

OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS 10/31-11/13 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

10/31-11/6 (B-WEEK)

11/7-11/13

31 Halloween

- 31 Girls' Open Gym 2:30-3:30
- 1 Choir Festival at Cedar Valley HS 9:15-2:00
- 1 Boys' Open Gym 2:15-4:00
- 1 PTSA Executive Board Meeting 9:30
- 1 First Day of Native American Heritage Month
- 2 Boy's Open Gym 12:15-2:15
- 3 OCMB Field Trip to Orem High 10:00-12:00
- 5 Ballroom Competition 12-3 @ American Heritage
- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends

7-11 Freedom Week

- 8 Election Day
- 8 Eagle of the Month 9:00 AM
- 8 PTSA General Board Meeting 9:30 AM
- 8 Young Masters' Field Trip to Hogle Zoo 9:30-4:00
- 9 OCJH Boys' Basketball Tryouts 12:15-3:15 in the Gym
- 9 OCJH Girls' Basketball Tryouts 3:15-4:45 in the Gym
- 10 OCJH Girls' Basketball Tryouts 2:30-4:00 in the Gym
- 10 OCJH Boys' Basketball Tryouts 4:15-5:55 in the Gym
- 11 OCJH Boys' Basketball Tryouts 4:15-5:55 in the Gym
- 11 Veterans' Day

MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROSS



WE INCLUDE AND
SERVE OTHERS

WE COMMUNICATE
APPROPRIATELY

WE NOTICE AND
ENCOURAGE GROWTH

WE CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES
AND SUCCESSES

WE CONTRIBUTE TO
THE WORLD

Today we celebrated Halloween at Oak Canyon! It was my first Halloween away from the elementary school in 12 years, and I must confess that this morning I was missing the elementary happenings that accompany this holiday, like the Halloween Parade. That said, it was heartening to me to see so many of our students dressed up for Halloween and showing their school spirit. The lunchtime activities and the overall cheerfulness in the halls have made me feel right at home! I'm proud to be an Eagle!



The OCJH OFFICE STAFF L to R:

Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. Hoyal, Mr. Abrams, Nurse Lindsey, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Greenland

Another thing that I love about this time of year is the opportunity to serve those in need. We value making contributions to our local and global communities, and I'm pleased to announce our first service project for the year, our annual Thanksgiving food drive. Students can bring in donation items (see below) to their B6 class between

November 3rd and November 18th. In addition, if you or another Oak Canyon family are in need this Thanksgiving season, please reach out to the school as we do have some resources available to us. What a great opportunity to express our gratitude by sharing with those around us!

NEW INFORMATION:

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE--LAST CHANCE

It's not too late if you have not purchased Chromebook insurance for the year! **The last day to purchase insurance is Tuesday, November 1.** The cost is \$25 and more information can be found by clicking on this link:

[Purchasing Chromebook Insurance](#)

FROM THE OCJH PTSA:

Save the Date: Nov. 14 PTSA Spirit Night @ Orem Plaza Chick-fil-A!

Our November Spirit Night fundraiser is coming up on Monday, Nov. 14 at Chick-fil-A in the Orem Plaza from 5-8pm! Come get a snack or dinner for your family! Be sure to mention Oak Canyon PTSA before paying! Chick-fil-A will be donating 20% of Oak Canyon orders to our school!! We appreciate your support!

Support PTSA With Every Amazon Purchase

With holiday shopping just around the corner, a great way to support the PTSA and the student programs here at Oak Canyon is by signing up for Amazon Smile. There is no simpler way to support our school! If you haven't already done so, please log in to smile.amazon.com and choose PTA Utah Congress Oak Canyon Jr High PTSA as your charity. You can now set up Amazon Smile in the Amazon app as well!

TRYOUTS FOR SPORTS TEAMS

Oak Canyon Basketball Tryouts:

- 9 OCJH Boys' Basketball Tryouts 12:15-3:15 in the Gym
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[Basketball tryout registration physical form link](#)

PGHS Boys' Soccer:

Tryout Meeting 11/17 @ 4PM in Media Center/Tryouts 2/27 and 2/28

Timpanogos Boys Basketball:

9th Grade Boys Can Try Out for 10th Team on 11/7 5-7 PM & 11/8 3-4:30 PM at THS

Also, if you have interest in Timpanogos Youth Wrestling grades 1-8, please click on this link for more information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vcdnf8M3O4Wc2OM3JuxY9I2g5fw5CHc/view?usp=sharing>

OCJH FOOD DRIVE

It's Food Drive time again! We are going to tie the drive to 6th period and RAD time. We will ask students to donate to their B6 class. The drive will start Nov 3rd and run until the 18th. As always, the B6 class with the most food per student donated, will win a breakfast party. Acceptable non perishable donations include: non-expired canned food, unopened boxes of cereal, unused hygiene items, diapers, unopened baby formula, etc.

REMINDERS:

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.

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 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/17ObSUqvSD028sohWCFJ9Q6sihS4V8S67b2X8uIG21z8/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F3Q6Ond21tPsYJ5qYE40kdMqDngi5jNj/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](#)