# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

EVENTS 9/11-9/24 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)



9/11-9/17 (B-WEEK)

9/18-9/24 (A-WEEK)

Homeroom: COMMUNICATION

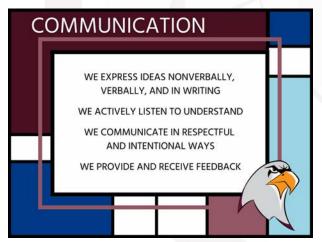
- 11 Patriots' Day/National Day of Service
- 12 New Student Parties (During Homeroom)
- 12 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the TLC
- 12 ASD Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 @ District Office
- 13 Cross Country Meet 5:00-7:00 @ Oak Canyon
- 15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month

Homeroom: Active Listening and Dialogue

- 19 School Community Council Meeting 2:30 in TLC
- 19 School Spirit Night @ Kneaders 5:00-8:00 PM
- 20 Cross Country Meet 5:00-7:00 @ Vista Heights
- 21 CLAS Ropes Course for New 9th & Eagle Squad 9-2

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

For the next four weeks during Homeroom, teachers will focus their messages around the essential skill of COMMUNICATION. You'll notice on the poster in this Principal's Message that there are 4 indicators listed that really define what we mean when we say we are going to focus on COMMUNICATION for the next four weeks.



This week we will be focusing on helping our students to understand what it means to express ideas nonverbally, verbally, and in writing. The following week, we will focus on how we actively listen to understand. And so on, for the next four weeks. Our staff created indicators for each of the 6 Cs, so it is especially meaningful that the indicators we are focusing on are those deemed the most important by our staff. I truly believe that helping our students to be effective communicators is one of the most valuable things we can do. Communication is the best way for students to ADVOCATE for themselves and for their needs. Equally important is helping students to understand the messages they are sending to those

around them through their tone, their word choice, how and what they write, and even through the body language they use. These are invaluable skills for all members of our school community. We encourage you to take a look at one of the resources we are using to create our Homeroom lessons. Please take a moment to check in with your students and ask them to share what they have been learning. Working together both at school and at home to help our students effectively communicate is a winning combination. It's going to be a wonderful week at Oak Canyon!

Mrs. Ross

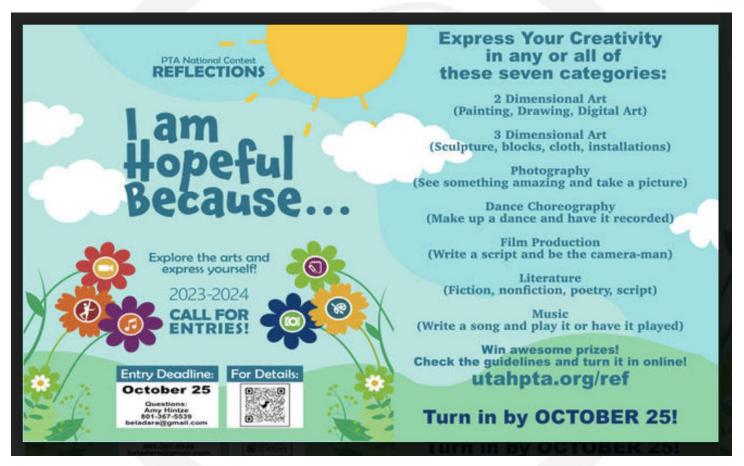
## **NEW INFORMATION**

#### FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

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.

Also, SAVE THE DATE, our next OCJH Spirit Night is on Tuesday, September 19th at Kneaders from 5:00-8:00 PM!

#### PTA REFLECTIONS--I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE...



# CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE--LAST CHANCE!

So far this year we've only had 84 students sign up for 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** 

#### 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/1FAIpQLSfpEC7sc-ZoQLKSQnpYK6tDtihNhm58xxfsp67lldN7lsfQHA/viewform?

usp=sf\_link

#### 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 (Starting 9/5)

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 (Starting 9/7)

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?

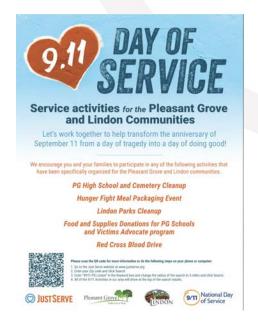
Do you have an interest in science?

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**

# 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 <a href="www.infocuseducationgroup.com">www.infocuseducationgroup.com</a> 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!

#### 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\_0R3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5IpfuNd-igxQ\_PS\_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing