

OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS 10/3-10/17 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

10/3-10/9

10/10-10/17

3-4 Science Demo Team to Clear Creek 3 Girls Open Gym 2:30-3:30 4 PTSA/SCC Bond Presentation 4:30 @ PGHS 5 Cross Country Championships 3-6 @ Art Dye Park 6 Intramurals-3 on 3 Basketball 2:30-3:30 in the Gym 6 Fall Choir Concert 6 & 7:30 PM in Auditorium	10 Columbus Day/Indiginous People's Day 11 Eagle of the Month 9:00 AM in the TLC 11 PTSA General Board Meeting 9:30 AM in the TLC 11 Band Bash Fall Concert 6 PM in the Gym 12 1st Term Ends 13-14 Fall Break/No School 17 Teacher PD Day-No Students
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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 will 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 fifth statement indicates that "we contribute to the world." That sounds like a tall order, but really, it is the little things we do each and every day to bring out the best in ourselves and others that WILL change the world. For example, a few years ago at my previous school, Lindon Elementary, I was approached by a student who wanted to make a difference for the homeless community in Salt Lake City. She asked if we could do a sock donation drive right before Christmas. The socks didn't have to be new, they didn't even have to match; they just needed to be clean and without holes. The donation box placed outside of the office was filled and filled again and students took pride in making a difference. As a result, the sock drive became tradition at Lindon Elementary. Literally hundreds of pounds of socks were collected and donated to those less fortunate each year. That student is currently attending Oak Canyon and asked for the opportunity to bring the sock drive to our school. How can I say no? So expect a sock drive in the near future... The bottom line is that the more we seek to make positive connections with the world around us, the more we are able to positively contribute to it. I challenge all Oak Canyon Eagles to look for ways to serve in simple yet profound ways--your efforts matter! It's going to be a GREAT week!



NEW INFORMATION:

END OF TERM 1--OCTOBER 12

The end of Term 1 is right around the corner! This is a reminder to students and families to check grades in Skyward and work with teachers right away in regard to any questions or concerns with Term 1 grades or missing assignments.

FROM THE OCJH PTSA:

2022 PTA REFLECTIONS Theme: "Show Your Voice"

The PTA Reflections contest deadline is coming up soon! You can use any of your artistic abilities to enter one, two, or all of the seven categories: 2D Art, 3D Art, photography, music, dance composition, literature, and film production! The theme this year is "Show Your Voice." This has been stumping some people this year, so try substituting the words "share," "tell," "explain," or "express" instead of "show". Here are some ways to rephrase the theme:

"How can you show your creativity or imagination?"

"What makes you unique?"

"What do you want people to know about you?"

"What's important to you?"

"How do you share what's important to you with others?"

"Where can your voice make a difference?"

"What will you use your voice to say?"

"Why does your voice matter?"

"How will you share your voice?"

"When is your voice important?"

"Who needs to hear your voice?"

Each of you has something unique to share! **Entries are due by October 20.** Go to utahpta.org/ref to enter. Don't forget the Artist Statement! Everyone who enters will receive some awesome coupons, and the winners will receive a cash prize and their artwork will move on to the next level of competition. Have fun! For questions or help, contact Amy Hintze at beladara@gmail.com

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS

Basketball intramurals start this Thursday, October 6th at 2:30 in the Gym. There are games on the 6th and the 20th from 2:30-3:30. The championship game will be on October 27th from 2:30-3:30. All games will be played in the gym. Click on this QR Code to sign up today!



REMINDERS:

ASD RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher or school employee who is **Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging**? Please nominate them for the new ASD RISE Award. Nominees will be recognized at their school, and a few each month will be selected for Board Recognition during a Board meeting at the District Office. Click [here](#) to access the nomination form.

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/17ObSUqvSD028sohWCFJ9O6sihS4V8S67b2X8uIG21z8/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F3Q6Ond21tPsYJ5gYE40kdMqDngi5jNj/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](#)