

OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

By Principal Kate Ross

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EVENTS 9/26-10/9 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

9/26-10/2 (B-WEEK)

10/3-10/9

26-29 PTSA Membership Drive 27 PTSA/SCC Bond Presentation 12:00 @ OJHS 27 ALL Field Trip to Bean Museum 12:15-2:00 27 ASD Bond Hearing/Board Mtg. 6:00-8:30 @ D.O. 28 Cross Country Meet 5-6 @ Frontier 29 Parent Teacher Conference 3-6 PM	3-4 Science Demo Team to Clear Creek 4 PTSA/SCC Bond Presentation 4:30 @ PGHS 6 Fall Choir Concert 6 & 7:30 PM in Auditorium
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MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROSS

Oak Canyon Junior High School has a guiding Mission, Vision, and Values. Our mission is, "Together, We Learn for Life." Our vision is for "Eagles to become confident, resilient, life-long learners through their development of the 6 Cs (character, citizenship, communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking)." Our values are connection, citizenship, and commitment. Over the next few weeks/months I will focus my newsletter remarks on these values and what they actually mean for OCJH Eagles. This week, I will continue with Connection:



In the graphic on the left you can see the behaviors we desire to see amongst OCJH students, staff, parents, etc. The fourth statement indicates that "we celebrate differences and successes." Last week, I had the opportunity to see this in action when I attended the Cross Country meet at Mountain Ridge Junior High. Team Oak Canyon was impressive on the course as they put their hard work and training to the test competing against boys and girls from all corners in Alpine School District. As the boys' and girls' teams took to the field in their respective races, Oak Canyon students, coaches, and families could be heard clapping, cheering, and offering encouragement all along the course. The celebrations were no less grand or heartfelt for a student in first place or much further back in the pack. At the conclusion of both races, our Eagles rallied around each other and celebrated each other regardless of their finishing position. I found out later that many personal bests were achieved in that race for our Eagle runners--I'm sure having a robust cheering section helped each of them to push a little harder and to keep going a little longer. I couldn't help but think about the difference it would make for each of us to have a cheering section in life. Obviously, this would look a little different in our day to day lives than in a sporting event, but think of what we could achieve if we celebrate others for putting forth their best efforts just because we genuinely care about each other and want each other to succeed! I

challenge all Oak Canyon Eagles to inspire each other to put for their best effort and celebrate all of the great things happening at our school! It's going to be a GREAT week!

NEW INFORMATION:

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 9/29 3:00-6:00 PM

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on September 29th from 3:00-6:00. This will be an open format where parents are welcome to stop by classrooms and visit with teachers about student progress without an appointment. That said, if you need to have a conversation more than 3-4 minutes, we would highly recommend reaching out to the teacher/teachers and schedule an actual appointment for another time.

ASD RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher or school employee who is **Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging**? Please nominate them for the new ASD RISE Award. Nominees will be recognized at their school, and a few each month will be selected for Board Recognition during a Board meeting at the District Office. Click [here](#) to access the nomination form.

FROM THE OCJH PTSA:

PTSA Membership Drive

Our PTSA Membership Drive is happening this week, September 26-30th! Please support our Oak Canyon PTSA by purchasing a \$7 membership and help us reach our goal of 400 members! We want our students to be members too! **As a thank you for joining, every student member will receive a free sucker and be placed in a drawing on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week.** This is also the last week for our back to school membership special- **BIG1 free Eagle Card when you pay for two PTSA memberships!!** You can pick up Eagle Cards and purchase a membership for you and your student at the Oak Canyon Finance Office or at myschoolfees.com. If you want to be more informed on PTSA events, sign up for PTSA emails and text reminders by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/UM2pBp5McyjLu4dVaA>. Thank you for your support!

Now is the time to help us celebrate Teacher and Staff Birthdays throughout the year!!

Donate at the finance office or online at myschoolfees.com (click the PTSA Category under Optional Fees or Public Items). We want to help our teachers and staff feel loved on their birthday and your donations will help us do just that!

2022 PTA REFLECTIONS Theme: "Show Your Voice"

Do you like to dance, write, take pictures, make music, movies, or art? Submit an entry for Reflections this year and get recognized! There will be prizes for all participants and cash prizes for winners in each category! Reflections has never been easier- everything is ONLINE! For more information, rules and FAQs visit utahpta.org/Ref Entries are due on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022.

REMINDERS:

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE:

Fee Waiver Applications are due by September 30th. This application needs to be completed and turned in every school year along with current documentation for proof of qualification. Only one application needs to be filled out per family. If you have students at the High School it is preferred the application is turned into the High School Finance Secretary. Upon approval they will notify OCJH if your family qualifies. If you're interested in a payment plan to assist you in paying your students fees please contact the Finance Office at 801-610-8141. Statements will be sent via email--at the beginning of every month--until the balance of your students fees are paid.

OCJH AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

Oak Canyon offers a variety of after school connection activities. There is a link to them on the website and they are listed on the OCJH Calendar as well. Here is a listing of those weekly activities:

M Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room) 2:15-3:45

T E-Sports (Redford F115) 2:15-3:00

T FBLA (Wintle F114) 2:15-3:00

T 3D Design (Hansen E106) 2:15-3:00

T Improvisation (Lamoreaux Auditorium) 2:15-3:00 Starting in January.

W Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room) 12:30-2:30

TH Flag Football Intramurals (Johnson) Thursdays in September

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

TH Dungeons and Dragons (Adamson E102) 2:30-3:30 (Until January)

F Jewelry Making (Flood B147) 2:15-3:00 (1st and 3rd Fridays)

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

In addition, Ms. Bachelor, will be hosting a lunch time book club in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays during both lunches. Students can bring their lunches with them to the library. They will be discussing *Never After: The Thirteenth Fairy*, a fun fantasy adventure for fans of *Fablehaven*.

CHROMEBOOK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT COSTS

Now that students have received their Chromebooks we are starting to perform repairs and replacements on damaged machines. This is what you need to know:

1. Please remind your students that they are responsible to take care of these district owned machines. Chromebooks are quite durable, but if thrown around in backpacks, slammed shut repeatedly, dropped, etc., they will become damaged.
2. Students are responsible to pay for damages they cause to their Chromebook. The repairs/replacement costs are as follows:
 - a. Minor Tampering \$10
 - b. Replacement Charging Cord \$30
 - c. Screen/Other Replacement \$150
 - d. Replacement Device \$150

3. When a chromebook is being repaired, the school has some loaner devices that can be used by students in the meantime. However, in order for a student to get back their assigned Chromebook after it has been repaired/replaced, they will need to pay the charged fee first.
4. Insurance is available on these devices for \$25 per year. Click [here](#) if you would like to learn more.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 1 TO 1 CHROMEBOOKS AT OCJH

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHECK OUT A CHROMEBOOK WITHOUT PARENT PERMISSION. Permission can be granted in Skyward by parents/guardians. Please see the links below for assistance navigating Skyward:

[Chromebook Permission Tutorial in Skyward](#)

[Chromebook Permission Tutorial in Skyward Video](#)

If you cannot access Skyward, you can print out, sign, and return the following document to the school:

[At-Home Technology Agreement--English](#)

[At-Home Technology Agreement--Spanish](#)

In the instance of lost, stolen, or damaged Chromebooks, **insurance** can be purchased for \$25 for the whole school year. Otherwise, the cost to replace a Chromebook is \$150. Click on the link below for insurance information:

[Purchasing Chromebook Insurance](#)

If you would like to **manage your student's Chromebook at home**, we are pleased to inform you about an app called Blocks. Blocks allows parents to pause the internet, to set a "bedtime" for the Chromebook, to create a list of restricted sites, etc. when the Chromebook is in use at home. ASD has various filters and restrictions in place when the students are at school, but we desire students to be safe online at home as well. Click here to learn more about Blocks:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ObSUqvSD028sohWCFJ9O6sihS4V8S67b2X8uIG21z8/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F3Q6Ond21tPsYJ5gYE40kdMqDngi5jNj/view?usp=sharing>

If your student is experiencing **technical problems** with their Chromebook, click here to access some troubleshooting tips: [Chromebook Issues Troubleshooting Tips](#)

For an overview of our 1 to 1 Chromebook Initiative as well as expectations for parents and students, click on the link below or see the infographic at the end of the newsletter:

[Oak Canyon 1:1 to Parents and Students '22](#)