BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 4, 2023

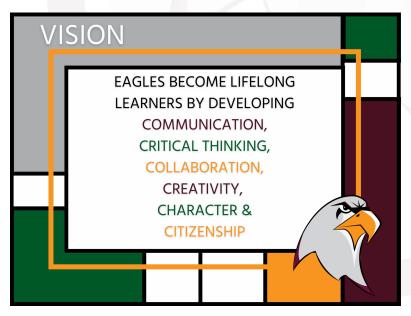
EVENTS 8/4-8/20 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)



8/4-8/13		8/13-8/20 (A-WEEK)
4	Student Schedules Available in Skyward	14 Teacher Contract Day
4	Student Leadership Coalition Training 8:30-2:15	14 Back to School Night Open House 4:00-6:00
4	Lindon City Parade 6:00-8:00 PM	15 7th Grade Day 7:45-10:45
1	1 Teacher Professional Development Day	16 First Day of School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back, Eagles! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are excited to see you very soon. We've been making preparations for your return and look forward to another successful year at Oak Canyon. This year we will continue to pursue the Alpine School District Vision for Learning by



developing the knowledge, skills, and dispositions our students need to be successful in life. Specifically these skills and dispositions are communication, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, character, and citizenship. We will refer to these as the 6 Cs, and they will play an important role in creating deeper learning experiences and will help students to become lifelong learners. One way we will help students to develop these skills and dispositions is through a new homeroom class for every student. We are excited about this new opportunity to

enhance our school culture and community. Keep reading for more information about homeroom, our new bell schedule, early out day changes, student schedules and updating student information in Skyward, opportunities for students, and much more! It's going to be a GREAT year!

NEW INFORMATION

STUDENT CLASS SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION UPDATE IN SKYWARD

As of Friday, August 4th, student class schedules will be available for the 2023-2024 school year. You will notice on your student's schedule that they have a period 13 that says "Advisory." This is the homeroom class mentioned in the message above and discussed in more detail in the section below. If you have questions concerning your student's classes or would like to request a class change, please contact our counseling department. Please note the following student counselor assignments by last names of the alphabet:

Tami Platt (<u>tplatt@alpinedistrict.org</u>): Students A-D Brad Johnson (<u>bradleyjohnson@alpinedistrict.org</u>): Students E-L Mike Bearden (<u>bearden@alpinedistrict.org</u>): Students L-RE Lucilla Rhees (<u>Irhees@alpinedistrict.org</u>): Student RH-Z

*Please note that we will NOT be making class changes to student homeroom assignments at this time.

Also, now is the time to update any student information in Skyward. This includes updating emergency contacts, student internet permissions, setting preferences to receive school emails and voice messages from the school, and more. This information needs to be updated for each student each year. If you need assistance, please click on this <u>link</u> for a tutorial.

23-24 BELL SCHEDULE, WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT DAY CHANGE, & HOMEROOM

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	CHEDULE
MONDAY, TUESDAY A1/B5	, THURSDAY, FRIDAY 7:45-9:01
HOMEROOM	9:08-9:35
A2/B6	9:42-10:58
	UNCH
LUNCH	10:58-11:29
A3/B7	11:36-12:52
2ND L	UNCH
A3/B7	11:05-12:21
LUNCH	12:21-12:52
A4/B8	12:59-2:15
WEDNESDAY E	ARLY OUT DAY
A1/B5	7:45-8:54
A2/B6	9:01-10:10
1ST L	UNCH
LUNCH	10:10-10:43
A3/B7	10:50-11:59
2ND L	.UNCH
A3/B7	10:17-11:26
LUNCH	11:26-11:59
A4/B8	12:06-1:15

There are two major changes to our schedule this year with the addition of homeroom 4 times a week and Wednesday early out day changing from two hours early to only one. Please note the updated bell schedule.

Homeroom: This year, each student will be assigned a homeroom class between A1/B5 and A2/B6. Homeroom is 27 minutes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students will be mixed with students from their entire grade level as well as some students from the grade level above or below them. The idea for Homeroom came from our teachers as we brainstormed ways that we could intentionally pursue our Vision for Learning as a school and create authentic connections with students. We will be using curriculum from a local company called In Focus to help us deliberately develop the skills and dispositions listed in the message above. The first four weeks of school we will be discussing the following topics: 8/16 What it Means to Be an Eagle/Lifelong Learning; 8/21 Conditions of Well Being (safety, basic needs); 8/28 Connection and Community Building; and 9/4 Academic Skills. In Focus materials for parents will be shared soon. We are excited about this new opportunity for teachers and students alike.

Wednesday Early Out Day: Please note that school will be adjourned at 1:15 on Wednesdays this year. This means that we will run a two lunch schedule like we do on a regular day and conclude the day with A4/B8 rather than a shared lunch. Please note this change and plan accordingly.

WELCOME TO OAK CANYON!

We would like to welcome the following teachers and staff to Oak Canyon this year: Lorien Anderton: 7th and 9th Grade Math Labs Nick Arnett: On-Site Tech Raquel Cook: 8th and 9th Grade English Nate Crandall: Assistant Principal Dallin Graham: Manufacturing and Engineering Lindsay Lake: 8th Grade English Melinda Monson: 7th Grade English Savannah Moorehead: Utah History Josh Rawson: Spanish/ELD Natalie Robinson: 7th Grade Math Collin Seastrand: 7th Grade Student Success Elizabeth Shumway: CCA: Manufacturing and Engineering Riley White: Special Education/Resource

STUDENT LOCKERS

If you would like to sign up for a locker for your student, please fill out the locker request form on oakcanyon.alpinedistrict.org under Information. Or here is the link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWFRNvuu1SqrhbzSSGKwheih_C_KgtZIAUwW0rb4B4aBuX 0w/viewform

FROM ASD TRANSPORTATION

Due to a shortage of bus drivers in ASD, we regret to inform you that every secondary school will have at least one bus that will have to do a double run. We were just notified that of the 6 busses that bring students to school and take them home ONE of them will have to do a double run. This means it will pick up a group of students much earlier than usual to bring them to school and then will go back out to pick up another bus load of students. This will be the same protocol for that same bus after school. At this point, we are uncertain which bus that will be, but we will keep you informed as we receive more

information. ASD Transportation is hiring--if you or someone you know is interested please check the Alpine School District website for job information.

OCJH CROSS COUNTRY

OCJH Cross Country begins on Tuesday, August 1st. We meet out back by the track from 7:45-9:00 AM Mon-Fri before school starts up! Come out to make new friends, get involved at OCJH, and get training! Please bring comfortable running shoes and clothes, a friend, and a water bottle.

OCJH BALLROOM DANCE COMPANY

It is time to register for the Oak Canyon Ballroom Dance Company! Please note the following:

- 7th -9th graders
- Info & Registration: <u>OakCanyonBallroom.com</u>
- Mon & Wed after school
- Oak Canyon & Canyon View Jr High together
- Join an Award Winning Awesome Team!

Join Ballroom! Mondays & Wednesdays

OakCanyonBallroom.com