

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 30, 2023



EVENTS 10/30-11/12 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

10/30-11/5 (A-WEEK)

Homeroom: Deep Learning
 30 Homeroom Halloween Door Decorating Concluded
 30 Honor Roll Treats During Homeroom
 30 Girls Basketball Open Gym 2:25-4:00
 31 Halloween
 31 Homeroom Halloween Door Decorating Judging
 31 Hall's Class to Hogle Zoo 9:00-2:00
 31 Boys Basketball Open Gym
 1 First Day of American Indian Heritage Month
 1 Girls Basketball Open Gym 2:25-4:00
 2-17 OCJH Food Drive/Service Project
 2 Encore Choral to Frontier Middle School 9:15-2:00
 2 PTSA Sponsored Fun Friday During Lunches
 2 Boys Basketball Open Gym 2:25-4:00
 4 Ballroom Match Comp. 12:00-3:00 @ Salem Hills
 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends

11/6-11/12 (B-WEEK)

Homeroom: Kindness and Friendship
 6-10 Freedom Week
 6-17 OCJH Food Drive/Service Project
 6 Young Masters' Field Trip to Hogle Zoo 9:15-4:15
 6 Girls Basketball Open Gym 2:25-4:00
 7 Election Day
 7 Boys Basketball Open Gym
 8 Boys Basketball Tryouts 1:30-3:45 in the Gym
 8 Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:45-6:00 in the Gym
 9 Boys Basketball Tryouts 1:30-3:45 in the Gym
 9 Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:45-6:00 in the Gym
 9 Buggy Malone in the Auditorium (Cast A) 7:00
 10 Veterans' Day Observed
 10 Boys Basketball Tryouts 1:30-3:45 in the Gym
 10 Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:45-6:00 in the Gym
 10 Buggy Malone in the Auditorium (Cast B) 7:00
 11 Veterans' Day
 11 Buggy Malone Matinee in the Aud. (Cast A) 2:00
 11 Buggy Malone in the Auditorium (Cast B) 7:00

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CRITICAL THINKING

WE ASK QUESTIONS THAT LEAD TO INFORMED DECISIONS

WE UTILIZE THINKING SKILLS

WE ENGAGE AND VALUE MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES AS WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND

WE TRANSFER AND APPLY KNOWLEDGE FOR DEEP LEARNING

This week we our Homeroom focus will be the last indicator for Critical Thinking--"We transfer and apply knowledge for Deep Learning." So what exactly do we mean by Deep Learning? Michael Fullan defines it this way, "Deep Learning is an integrated approach that creates the conditions that foster all youth to develop the competencies and attributes needed to contribute to the common good, address global challenges, and flourish in a complex world." The competencies and attributes referenced here are the 6 Cs found in our vision: communication, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity,

character, and citizenship. So, in a nutshell, by helping students to develop the 6 Cs, students are able to take the content from their classes (math, English, social studies, science, arts, world language, CTE, PE/health, etc.) and do something with it that matters to them. In our school professional development last Monday, we discussed how our students might not continue to read and discuss literature, formally write up their ideas and findings, utilize algorithms, speak the language they studied, continue to play certain instruments or sing in choirs, etc. beyond their formal education. However, their relationship to resilience, their ability to problem solve, their need to innovate creative solutions, and their skills working with others toward a shared product will always be useful and needed. We are excited to explore what it looks like to combine knowledge with skills and dispositions to yield engaging and meaningful learning experiences. It is a wonderful time to be an Oak Canyon Eagle!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

HONOR ROLL TREATS DISTRIBUTED IN HOMEROOM 10/30

On Monday during Homeroom, PTSA volunteers brought around treats for honor roll students in their homeroom classes. Students who have earned a 3.7 GPA or higher received a treat. If your student did not receive their treat, please have your student notify the front office.

FUN FRIDAY SPONSORED BY THE PTSA--FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

This Friday, November 3, the PTSA is sponsoring a Term 2 Fun Friday event for our students. There will be yard games like 9-square and cornhole as well as treats that students can purchase from a food truck. This time there will be two drink trucks. Thanks PTSA!

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS 10/31

Students are permitted to wear Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31 under the following conditions: 1. All of the rules pertaining to dress code still apply; 2. No weapons (real or pretend) are allowed; 3. Face painting is allowed, but no masks; 4. No excessive gore; 5. Students must be able to engage in learning.

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK DRESS UP DAYS

This week, students can show their school spirit by participating each day:

Tuesday: Wear Your Halloween Costume

Wednesday: White Out Day--Wear White

Thursday: Pajama Day--Wear Your School Appropriate/Dress Code Appropriate Pajamas to School

Friday: Freaky Friday--Dress Up Like a Friend, and They Dress Up Like You!

LUNCHROOM SCANNERS--STUDENTS NEED TO BRING ID CARDS

We thought that we found a work around in regard to the scanners/barcodes we are using in the Cafeteria. We found some keypads that would still allow students to key in their numbers, but the new district issued scanners do NOT work with the keypads. Please remind and encourage your students to bring their ID cards to lunch with them. Otherwise student numbers will have to be found manually and will slow down service considerably. If students have lost their ID cards, please send them to the office. Thanks for your help with this!

NEW STUDENT TARDY PROCEDURE

Starting the beginning of last school year, we made a change from a 5 minute passing period between classes to a 7 minute passing period. There are many reasons for doing this: more time for students to connect with their friends, time for both teachers and students to recharge for their next class, more time for students to get from class to class, more time for teachers and students to use the facilities in between classes, etc. We have a warning bell that rings 2 minutes before the 7 minutes is up to alert students that they should be on their way to class. Sadly most students are waiting until that 2 minute bell to start making their way to class and end up tardy. In fact, we have more tardies with a 7 minute passing period than we had with a 5 minute passing period. We are still committed to the reasons we made the adjustment in the first place, so the following adjustments/procedures are now in effect:

- The warning bell will ring 3 minutes before the 7 minute passing period is over instead of 2 minutes before.
- When a student has accumulated 5 tardies in a term, they will be called down to talk with an admin.
- When a student has accumulated 10 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 1 day.
- When a student has accumulated 15 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 2 days.
- When a student has accumulated 20 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 3 days the admin will schedule a meeting with the student and their parents.

It is always an option to switch back to a 5 minute passing period, but we would like to attempt this procedure first. Please help your student to internalize the importance of being to class on time!

STUDENT PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK!

The yearbook team is looking for some good talent! Make sure you add your first and last name(s) to each photo,



your grade, and an optional caption! Get creative! If your talent is hard to show with a photo, try to find a way to represent it. Send anything from your art, playing a sport, coding, cooking, fixing a Rubix cube, playing an instrument, options are endless! If you want a chance to be put in the yearbook and showcase something unique, send a picture of showing your talent to mredford@alpinedistrict.org. We are excited to see what hidden gifts you have!

REMINDER CONCERNING 7TH GRADE STUDENT VACCINATIONS

- We need an updated immunization record from your doctors office or the health department in order to meet the states vaccine requirement for junior high.
- If your student had an exemption previously, it is required to be renewed now that your student is in Junior High, please be sure to include the TDAP vaccine and Meningococcal with your exemptions. The exemption can be completed online at immunize.utah.gov.
- Please email or drop off your certificate to the school directly.
- Any students not up to date by Friday, November 2nd will be placed on a 30 day conditional enrollment and after that period of time, if the records are not updated, he/she will be excluded from school. Please expect to receive a certified letter and/or email from our school nurse.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to our school nurse at janderson2@alpinedistrict.org.

ASD RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher or school employee who is Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging? Nominations are now open for the [2023-2024 ASD RISE Award](#). Nominees will be recognized at their school, highlighted on our website, and a few each month will be selected for Board Recognition during a Board meeting at the District Office.

UTAH JAZZ/INSTRUCTURE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the Utah Jazz MVE (Most Valuable Educator) Award. If there is an #ASD educator who has had an impact on your student, please nominate them [HERE](#). Each honored educator will be a guest of Instructure at a game and will receive a personalized Jazz jersey. In addition, they will receive a \$1,000 classroom grant and a surprise classroom visit or organized assembly involving the Jazz Bear mascot and personnel from the Utah Jazz and Instructure. We have AMAZING teachers!!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL AND LINDON CARES

presenting

TABLE TALKS

FREE LUNCH & GIVEAWAYS

FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

WEDNESDAY OCT 11

WEDNESDAY NOV 8

FLOURISHING OR FLOUNDERING? HELPING YOUR CHILD TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD

Dr. Larry Nelson is an award-winning professor in the School of Family Life at BYU. Dr. Nelson studies factors that lead to flourishing or floundering in the transition to adulthood with a particular interest in parenting, social competence, social withdrawal, identity, beliefs, and culture.

12:15PM
MEDIA CENTER
@TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT
JAMIE JENSEN
JJENSEN@LINDONCITY.ORG

LINDON CARES

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**PLEASANT GROVE
HIGH SCHOOL
COLOR GUARD
AUDITIONS**

Scan the QR code to sign up!

OPEN TO ALL

WHERE
VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

WHEN
NOVEMBER 13TH
2:30- 3PM CHECK-IN
3- 6PM CLINIC
NOVEMBER 15TH
3-6PM AUDITION

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO
KARAGIBBONS@ALPINEDISTRICT.ORG

PLEASE WEAR DANCE ATTIRE EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED

**VIKINGS
Color Guard**

**TIMPANOGOS
TIMBERWOLVES**

**WINTER
WRESTLING**

Nov 6th - Feb 13th

Programs for 1st through 8th grade

Beginning and advanced classes available. Class schedule, cost, and registration available at www.timpanogoswrestling.com



Hablamos Español

REMINDERS

CCRS FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADERS

Current OCJH 8th graders have the opportunity to meet with their counselor starting on Tuesday, October 24 for their CCR meetings. CCR stands for Career and College Readiness, and that is what counselors will be discussing with students and their parents. Parents can select a time to meet with their 8th grader's counselor on the Oak Canyon website.

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 Science in Action (Garlick A-156) 2:20-3:20

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

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

TH Dungeons and Dragons (Adamson E102)

F Math Club (Jorgensen B152) 2:15-3:15

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.

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