

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER AUGUST 19, 2024



## EVENTS 8/19-9/1 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

### 8/19-8/25 (A-WEEK)

Term 1 Essential Guiding Question: What Does It Mean To Be An Oak Canyon Eagle?  
Homeroom Topics: Identifying, Recognizing, and Celebrating Our Gifts, Strengths and Contributions  
19-23 Welcome Week (See Details Below)  
19 Vision Screening (1st Period/8th Graders)  
19 Hearing Screening for 7th Graders (8:00-11:00)  
19-20 7th Grade Chromebook Distribution in S. Success  
20 SCC Meeting 2:30-3:30 in the TLC  
21 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the TLC  
22-23 School Pictures during Science Classes  
23 Welcome Week Dance 2:15-3:15

### 8/26-9/1 (B-WEEK)

Term 1 Essential Guiding Question: What Does It Mean To Be An Oak Canyon Eagle?  
Homeroom: Academic Mastery  
28 Ballroom 1:15-3:15  
30 StuCo 7th Grade Applications/Posters Due  
30 Musical Auditions 2:30-4:30/5:00-7:00  
2 Labor Day--NO SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



And just like that, we're off to the start of a brand new school year! Students and staff have returned to school with a positive outlook, and there is a great feeling in the school. We've been busy working on the aesthetics of our building. We've installed some permanent wall decor dedicated to the 6 Cs in Halls A, B, and C. An art installation created by the 22-23 Young Master's class has been relocated to Hall A as one large piece as opposed to 8 individual pieces. And in the commons 4 large eagle murals have been added as symbols for our Homeroom Pods. We are excited to share the adjustments we have made to Homeroom this year. All of our Homeroom classes have been divided into 4 pods. Each pod represents a part of the alphabet and has an

administrator, counselor, coach, advocate, etc. assigned to the Pod. Each pod represents an element found in nature: water, earth, air, and fire. The purpose of our Homeroom Pods is to help students feel an even greater connection to one another through Homeroom, to help admin, counselors, and coaches participate in Homeroom and provide even deeper support to the students in the portion of the alphabet already assigned to them, and to help our teachers grow in their capacity to lead Homeroom. Some of the homeroom classes are grade level specific, and some of them have students from mixed grades. All of these changes are based on feedback received from students, parents, and teachers on how we can improve the Homeroom experience.. Truly, we want Homeroom to matter and to be helpful to all. I am excited to update you as the year progresses on the awesome things our students are up to in their Homeroom classes and pods!

Pod Assignments 2024-2025

Pod: A-D WATER	Pod: E-K EARTH	Pod: L-Re AIR	Pod: Rh-Z FIRE
<b>Ben Abrams</b> Tami Platt <b>Alex Goold (A/B)</b> Lisa Lister Advocate	<b>Cynthia Burt</b> Brad Johnson <b>Michelle Jensen (A/B)</b> Elizabeth Shumway Advocate	<b>Nate Crandall</b> Mike Bearden <b>Natalie Robinson (A)</b> <b>Jenna Flood (B)</b> Advocate	<b>Kate Ross</b> Lucilla Rhees <b>Taralyn Holmes (A/B)</b> Priscila Prestes Advocate
Angela Moulton (9th) Cherae Ecalono (7th) Collin Seastrand (Mixed) Curtis Nguyen (8th) Dallin Graham (9th) Hannah Sanders (7th) Julie Smith (8th) Raquel Cook (9th) Riley White (Mixed) Sarah Mather (7th) Trevor Kunkel (8th)	Aidan Baller (Mixed) Angel Holmes (Mixed) Anna Robison (7th) Ashley Fuller (7th) Heather Hall (Mixed/9th) J. Garlick/D. Stone (8th) Jen Hermansen (7th) Jen Lamoreaux (9th) Paul Andrus (8th) Scott Bethel (Mixed) Teri Bench (9th) Travis Adamson (8th)	Alyssa Meinzer (9th) Clint Roberts (8th) Joe Allphin (9th) Jordan Torrence (7th) Josh Rawson (Mixed) Lindsay Lake (8th) M. Allan/T. Cheney (7th) Mike Redford (8th) Tamara Hardy (7th) Tess Thomas (9th) Troy VanKomen (8th) Yezenia De La Cruz (Mixed)	Ashley Braswell (9th) Debi Jorgensen (8th) Deby Otterson (7th) Jason Miller (9th) Jesse Blake (Mixed) Julio Escobedo (Mixed) Larissa Taylor (8th) Matt Marshall (8th) Mindy Monson (7th) Savannah Moorehead (7th) Tasha Sparks (9th)

I'd also like to show appreciation for our amazing teachers and the work they have put in to deepen learning opportunities for students in their daily instruction as well as to provide connection opportunities for students to help build a sense of community at Oak Canyon. Truly, it is going to be a fantastic year!

Mrs. Ross

## NEW INFORMATION

### WELCOME WEEK 8/19-8/23

It's Welcome Week at Oak Canyon Jr. High! Our Student Council has a fun week of dress up days as well as a dance planned for this first full week of school. Please note that school pictures will be taken on Thursday and Friday of this week during students' Science classes. Make sure if your student is participating in Spirit Days that they don't go too crazy on their picture day!!

**OCJH WELCOME WEEK**  
8/19-8/23

- MONDAY 8/19**  
**AMERICA MONDAY**  
DECK YOURSELF OUT IN THE STARS AND STRIPES
- TUESDAY 8/20**  
**FAVORITE TEAM**  
REP YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S GEAR
- WEDNESDAY 8/21**  
**WILDERNESS WEDNESDAY**  
WEAR YOUR OUTDOOR GEAR
- THURSDAY 8/24**  
**CELEBRITY THURSDAY**  
DRESS UP LIKE YOUR FAVORITE CELEBRITY  
\*WEAR YOUR SCHOOL PICTURES AND BRING THEM TO THE DAY BEFORE SCHOOL CLASSES
- FRIDAY 8/25**  
**FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY**  
TWINNING IS WINNING!  
\*WEAR YOUR SCHOOL PICTURES AND BRING THEM TO THE DAY BEFORE SCHOOL CLASSES
- REMEMBER:**  
THE OCJH DRESS CODE IS STILL IN EFFECT ON SPIRIT DAYS. CLOTHING MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL. NO WEAPONS (REAL OR FAKE), NO CHARACTER MARKS OR ACCESSORIES.

**WELCOME WEEK DANCE 8/23 2:15-3:15**

## STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE IN SKYWARD--VERY IMPORTANT

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. Students cannot access their school accounts/email either if the update has not been completed. If you need assistance, please click on this [link](#) for a tutorial.

## OCJH HANDBOOK AND CELL PHONE POLICY

The [OCJH Handbook](#) is an excellent place to find out all about the policies and procedures at our school. Some have been updated over the summer, so we encourage you to take a look. One of the policies we have amended is our cell phone policy (see below). New additions to the policy in the handbook are highlighted in yellow.

“Electronic communication devices (including cell phones and cameras) may not be possessed, activated or utilized in school situations where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations include but are not limited to locker rooms, shower rooms, restrooms and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing. Electronic communication devices may not be used by any student in a manner that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. Except as described above, students may use cell phones and headphones before and after school, during passing time, and at lunch.”

“In order to provide an optimized learning environment, all cell phones and headphones must be put away in a backpack or locker during the times when classes are in session. Cell phones and headphones should not be on a student’s person during class time. **This year, each teacher will have a hanging cell phone holder with individual compartments. It is NOT required that students place their phones in these holders during their regular classes. However, there will be incentives for students who voluntarily place their phones in the holder (on airplane mode) to remain there the whole class period. That said, it is required that students place their phones in the cell phone holders during HOMEROOM each day. We want to maximize the Homeroom experience, and we’d also like to gather some action research about how not having phones changes that experience. We are mindful of the cell phone policy being introduced at PGHS this year, and before we embark on something similar, we’d like to see what happens on a smaller scale in Homeroom.**”

“Personal devices must be put away during class time. If a student is in violation of this policy the following consequences will be imposed:


- First Offense: The cell phone (and/or headphones) will be taken by the teacher and returned to the student at the end of the period.
- Second Offense: The cell phone (and/or headphones) will be taken to the office. The student will be able to pick it up after school.



- Third Offense: The cell phone (and/or headphones) will be taken to the office. A parent will be able to pick it up after school.
- If the problem persists and after a parent conference, the student will lose the privilege of bringing a cell phone (and/or headphones) to school for the rest of the year.”

## 24-25 BELL SCHEDULE--WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT CHANGES

There is one major change to our bell schedule this year: lunch on early out Wednesdays will come at the end of the day, and there will only be one lunch on Wednesdays. Class will adjourn at 12:45 and lunch will go from 12:45-1:15. Buses will depart from the school at 1:15. If students do not want to stay for lunch on campus, they can be picked up or walk home after 12:45. Please note the updated bell schedule and teacher lunch assignments for the year.

 <b>BELL SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY</b>	
A1/B5	7:45-9:01
HOMEROOM	9:08-9:35
A2/B6	9:42-10:58
<b>1ST LUNCH</b>	
<b>LUNCH</b>	10:58-11:29
A3/B7	11:36-12:52
<b>2ND LUNCH</b>	
A3/B7	11:05-12:21
<b>LUNCH</b>	12:21-12:52
A4/B8	12:59-2:15
<b>BELL SCHEDULE</b> <b>WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT DAY</b>	
A1/B5	7:45-8:54
A2/B6	9:01-10:10
A3/B7	10:17-11:26
A4/B8	11:33-12:45
<b>LUNCH</b>	12:45-1:15

<b>A-DAY LUNCH SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>FIRST LUNCH</b>		<b>SECOND LUNCH</b>	
Adamson	Miller	Allphin	Roberts
Allan	Monson	Baller	Robinson
Andrus	Moorehead	Bench	Sanders
Bethel	Otterson	De La Cruz	Seminary
Blake	Prestes	Ecalono	Smith
Braswell	Rawson	Escobedo	Sparks
Graham	Redford	Fuller	Stone
Hall	Robison	Jorgensen	Torrence
Hardy	Seastrand	Kunkel	Van Komen
A. Holmes	Shumway	Lamoreaux	White
Lister	Taylor	Meinzer	
Marshall	Thomas		
Mather			
<b>B-DAY LUNCH SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>FIRST LUNCH</b>		<b>SECOND LUNCH</b>	
Adamson	Mather	Allphin	Kunkel
Andrus	Miller	Baller	Meinzer
Bethel	Monson	Bench	Moulton
Blake	Moorehead	Cheney	Roberts
Braswell	Nguyen	De La Cruz	Seminary
Cook	Prestes	Ecalono	Smith
Flood	Rawson	Escobedo	Sparks
Graham	Redford	Fuller	Torrence
Hall	Robison	Garlick	Van Komen
A. Holmes	Seastrand	Goold	White
T. Holmes	Taylor	Hermansen	
Lake	Thomas	Jorgensen	
Marshall			

**\*\*\* LUNCHES BASED ON A3 OR B7 TEACHERS\*\*\***

## WE ARE HIRING!!

If you, or someone you know is interested in working in our Life Skills classroom with Mrs. Hall, we are currently looking to fill a 29-hour a week paraeducator position. Please visit the Alpine School District website to view and apply for the available position, or inquire directly about the position by emailing [Kate Ross](mailto:Kate.Ross@alpine.k12.co.us).

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our first SCC meeting of the year with our new SCC will be September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the TLC. 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.

## 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. To join the PTSA, purchase Eagle Cards, and/or donate for Teacher Birthday/Appreciation gifts, please visit the Oak Canyon PTSA store link:

Givebacks  
[ocjhlindon.givebacks.com](http://ocjhlindon.givebacks.com)



Also, PTSA meetings will be held every third Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 in the TLC. All are welcome to attend!

## FROM THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Some of our bus routes have [DOUBLE RUNS](#). Watch the short video clip to learn more about how they work. We're always looking for additional drivers to help eliminate the need for double runs, so if you or someone you know would be interested in driving a bus, [CLICK HERE](#) to apply. Bus routes are available online [HERE](#). For bus stops, use the magnifying glass in the top right corner and enter your address, then select your student's school level on the left side of the page. Select "pick-up" for the time the bus will leave before school, or "drop-off" for the approximate time your student will be dropped off after school.

## STUDENT LOCKERS

If you would like to sign up for a locker for your student, please fill out the locker request form on [oakcanyon.alpinedistrict.org](http://oakcanyon.alpinedistrict.org) under Information. Or here is the link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWFRNvuu1SqrhbzSSGKwheih\\_C\\_KgtZIAUwW0rb4B4aBuX0w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWFRNvuu1SqrhbzSSGKwheih_C_KgtZIAUwW0rb4B4aBuX0w/viewform)

## SCHOOL FEES

Fees are now available to pay on [myschoolfees.com](https://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, 2024. Please reach out to the finance office via email at [jhoyal@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:jhoyal@alpinedistrict.org) or by phone 801-610-8141 with any questions. Thank you!

## SCHOOL PICTURES 8/22-8/23

School pictures will be taken in the Auditorium and students will be called down by their science classes. FYI, picture packets from Eastman Adams will be sent home on Monday and Tuesday.

## OCJH CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country practice is after school daily from 2:45-4:00. Starting on Wednesday September 4th we have meets every Wednesday from 5-6, and the Championship is on Wednesday, October 2nd. Meets are: September 4th @ AFJH; September 11th @ Oak Canyon; September 18th @ Viewpoint; September 25th @ at Mountain Ridge.

## FALL MUSICAL AUDITION INFORMATION

Here's what you need to know:

- Friday August 30th 2:30-4:30 PM and 5-7 PM
- Prepare 30 second Broadway song with backing track
- Sign up at [Eagledrama.weebly.com](https://Eagledrama.weebly.com)
- Also, Bring your audition form with you to auditions
- Find forms on the website, in Mrs. Lamoreaux's room, or in Ms. Sander's room
- The musical this year is *Into the Woods Jr.*

## OCJH AFTER SCHOOL BALLROOM

### Oak Canyon & Canyonview Ballroom Team

- Register online: [OakCanyonBallroom.com](https://OakCanyonBallroom.com)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade - Oak Canyon & Canyonview Students
- Monday & Wednesdays – After School @ Oak Canyon Jr High.
  - Mon – 2:25 - 3:30pm
  - Wed – 1:25 - 2:40pm
- Ladies! You can register by yourself or if you recruit a man to join Ballroom, you will guarantee yourself a spot on team. Man will dance with all ladies on team.



Questions: Michelle Haymond: [mhaymond@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:mhaymond@alpinedistrict.org)

Info, FAQ, Register, Photos, etc:



**Join Ballroom!**  
**AFTER SCHOOL**  
**MONDAYS**  
**&**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**SIGN UP**  
**AT:**  
**OAKCANYONBALLROOM.COM**



# OCJH SPIRIT STORE BACK TO SCHOOL SALE 8/20-9/24



## 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>

In the meantime, enjoy [this article](#) in the Daily Herald about 7th Grade Day at Oak Canyon!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A poster for Timpanogos High School Girls Freshman Volleyball Tryouts. The top half has a dark blue background with the text 'TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL Girls Freshman Volleyball Tryouts' in white and green. Below the text is a large graphic of a volleyball. The bottom half has a light green background with the dates 'August 21 &amp; 23' and time '5:30-7:30 PM'. It also lists the location 'Timpanogos High School Main gym' and 'Open for girls grades 6-9'. There is a QR code and contact information: 'QR code for more information and to register for tryouts' and 'Questions? Contact Daylyn Seaman 801-787-9561'.

An advertisement for a 'Strengthen Your Relationships FREE WORKSHOP' for parents of kids aged 9-14. It features the 'GUIDING GOOD CHOICES' logo, which is a hand holding a heart. The text says 'MONDAYS 6PM-8PM LINDON COMMUNITY CENTER 25 N Main St Lindon'. There is a QR code and the text 'Sign up now!'. A small photo shows a family. A text box explains: 'Guiding Good Choices gives families information and tools that work to protect preteens and teens from the inevitable risks they encounter as they become more independent. Families will learn ways to build or maintain lasting relationships, because teenagers who are more closely connected to their families have better health and educational outcomes.'

An advertisement for a 'Practicing Your Growth Mindset Class'. It features an illustration of a girl watering a plant. The text says 'Thursdays 5-6pm' and '\* Sign up for each monthly session'. It is 'Taught by a Master in Therapeutic Recreation MTRS'. A text box explains: 'Adolescence can be a time of self-discovery and rapid growth, physically and mentally. This class will be an opportunity for adolescents aged 12-17 to practice growth mindset through recreational therapy (RT). Growth mindset is a term used in positive psychology which reframes that challenges are opportunities for growth. This class will provide therapeutic activities with peers in self-expression, healthy thinking, gratitude, learning from failure, resilience, and adaptability.' There is a 'SCAN HERE!' button with a QR code and an arrow. It is 'Brought FREE to you by LINDON CARES' and includes contact information: 'Questions? Contact Jamie 801-789-8625 jjensen@lindon.gov'.

## REMINDERS:

