

OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

By Principal Kate Ross

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

EVENTS 9/19-10/2 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

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

9/26-10/2 (B-WEEK)

20 Gifted and Talented Field Trip to Bean Museum 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	26-29 PTSA Membership Drive 28 Cross Country Meet 5-6 @ Frontier 29 Parent Teacher Conference 3- PM
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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. This week, I'd like to continue with Connection:



In the graphic on the left you can see the behaviors we desire to see amongst OCJH students, staff, parents, etc. The third statement indicates that "we notice and encourage growth." Both adults and students alike crave feedback and validation that they are on the right track--both want to feel success. That said, oftentimes the success we seek is an end result: a score on an assessment, a final grade in a class, an overall GPA. When the end result is different than that which we sought, any growth experienced on the journey toward that end result is invalidated. That can cause some to engage in negative self-talk, or even worse decide that their efforts will never be enough and that success is beyond their reach. We'd like to challenge that thinking and deliberately celebrate and acknowledge the growth experienced along the way of producing results. We aim to do this by presenting appreciation for and acknowledgement of the efforts expended by the members of our school community--students, parents, faculty, volunteers, etc. These efforts can be academic and social/behavioral. As we intentionally seek to notice and celebrate growth in ourselves and in others, we will start to see growth everywhere. With growth comes the belief that continuous improvement is important--maybe even more important than the end result we were seeking in the first place. I challenge all in the Oak Canyon School Community to actively notice, encourage, and celebrate, growth in

themselves and others. It's going to be a GREAT week!

NEW INFORMATION:

SAVE THE DATE--PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 9/29 3:00-6:00 PM

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on September 29th from 3:00-6:00. This will be an open format where parents are welcome to stop by classrooms and visit with teachers about student progress without an appointment. That said, if you need to have a conversation more than 3-4 minutes, we would highly recommend reaching out to the teacher/teachers and schedule an actual appointment for another time.

OCJH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL POSITIONS FILLED

Over the past three weeks we have been seeking nominations to fill three parent positions on the OCJH SCC. Historically, those nominations have resulted in elections to determine which parents will join the SCC. As of last Wednesday, we had three parent nominations for three parent positions, which means that no elections will be necessary at this time. We are pleased to welcome back Seth Cox and Shauni Keith who have served previously, and welcome Mamie Agyle who is joining the SCC for the first time. In addition to Seth, Shauni, and Mamie, the SCC includes the other following individuals: Kate Ross (Principal), Heather Hall, Tami Platt, Matt Marshall (Faculty Representatives), Amy Fox, Christine Craddock, and Nicole Swan. 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. 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:

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 (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 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.

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.

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.

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 Club (Jorgensen B152) 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.

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/17ObSUqvSD028sohWCFJ9Q6sihS4V8S67b2X8uIG21z8/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](#)