

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 12, 2024



EVENTS 2/12-2/25 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

2/12-2/18 (B-WEEK)

2/19-2/25 (A-WEEK)

<p>12 Science Demo Team to Bonneville Ele. 8:00-12:00</p> <p>12 Girls Basketball Playoff Game @ OCJH 3:00</p> <p>12 Boys Basketball Playoff Game @ CVJH 4:45</p> <p>13 WIDA Testing</p> <p>13 Eagle of the Month 9:00 in the Library</p> <p>13 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the Library</p> <p>13 Valentine's Day Dance 2:15-3:15</p> <p>13 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office</p> <p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>14 Hall's Class to Scera Theater 9:30-12:00</p> <p>15 District Jazz Festival @ Oak Canyon</p>	<p>Homeroom: Perfectionism vs. Excellence</p> <p>19 Presidents' Day--No School</p> <p>20 SCC Meeting 2:30-3:30 in the TLC</p> <p>22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00</p> <p>23 State Jazz Festival</p>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This week in homeroom we begin our exploration of Character. People of character act with integrity--meaning their actions are consistent with their words. They put forth their best effort and work hard to improve. They magnify and celebrate their unique strengths and gifts as well as those of others. They create lasting connections with others by demonstrating kindness and respect. This year, I have had the opportunity to watch our boys and girls basketball teams play quite a few times. I have been impressed with the way that both teams have consistently improved every single game. At times, you could tell that they were fighting frustration and disappointment, but they showed up every game

and put forth their best effort. The last month of the season has been very exciting indeed. Not only have both teams been winning games, they have been able to play with confidence against good teams and to cheer each other on. I think my favorite thing about the playoff game today was watching the boys team cheer on the girls team in their game and conversely, the girls team cheer on the boys team in their game. It was a proud principal moment. It is fun to win games, but it is even more rewarding to see our students demonstrate exemplary character on and off of the court. This goes for all Oak Canyon students. It is a thrill to see the incredible people our students are and are becoming. Keep up the great work, Eagles!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

OAK CANYON'S GOT TALENT--SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Oak Canyon's Got Talent event is coming up on Friday, March 8 at 7:00 PM! We hope to see you there!

EAGLE CARDS ON SALE NOW! Eagle cards are on sale for the rest of the year. They will be \$5 now instead of \$7 and you can buy them at the finance office or at PTSA meetings. There are awesome deals to be had, so spread the word!

OAK CANYON PTSA OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024-2025: We are looking to involve and recruit great parents and families who are joining OCJH! As a PTSA we are involved in a lot of purposeful, meaningful, and super fun things at the school and we are always looking for great help!



SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK: 2/13-2/16

Eagles, show your school spirit as we celebrate Valentine's Day this week. Here are the daily themes for the week:

Tuesday: Fancy Day (Wear your fancy clothes) and Valentine's Dance from 2:15-3:15

Wednesday: Valentine's Day

Thursday: Heart Out (Wear as hearts as you can!)

Friday: Fuzzy Friday (Wear your cozy/comfy clothes)

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS ADVANCE TO TOURNAMENT PLAY!

On Monday, our boys and girls basketball teams had impressive wins against Canyon View and Orem Junior to advance to the district tournament. **We would love to fill the stands with Oak Canyon fans to cheer on our teams in our tournament game on Wednesday, February 14. The girls will play at Orem High at 5:00 PM and**

the boys will play at Mountain View at 7:00 PM. Tournament games at high schools will have an entry fee, but students get in free with a school ID card. We will follow UHSAA rules. No balloons, megaphones, artificial noisemakers (shakers, clickers, bells, cow bells, buzzers, thunder sticks or drums). No air horns, sirens, electronic bull horns, whistles or vuvuzelas. No banners for teams to run through. No hand held signs. No confetti or laser pointers. Absolutely no FACE PAINT will be permitted. We are in the process of lining up a Spirit Bus to pick up students at Oak Canyon, transport them to Orem High, then to Mountain View, and then back to Oak Canyon. More details are forthcoming. **Please check the Oak Canyon website or Facebook page for updates concerning the Spirit Bus as well as information about any additional games this week. GO EAGLES!!**

PRE-SEASON TRACK OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

Pre-season track is underway! Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30-3:30 meeting in the weight room. Click on the following link for more information!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSwyvetfFLLvsqqFrqfUTmw2nvvvVKD5hxOjP6iPz_pwtbseEuUil9IFB7Wzgz23mwJpH-2ktfTb9S1/pub

START SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!

Parents, we would like to spotlight Oak Canyon students that are up to great things outside of school. The challenge is that we are not always aware of these student accomplishments/events to be celebrated. Please click on this link if you'd like your student to be spotlighted in a future edition of the Principal's Newsletter!

<https://forms.gle/KvYAYNKbDtwrMbpA6>

LINDON CARES COMMUNITY EVENTS



Teen Coping Skills Class

Come learn stress management, social skills, and communication in fun and engaging ways.

Jan 23- Feb 22
Tuesdays/Thursdays
Age 12 and up, 5-6pm

Class is FREE!
Sign-up online at lindonrecreation.org
Taught by a Recreational Therapist



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TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL AND LINDON CARES

present **TABLE TALKS**

FREE LUNCH & GIVEAWAYS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

WEDNESDAY FEB 28
WEDNESDAY MAR 20

Please RSVP using the QR code for food count



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TEACHING YOUR CHILD CONSENT

Consent is about so much more than sex. Practicing and honoring consent is essential to navigating relationships and interactions throughout life. This discussion explores the powerful principles of consent and how they can help us empower children, foster healthy relationships in our families, and reduce the risk of sexual abuse.

12:15PM MEDIA CENTER




Strengthen Your Relationships

FREE WORKSHOP
for parents of kids aged 9-14



GUIDING GOOD CHOICES

- Dinner for the whole family
- +\$50 gift basket
- *Must be able to attend all 5 sessions
- Childcare for ages 8 and under
- Activities for ages 9 and up

MONDAYS 6PM-8PM
LINDON COMMUNITY CENTER
25 N Main St Lindon

Jan. 22 Jan. 29 Feb. 5
Feb. 12 Feb. 26

Sign up now!

Questions?
Contact Jamie
801-755-7288
jensen@lindoncity.org



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PG CARES COMMUNITY EVENTS



Save the Date



BEN KJAR
World Wrestling Champion
& International Public Speaker

For Adults
& Teens

Community Connection Event

Pleasant Grove High School Auditorium

Wed. Feb. 21st at 7pm

RESOURCE Booths &
REFRESHMENTS in the PGHS
Common Area starting at 5:30pm

All attendees will be entered to win prizes from PG Cares!

¡FORTALEZCA TUS CONEXIONES!

TALLER GRÁTIS
para padres de niños desde los 9 a los 14 años

Guiding Good Choices es un programa nacional con fundamentos científicos para padres que tienen hijos en el 4º al 8º grado. Durante cinco semanas, aprenderás como

- fortalecer los vínculos familiares
- mejorar la comunicación
- manejar mejor el conflicto
- ayudar a tus hijos evitar la conducta riesgosa




EL TALLER GRÁTIS INCLUYE:

- ✓ Cena para toda la familia
- ✓ Guardería para los niños menor de 8
- ✓ Cesta de regalo al valor de \$50*
- ✓ Actividades para los niños mayor de 9

*Se requiere asistencia a todas las cinco clases

LOS MARTES 6PM-8:30 en el PG Rec Center


20 FEB 27 FEB
5 MAR 12 MAR
19 MAR

INSCRÍBETE AHORA



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OTHER FAMILY/STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

GIRLS LACROSSE

PLAYER INFORMATION MEETING
THURS. JANUARY 18TH @ 6:00 PM
PGHS LIBRARY
9TH - 12TH GRADE WELCOME!




SPRING WRESTLING
March 1 - May 17

Programs for 1st through 8th grade

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



Hablamos Español



Take part in a FREE 8-week Family Life Education Course with the UVU STRONGER FAMILIES PROJECT

Build On Your Family's Strengths & Values!

Using an evidence-based, nationally-recognized curriculum, we teach both parents and children how to improve their interaction and emotional patterns within the family.

In-person sessions will be delivered at locations in Utah County. Classes begin the week of Jan. 29th and are held one evening per week through Mar. 28th. Classes are for the entire family. Sessions fill up quickly and space in the program is limited.

Spring Sessions:	Covered Topics:
<p>Tuesday Night: Orem Jr. High 650 W. Jaguar Ave., Orem 6:30-8:00 pm</p> <p>Thursday Night: UVU Campus SFP Bldg. 1140 S. 400 W., Orem 6:30-8:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Patterns of Communication • Family Interpersonal Skills • Conflict Resolution • Emotional & Mental Health • Positive Discipline • Problem Solving • Goal Setting and Achievement • Anger Management • Establishing Family Values

Apply at: <https://www.uvu.edu/sfp/apply/>

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www.facebook.com/UVUStrongerFamiliesProject/

FREE ZOOM MENTAL HEALTH PARENT NIGHT (BULLYING - STOP THE CYCLE)

The ASD Student Support Services Department is partnering with the Cook Center for Human Connection to present a series of courses to support parents. These courses will be held virtually over Zoom, and the next course, "Bullying - Stop the Cycle," is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 from 6:30-7:30pm. Parents can pre-register for the [ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#) courses. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

TIMPANOGOS GIRLS SOCCER

Parent / Player Meeting

Monday March 4, 2024 @ 7 pm

THS Little Theater

Come meet the Coaching Staff & learn about Summer camps, Conditioning, and Fall Tryouts!

Questions? Contact Robyn Bretzing / rbretzing@alpinedistrict.org

TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Who: Boys grades 6th-9th

When: March 4th and 5th from 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Timpanogos High School Gym

Questions? Contact Aubrey Woahn 801-850-8110 or text @e28h3f46 to 81010



REMINDERS

STAKEHOLDERS' REPORT 2023-2024

Each year we are required to create a Stakeholders' Report to inform our school community and patrons about how we are doing as a school--our priorities, progress, and school community council information (goals, budget expenditures, membership, meetings). This will be sent to patrons electronically on Monday; however, you can access it by clicking [here](#).

HOMEROOM SHUFFLE COMPLETE

As of Monday, January 29, most students have a new homeroom class. Here is what you need to know:

- The point of homeroom is to create opportunities for students and staff to connect and to deliberately focus on the skills and dispositions one needs to be a lifelong learner (the 6 Cs).
- Students and staff have been surveyed throughout this year to gather data about how homeroom has gone so far. In looking at the data we noticed two things: 1. Most homeroom classes were very imbalanced as far as genders were concerned, and 2. Student and teacher surveys from December indicated that an increasing number were having a hard time in their homerooms or would like a switch in their homeroom assignment than when we surveyed in October. It is important to note that we really read those surveys, and we take them seriously. These changes are a result of people asking for them.

- The adults in the building are working on developing the 6 Cs in ourselves too, so we communicated, collaborated, critically considered and thought about the situation, and we got creative about how we might address the roster imbalances as well as the overall experiences that students and teachers were having in homeroom.
- Although teachers did not want to see their homeroom students go, it was a unanimous decision to shuffle the homeroom rosters. Teachers also wanted to try some action research. For that reason, we left 5 homeroom classes the same as the constants. Then we created two new kinds of homerooms: those with students from all three grades mixed and those with students from only their same grade. We are hopeful that this will give us some really good insights into what works best in homeroom as we consider what it might look like next year.
- We ask all students to give these new homeroom assignments a chance. As before, we are not making changes to homeroom assignments at this time. We ask everyone to go forth with a positive attitude and give your new homerooms a chance. Participate. Get to know each other. Make Oak Canyon a little kinder.

OAK CANYON TSA--FROM MR. REDFORD

Our school Technology Student Association (TSA) club is getting ready for our state competition. There are over 30 competitions for you to compete in. 9th graders who place 1st at the state competition will be invited to compete in the National Competition this summer in Orlando Florida. Come see Mr. Redford if you have any questions. We meet in room F115 on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30. Hope to see you there.

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!!