

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

APRIL 8, 2024



## EVENTS 4/8-4/21 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

4/8-4/14 (B-WEEK)

4/15-4/21 (B-WEEK)

Homeroom: Choices and Consequences	Homeroom: HOPE Week
8 StuCo Videos Due	15 HOPE Week Dress Up: Spring/Florals
9 PTSA Meeting 9:30 in the Library	15 OCJH Math Competition 3:00-6:30 @ PGJR
10 9th Grade ASPIRE Testing (A/B Day)	15 Untangling Teens and Tech Event 7 PM @ THS
10 8th Grade CTE Job Shadow Day (off-site)	16 HOPE Week Dress Up: Pink Out
10 7th Grade Design Challenge Day (on-site)	16 SCC Meeting 2:30-3:30 in the TLC
10 Track Meet @ Timpanogos	17 HOPE Week Dress Up: Cartoon Day
10 StuCo Interviews 1:15-2:00 in the Office	18 HOPE Week Dress Up: Neon Colors
11 Evacuation Drill During Homeroom 9:15	18 German Classes to BYU Lang. Fair 9:15-1:00
12 Hall's Class to BYU 9:30-1:00	19 HOPE Week Dress Up: Bling Out
12 PTSA Sponsored Fun Friday during Lunches	
12 StuCo Winners Announced	

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



For the next month we will be spending time in Homeroom talking about Citizenship and the 4 indicators associated with it at Oak Canyon. This week we will focus on "sharing and recognizing others' perspectives with civility and respect." This is a timely perspective for certain. This week, I'd like to recognize three very important people at Oak Canyon that work with me to create our Administrative Team--Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Burt, and Mr. Crandall. Not every junior high school is fortunate enough to have three assistant principals, but we are among those lucky few! Prior to my tenure at Oak Canyon, I was the sole administrator at Lindon Elementary. Upon my assignment to Oak Canyon, I found myself wondering what one even does with an assistant principal, let alone three of them. Well, I learned very

quickly how vital they are to the functioning of our school. Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Burt, and Mr. Crandall all bring unique talents, skill sets, and experiences to Oak Canyon. Here are some little known facts about this talented trio:

**Mr. Abrams:** From Seattle, WA; Father of 5; Loves the Great Outdoors; Speaks Portuguese; Prankster; Taught Science; High School AP for 8 years; Oversees OCJH Facility, Student 504 Plans, Athletics, PE/Health, World Languages, and Guided Studies

**Mrs. Burt:** Also from Seattle, WA; Mother of 4; Played Collegiate Soccer; Spoke at the White House; Enjoys Hiking and the Outdoors; Taught Jr. High



and High School English; High School Teacher/AP at Tesla STEM High School in Washington; Oversees OCJH Special Education, Science, Social Studies, CTE, Testing, and Student Voice Group.

**Mr. Crandall:** From Las Vegas, NV. Father of 5; Loves Family Time; Dad Joke Enthusiast; Taught Elementary School in ASD; Worked as a CFA Supporting BYU Student Teachers/Practicum Students; Worked as an Innovative Learning Coach at 2 ASD Junior Highs; Oversees OCJH Math, Fine Arts, Data, and Technology.

*Their perspectives and variety of experiences make for a well rounded administrative team. They are all heavily invested in seeing students and teachers alike succeed. I am a lucky principal to work with such an accomplished group. Last week was National Assistant Principals' Week, so make sure to let them know how much they are appreciated! It's going to be a great week!*

Mrs. Ross

## NEW INFORMATION

### FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

**PTSA SPONSORED "FREAKIN' FUN FRIDAY" 4/12** This Friday during both lunches we will have drink trucks in front of the school as well as games for students to play during lunches. Check the OCJH Facebook page this week for the official flier.

**EAGLE CARDS ON SALE NOW!** Eagle cards are on sale for the rest of the year. They will be \$7 now instead of \$10 and you can buy them at the finance office or at PTSA meetings. There are awesome deals to be had, so spread the word!

### MGT DISTRICT RECONFIGURATION SURVEY DUE 4/9 BY 5 PM

MGT Consulting held several community and employee meetings in March to present their preliminary findings regarding a potential district reconfiguration. This is your chance to make your voice heard--please take advantage of the opportunity.

- To view the slides presented in the meetings, [CLICK HERE](#)
- To watch a brief voiceover presentation of the slides, [CLICK HERE](#)
- To watch a video of one of the full public presentations, [CLICK HERE](#)

**MGT has prepared a survey and asks all employees and parents to share their feedback in the survey linked below.** When you follow the link to begin the survey, you will be redirected to a site managed by MGT Consulting. Participation is voluntary, and the survey does not ask for any personally identifying information. It will take about 6 minutes to complete. Prior to taking the survey, we encourage you to review the presentation information. After the survey closes at 5pm MDT on April 9, 2024, MGT will compile results to share with the school board during a board meeting in April. [MGT SURVEY](#)

### APRIL 10--VERY IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ:

ASPIRE is the name of one of the two state tests coming up in April. **On Wednesday, April 10, our 9th grade students will take the ASPIRE test.** 9th grade teachers will proctor that test. It will take a majority of the day, but

students will have multiple breaks as well as a lunch break during the testing. **On the 10th, 8th grade students will have their job shadowing assignment offsite.** The expectation is that all 8th grade students will participate in the job shadowing experience. If your student does not have someone to shadow, please have them reach out to their CCA teacher ASAP to find an alternative way to meet the CCA job shadowing standard. **Our 7th grade students will be onsite this day and will have the opportunity to participate in an engineering and design task that is part of their Digital Literacy class.** We don't want to give away all of the details yet, but it will be a day to remember for certain! PLEASE NOTE: **The week of April 22nd, our 7th and 8th grade students will complete the RISE tests three different mornings while our 9th graders participate in a project related to their World Geography/Civilization class.** Click [here](#) for more information about our testing schedule as well as the bell schedules for those days. We are thrilled about this innovative approach to testing! Stay tuned for a full report!

## OCJH & THS COMBINED PARENT EVENT--MONDAY, APRIL 15

Through safety money provided to our school PTSA through Lindon Cares, we have combined forces with the Timpanogos High School SCC to provide a parent night on Monday, April 15. There is dinner provided by Texas Roadhouse as well as booths and prizes. National presenter, Andrea Davis, will share her presentation entitled, "Untangling Teens and Tech." We are fortunate to be part of this worthwhile event and encourage you to attend!

TIMPANOGOS SCC INVITES PARENTS & TEENS TO

# Untangling Teens & Tech

What every parent needs to know about digital dangers, discernment, and distractions.

Learn how to give your teen a sense of self stronger than any screen!

**Monday, April 15th  
7 PM @Timpanogos High Auditorium**

**FEATURING ANDREA DAVIS**  
Founder of Better Screen Time, Speaker, Mom of 5, Author, and Youth Advocate

**Free chaperoning for the first 25 registered children ages 4-10**

In collaboration with:

Parent-oriented presentation with mature content; kids allowed with discretion.

**Free Dinner beginning at 6:00**

**Door Prizes Galore!**

TIMPANOGOS SCC INVITA A PADRES Y ADOLESCENTES A

# Desenredando a los adolescentes y la tecnología

Lo que todo padre necesita saber sobre los peligros, el discernimiento y las distracciones digitales.

¡Aprenda cómo darle a su hijo adolescente un sentido de sí mismo más fuerte que cualquier pantalla!

**Lunes, 15 de abril  
7 PM @Timpanogos High Auditorio**

**PRESENTANDO A ANDREA DAVIS**  
Fundadora de Better Screen Time, Oradora, Madre de 5 hijos, Autora y Defensora de la Juventud.

**Acompañamiento gratuito para los primeros 25 niños registrados de 4 a 10 años**

En colaboración con:

Presentación orientada a los padres con contenido para adultos. Se admiten niños a discreción de los padres.

**Cena gratis comenzando a las 6:00**

**¡Sorteos en abundancia!**



## EARLY MORNING SEMINARY OPTION FOR 9TH GRADERS 2024-2025!!

We are THRILLED to announce that we just received word that we have been approved to offer an early morning seminary class for OCJH 9th graders for the 2024-2025 school year. We are aware that there are some 9th graders that simply do not have enough room in their schedule to take all of the classes they would like to take, especially if they are trying to fit in Seminary. Current 8th graders have already turned in their registration forms for 9th grade; however, if you are interested in this early morning Seminary class, please reach out to your counselor immediately. Space is limited to the first 33 to contact their counselor as only one early morning class is available next year. This information has been shared by OCJH Seminary as well; however, if you have signed up through their link, you still need to let your counselor know so we can adjust your schedule accordingly. We are hopeful that this option will meet a need and one that we can continue to offer over time.

## OTHER FAMILY/STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



**TIMPANOGOS**  
TIMBERWOLVES

### 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](http://www.timpanogoswrestling.com)



**Hablamos Español**



**TIMPANOGOS**  
YOUTH FOOTBALL

### 2024 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Grades 3-9  
Registration \$250  
\$300 after June 8th

**JOIN US!!**

**Timpanogos High School Youth Summer Camp**  
June 3-4, 2024  
Cost: \$40  
2pm-4pm @ Timpanogos High School



[timpanogosyouthfootball.com](http://timpanogosyouthfootball.com)



## VOLLEYBALL

Parent/Player meeting



Start time **7:30 PM** **APRIL 10**

Timpanogos High School Little Theatre

\*For all parents and players interested in trying out for Timpanogos girls' volleyball in the fall.



TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL

## VOLLEYBALL CAMP

June 24-27

KIDS camp	GIRLS camp
Co-ed 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade
1:30-4:00	10:30-12:30
	
\$40 register with QR code	\$100 register with QR code

Come improve your volleyball skills including, serving, passing, setting, hitting and defense.

Please reach out to coaches for any question [jenniferdowney@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:jenniferdowney@alpinedistrict.org) [whitbarlow@gmail.com](mailto:whitbarlow@gmail.com)



Timpanogos Girls Volleyball

## OPEN GYM

Wednesdays  
6:30-8:30

For all girls grades 7-12

Any question reach out to Coach Jen [jenniferdowney@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:jenniferdowney@alpinedistrict.org)



## LINDON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Spring is finally here! As the temperatures ramp up, so does Lindon Parks & Rec! We are making sure the parks are ready to go, the pool is filled and balanced, and classes are ready for registrations. Check out the list of programs and events and reach out by emailing at [recreation@lindoncity.org](mailto:recreation@lindoncity.org) or by calling 801-769-8625 if you have any questions. Click on the link to access the newsletter for the week.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vFWG-nlFFepv7nFoN\\_H7KhenQqWXwKNT/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vFWG-nlFFepv7nFoN_H7KhenQqWXwKNT/view?usp=sharing)

## 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>

## REMINDERS

### YEARBOOKS

The price of yearbooks increased on Monday, March 4th to \$40.00. There will be posters hanging on the windows outside the finance and main office with student ID numbers for students who have PURCHASED a yearbook. Students may also check with Mrs. Hoyal to see if one has been purchased.

## 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](#).

## 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!!