jNj/view?usp=sharing>

If your student is experiencing **technical problems** with their Chromebook, click here to access some troubleshooting tips: [Chromebook Issues Troubleshooting Tips](#)

For an overview of our 1 to 1 Chromebook Initiative as well as expectations for parents and students, click on the link below or see the infographic at the end of the newsletter:

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



# SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON!



## Picture Day is Coming Soon!

Oak Canyon Jr

Thursday, September 15, 2022 through Friday, September 16, 2022

Prepay Code: **OAKCANYON22**

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