

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER AUGUST 28, 2023



EVENTS 8/28-9/10 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

8/28-9/3 (A-WEEK)

9/4-9/10 (B-WEEK)

Homeroom: Connection & Community Building 28-1 7th Grade Rep Elections 29 Musical Auditions 2:30-5:00 in Auditorium 31 Musical Auditions 2:30-5:00 in Auditorium 1 Ballroom Registration Deadline 1 7th Grade Rep Applications/Posters Due	Homeroom: Academic Skills 4 Labor Day--NO SCHOOL 5-8 Suicide Prevention Week 6 Cross Country Meet 5:00-7:00 @ Viewpoint 8 7th Grade Rep Winners Announced
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Today was an awesome day at Oak Canyon. I got to play cornhole with students during 1st and 2nd lunch. We'll be playing all week with a tournament next week. This is not something we normally do at OCJH, but it came about when teachers and administrators put their heads together to think of ways to help students connect and

VISION

EAGLES BECOME LIFELONG LEARNERS BY DEVELOPING COMMUNICATION, CRITICAL THINKING, COLLABORATION, CREATIVITY, CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP

to build culture at our school. A conversation became a plan, and a plan became a series of actions that brought us to today. Sometimes little ideas become moments that bond us together as a school community--I'm grateful for one of those today. In addition, Mr. Crandall and I have got a little competition going to see who can learn all of the students' names this year. I have absolutely LOVED engaging with the students to learn about them, and I love the look on their faces when I call them by their names. I want them to know that they are important and that they matter. They are seen; they are appreciated; they deserve to be called by their names. I'm not as young as I used

to be when I memorized all 720 students' names at Lindon Elementary in 2012, and my brain is closer to being at capacity than it was back then, but I am committed to this task--it's too important not to try! I hope we can all keep growing and learning and putting ourselves out there to make Oak Canyon the best school it can be!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE--TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

So far this year we've only had 27 students sign up for the Chromebook insurance. The cost is \$30 which ends up being cheaper than many repairs. For example, for our tech to replace a screen would cost \$50 without insurance. The window to purchase insurance is shrinking--students have 30 days after receiving their device to sign up - that puts us at around Sept 17-21. Please click on the following link for more information about Chromebook insurance:

[Parent Chromebook Insurance Letter](#)

[Parent Chromebook Insurance Letter \(Spanish\)](#)

[OCJH Tech Help Site](#)

FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

Our PTSA does so much to support our school and students--selling suckers on Fridays, sponsoring the Eagle of the Month student recognitions, organizing Spirit Nights, making generous donations for school improvements, recognizing our honor roll students, and more! We encourage all to join the PTSA--the membership dues go a long way for our school. In addition, Eagle cards are a great value for all of the discounted goods and services they provide. **You can pay for a membership/Eagle card through My School Fees or at the Finance Office window.**

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL STAFF REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

Our first SCC meeting of the year will be September 19th at 2:30 pm in the Conference Room. The School Community Council (SCC) is a group of parents and school staff that meets monthly to discuss the issues facing our school. The SCC creates a school improvement plan and allocates Trustland Funds to help meet our goals outlined in that plan. SCC meetings are open to anyone interested and we are in need of parents to join our board. **If you have some time on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 and would like to be a part of our SCC, please click on this [link](#) to submit your name.** A term on the SCC is two years. If there are more interested than parent positions available, we will have an election.

7TH GRADE STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION--DUE 9/1

All 7th graders interested in being on Student Council this year need to get an application packet from Miss Meinzer or the Front Office! **These applications are due Friday, September 1st.** Thanks for all your help and let me know if you have any questions!

INTRAMURAL FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

What: Student Intramural Futsal Tournament

When: September 14th, 21st, 28th, and October 5th.

How: Here is the link to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSpEC7sc-ZoOLKSONpYK6tDtihNhm58xxfsp67IldN7lsfOHA/viewform?usp=sf_link

OCJH FALL MUSICAL AUDITIONS 8/29 AND 8/31

WHEN: August 29th 2:30-4:30pm and 31st 2:30-4pm

WHAT: Auditions for Fall Musical--Bugsy Malone Jr. Students should prepare a 30-60 second Broadway or Disney song for the audition. Sign-up for an audition at EaglesDrama.Weebly.com. Email Mrs Lamoreaux at Jenniferlamoreaux@alpinedistrict.org with any questions.

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: OakCanyonBallroom.com
- Monday & Wednesday After School.
- Oak Canyon & Canyon View Jr High Combined Team
- Register by: Sept 1st - Friday



AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTION ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

We are still adding after school activities, but these are the ones we know of for sure at this point:

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

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

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

T Science in Action (Garlick A-156) 2:20-3:20 SEE MORE INFORMATION BELOW

W Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room/Cafeteria) 1:15-3:00

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

F Math Club (Jorgensen B152) 2:15-3:15 (Starting 9/8)

We are pleased to offer a new connection activity called Science in Action:

Have you ever done a STEM Fair project?

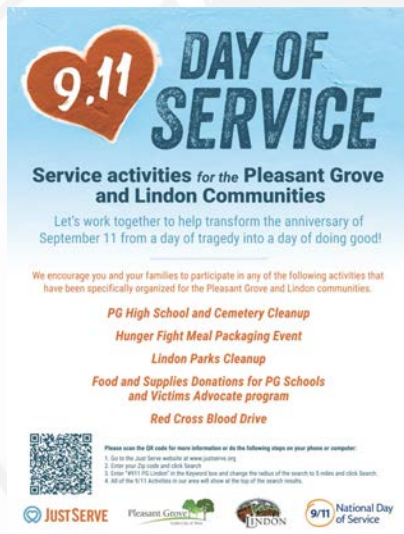
Do you have an interest in science?

Join us for an engaging and educational after school program to expand your scientific horizons and compete in the district science fair! Our first meeting is coming up soon, hope to see you there!

When: Tuesday September 5th @ 2:20pm (and each Tuesday afterwards)

Where: Mr. Garlick's Room

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



REMINDERS

OCJH CROSS COUNTRY

Starting August 16th, Cross Country practice is after school from 2:30 to 3:45 M, T, Th, F and from 1:30 to 2:45 on early-out Wednesdays.

IN FOCUS HOMEROOM CURRICULUM FOR PARENTS

We are excited to report that the materials our teachers will be using/consulting for Homeroom have a robust parent component. Not only can you access lesson material available to your student, but also you can access ways to continue the conversation at home if you like. The web address is www.infocuseducationgroup.com and you can click on the parent portal link at the top. A username and password are not necessary to do this. We will not be following the lessons in the order they are listed on the website. To see which lesson we are focusing on for the week, please refer to the events section of the Newsletter where the topic for the week will be listed. Please let us know if you have any questions!

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE--COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Please see below a list of Immunization Clinic dates that parents can attend to get 7th grade required immunizations or any missing ones. **Students missing required vaccinations can result in those students not being allowed at school until they have proof of vaccination or a vaccine exemption form has been completed.** Clinics are set up in several schools in the district.

-Monday, August 14th @ Orem Junior from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

-Wednesday, September 20th @ Timpanogos High School from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

-The Utah County Health Department located at 151 So. University Ave in Provo is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM; Wednesdays 8 AM to 7 PM; Thursday 9 AM to 4:30 PM

-The American Fork Clinic located at 599 South 500 East in American Fork is open Monday to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

All clinics are walk-in. No appointments necessary. Please bring your current immunization record and insurance card.

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE IN SKYWARD

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. This is also where you indicate that you give your permission for a student to check out a Chromebook. They cannot check one out without your permission. If you need assistance, please click on this [link](#) for a tutorial.

OCJH HANDBOOK

For more information about items not specifically addressed in this newsletter, please click on this link to access the Oak Canyon Junior High Handbook. For example, in regard to dress code, the handbook spells out what is allowed and what is not. We have made some adjustments to this policy over the past year, so it would be good to review with your student prior to the first day of school. Information about all other school policies and procedures can be found here as well!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qP92A_0R3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5lpfuNd-igxQ_PS_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing

SCHOOL FEES

Fees are now available to pay on myschoolfees.com. If your student will be making changes to their schedule we suggest you wait to pay for fees until their schedule has been finalized. Fee waiver applications are available on our website, at the district's website, or at the finance window. Fee Waiver applications, along with supporting documentation, are due by Sept 30, 2023. Please reach out to the finance office via email at

jhoval@alpinedistrict.org or by phone 801-610-8141 with any questions. Thank you!


LUNCH ASSIGNMENTS 22-23

A-DAY TEACHER LUNCH SCHEDULE <small>Determined by A3 Class</small>			
FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
ADAMSON	MILLER	ALLPHIN	JORGENSEN
ANDRUS	MOOREHEAD	ANDERTON	KUNKLE
BETHEL	MONSON	BAILEY	LAMOREAUX
BRASWELL	NGUYEN	BALLER	MEINZER
COOK	OTTERSON	BENCH	MOULTON
GRAHAM	PRESTES	DE LA CRUZ	ROBINSON
HALL	REDFORD	ECALONO	SANDERS
HARDY	SEASTRAND	ESCOBEDO	SEMINARY
A. HOLMES	SHUMWAY	FULLER	SMITH
LAKE	TAYLOR	GARLICK	SPARKS
LISTER	THOMAS	HERMANSEN	VAN KOMEN
MARSHALL	WINTLE	JOHNSON	WHITE

B-DAY TEACHER LUNCH SCHEDULE <small>Determined by B7 Class</small>			
FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
ANDRUS	LISTER	ALLPHIN	JORGENSEN
BETHEL	MARSHALL	BAILEY	KUNKLE
BRASWELL	MILLER	BALLER	LAMOREAUX
COOK	MONSON	BENCH	MEINZER
FLOOD	NGUYEN	CHENEY	MOULTON
GRAHAM	RAWSON	DE LA CRUZ	ROBERTS
HALL	REDFORD	ECALONO	SANDERS
HARDY	ROBISON	ESCOBEDO	SEMINARY
A. HOLMES	SEASTRAND	FULLER	SMITH
T. HOLMES	TAYLOR	GARLICK	SPARKS
JOHNSON	THOMAS	GOOLD	TAYLOR
LAKE	WINTLE	HERMANSEN	VAN KOMEN

23-24 BELL SCHEDULE--HOMEROOM AND WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT CHANGES

There are two major changes to our schedule this year: 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.

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

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.