

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER JANUARY 27, 2025



EVENTS 1/27-2/9 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

1/27-2/2 (A-WEEK)

2/3-2/9 (B-WEEK)

<p>Homeroom: We Communicate in Respectful and Intentional Ways Continued...</p> <p>27-30 Hot Pockets Winter Clothing Drive</p> <p>27 9th Grade CCRs Begin</p> <p>27 Ballroom 2:25-3:30</p> <p>27 Girls' Basketball Game @ PGJH 3:00-4:30</p> <p>27 Boys' Basketball Game vs. PGJH 3:00-4:30</p> <p>28 CTE Field Trip 9:00-2:00 (see email from Tami Platt)</p> <p>28 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office</p> <p>29 Ballroom 1:25-2:40</p> <p>29 Girls' Basketball Game vs. MRJH 3:00-4:30</p> <p>29 Boys' Basketball Game @ MRJH 3:00-4:30</p> <p>30 Girls' Basketball Game @ Lakeridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>30 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Lakeridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>1 First Day of Black History Month</p>	<p>Homeroom: We Bring Our Best Efforts and Contribute to the Group</p> <p>3-7 National School Counselors' Week</p> <p>3 Term 3 Midterm</p> <p>3 Ballroom 2:25-3:30</p> <p>3 Girls' Basketball Game vs Canyon View 3:00-4:30</p> <p>3 Boys' Basketball Game @ Canyon View 3:00-4:30</p> <p>5 Ballroom 1:25-2:40</p> <p>6 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Orem 3:00-4:30</p> <p>6 Boys' Basketball Game @ Orem 3:00-4:30</p> <p>7 Teacher Work Day--No Students</p>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

To any faithful newsletter readers, my most sincere apology that there was not a newsletter for last week. I've decided to try and do just two newsletters for the month instead of one each week. The calendar portion of the newsletter always has two weeks worth of events, so it stands to reason that the information in the newsletter should be for two weeks as well. The goal of the newsletter is to help students and families feel in the know about all things Oak Canyon, and that goal has not changed. I welcome any feedback on this attempt to simplify and also to cut down on the number of emails hitting parent in-boxes. In other news, I'm pleased to report that currently all of our teaching positions have been filled since Ms. KaLee Mortensen (more information below) officially joined us this week as our new art teacher. I'm proud of our school community--particularly our staff and students in how we have helped each other through a particularly difficult time. It's a good reminder of how powerful we are when we work together. It's going to be a great week at Oak Canyon!



Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

EAGLE SPOTLIGHTS

Teacher Spotlights:

We are THRILLED to introduce you to our most recent Oak Canyon hires:

Ms. Shiloam Chapman has replaced Mr. White as our newest resource teacher. Ms. Chapman has worked extensively with students needing additional support at both Liberty Hills Elementary and in her own private business. From Ms. Chapman: "I am a mom of four children, wife to a patient husband, and caretaker to a quirky rescue dog named Peanut. We've lived in Lehi for 18 years. After surviving a life-altering illness in 2021, which left me with physical and cognitive challenges, I gained a deep empathy for those who struggle to learn. For the past five years, I've worked with K-9 students, focusing on personalized intervention and celebrating progress over perfection. I believe in meeting students where they are, building trust, and creating strategies that foster growth and confidence."



Ms. Kathy Puckett has joined our Student Success team with Mrs. Holmes. Ms. Puckett is replacing Mr. Seastrand for the remainder of the year. Ms. Puckett taught various grades at Vineyard, Lindon, and Northridge Elementaries until her retirement in 2020. She was the PTA president at Oak Canyon during the 2022-2023 school year. From Ms. Puckett: "I'm so happy to be here teaching at Oak Canyon for the rest of this school year! It has been fun to see familiar faces and to get to know many more. I love this community and I care about our students. After enjoying a few years of retirement, I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of all the good things happening here at Oak."

Ms. KaLee Mortensen is our new art teacher. Ms. Mortensen taught art at Centennial Middle School in Provo prior to attending graduate school in Scotland. She recently returned from Scotland with an advanced degree in Museum Studies. From Ms. Mortensen: "I am excited to teach art at Oak Canyon Jr. High! I love to paint/draw landscapes and cityscapes and film photography. Traveling to different places, whether in a new country or a new part of town, is important to me and enriches my life. I'm a sucker for baked goods like cinnamon rolls or homemade cookies and I love to bake as well. I enjoy being outdoors and being with my dog Molly."



WELCOME TO OAK CANYON!

Student Spotlights:



Eagles of the Month: For the month of January, the OCJH Social Studies Department selected students from their classrooms for their exemplary communication skills.

Congratulations to Molly Larsen, Lauren Brothers, Alameda Gali, Jane Gordon, Danica Anderson, and Sloan Baadsgaard!

Students of the Week 1/20: Braden Graser, Jack Fritcher and Daniel Sanchez

Students of the Week 1/27: Molly Taylor, Milena House, Symon Livingston, Maddex Dredge and Amelia Smith! Way to go!

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>

HOT POCKETS: WARM THINGS FOR COLD DAYS CLOTHING DRIVE 1/27-1/30

Join Mr. Escobedo's Homeroom in collecting new or gently used warm winter gear to donate to the homeless in Utah. It's gotten pretty cold, and what a great way to show care to those in our community in need!



NO TARDY TERM 3 UPDATE BY POD

Weekly Stats:

Pod	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	Cumulative	Standing
Water	98.64%	98.62%	98.77%	98.67%	1 st
Earth	98.36%	97.60%	98.25%	98.07%	4 th
Air	98.44%	98.38%	98.58%	98.47%	2 nd
Fire	98.32%	98.47%	98.52%	98.44%	3 rd
Weekly %	98.44%	98.27%	98.53%	98.41%	98.41%

OAK CANYON'S GOT TALENT INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Oak Canyon's Got Talent is a favorite tradition at Oak Canyon, and it will be held on Wednesday, March 19th. All applications are due by 3 PM on Friday, February 21. Please click on the link below for more information.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfv_mqtn_-K_69irx8cJE4hn9PqnTTRdjeagW2q2PsRxPQq9w/viewform?usp=sharing

SAVE THE DATE: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 2/20

Our second Parent Teacher Conference night of the year is coming up on Thursday, February 20th from 3:00-7:00 PM. Stay tuned for more information in the next Principals' Newsletter on February 10th.

SheTech EXPLORER DAY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

[Secure your seats today](#) and ignite your passion for STEM careers. SheTech Explorer Day is for high school girls in 9th-12th grades. Join us from 9am-1:15 pm on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at the Mountain America Expo Center in Sandy, UT. This FREE, full day of STEM and hands-on workshops in tech is back.

WORLD LANGUAGE WOWS

Our fantastic World Language department has put together a fantastic way to share with faculty and families the amazing things our World Language students and teachers are up to this year. Just click [here](#) to access WOWS!

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](#).**

-PTA Day at the State Capitol is coming up on February 21 from 12:00-2:00 PM.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CREATING a COMMUNITY of KINDNESS WITH KIRBY HEYBORNE



A free evening of service & fun for teens & parents

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 6:00-8:00 PM
6:00-8:00 PM PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

PLUS CHICK-FIL-A -and- DOOR PRIZES!

DON'T MISS IT!


FLOURISHING OR FLOUNDERING?

a community education event for parents and caregivers of youth and teens

COME LEARN

- What are the common pitfalls of young adulthood that can lead to floundering?
- What are the things that young people and their families can do to facilitate flourishing?
- How can parents support a child during this transition to independence?AND MORE!


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. He also studies factors (e.g., parenting, culture, self-perceptions) related to children's social development.

Enter to win great family prizes!



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL



Register for dinner and/or childcare here

-6:00 pm Dinner-School Cafeteria
-7:00 pm Presentation-Auditorium

*Childcare available for the first 25 children (12 and under)-Dance room

family **VALUES WORKSHOP**

Parents are the most important protective factor in their children's lives.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
or
MONDAY, MARCH 17
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

LINDON COMMUNITY CENTER

DINNER 6-6:30 PM
WORKSHOP 6:30-8:00 PM
CHILDCARE FOR 5 AND UNDER

Bring the whole family for a fun and educational workshop to help define your family values, improve communication skills and strengthen family bonds.



SCAN TO REGISTER
*EVENT IS FREE



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EMAIL JJENSEN@LINDON.GOV



Strengthen Your Relationships
FREE WORKSHOP
for parents of kids aged 9-14



GUIDING GOOD CHOICES

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.**


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




Sign up now!


Practicing Your Growth Mindset Class

Thursdays 5-6pm
*Sign up for each monthly session
Taught by a Master in Therapeutic Recreation MTRS




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.**

SCAN HERE!



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COLD AND FLU SEASON

As cold and flu season intensifies, we see an increase of influenza, strep throat, coronavirus, RSV, norovirus, and colds. Please review the most recent guidelines from the Utah County Health Department reflected in ASD's [HOW SICK IS TOO SICK?](#) guidelines.

REMINDERS:

NO TARDY TERM 2 FINAL RESULTS

Our Term 2 No Tardy Challenge has officially concluded. It was fascinating to do the math on this each week. Interesting to watch the patterns. Here are the results as I have them at this point:

Number of Students: 1297

Number of Class Periods (including Homeroom) to be on Time 10/28-12/20: 173

Number of Opportunities To Be On Time: 224,381

Number of Total Tardies Term 2: 3,024

Overall Percentage of Students On Time: 98.65%

Water Pod % of Students On Time: 98.87% (First Place)

Earth Pod % of Students On Time: 98.56% (Third Place)

Air Pod % of Students On Time: 98.64% (Second Place)

Fire Pod % of Students on Time: 98.50% (Fourth Place)

Percentage of Students with Zero Tardies Term 2: 45.26% (578 Students)

Water Pod % of Students with Zero Tardies: 46%

Earth Pod % of Students with Zero Tardies: 42%

Air Pod % of Students with Zero Tardies: 44%

Fire Pod % of Students with Zero Tardies: 50%