

OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS 3/6-3/19 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

3/6-3/12 (A-WEEK)

3/13-3/19 (A-WEEK)

6 6th Grade Registration 3:00-6:00 in the Cafeteria	13 Teacher PD Day--No Students
6 Spring Band Concert 6:30-8:00 in the Auditorium	14-18 Spirit Week
7 District-Wide A/B Day (See Details Below)	14-30 Student Council Elections
7 CTE Presentations in the Auditorium	14 Eagle of the Month 9:00 in the TLC
8 Spring Orchestra Concert 6:00-7:00 in the Aud.	14 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the TLC
8 Ballroom Team Match-Ups 6:00-8:00 @ BYU	14 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 12:45-1:55
9 State Concert Band Festival 6:30-1:45 @ U OF U	14 OCJH Has Talent Practice 3:00 in the Auditorium
9 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 12:50-2:00	14 ASD Board Meeting 6:00-8:00
9 Spring Choir Concert 6:00 and 7:00 in the Aud.	15 PG Cares Table Talk: Digital Safety 12:15-1:30 (PGHS)
10 End of Term 3	15 OCJH Has Talent Practice 12:30-3:30
10 State E-Sports Tournament	16 Chamber and Encore Choirs to TMS 9:15-1:30
10 BYU Wind Symphony Concert 8:30-1:30 @ THS	16 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 12:45-2:00
10 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 10:45-12:10	17 St. Patrick's Day
10 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 12:50-2:00	17 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 10:45-12:10
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	17 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 12:50-2:00
	17 OCJH Has Talent 7:00-9:00 in the Auditorium
	18 PAS Day of Percussion @ Riverton High 8:30-2:00

MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROSS



WE USE POSITIVE
SELF-TALK

WE RESPECT OTHERS'
SPACE AND PROPERTY

WE GIVE OTHERS OUR
FULL ATTENTION

WE RESPECT OUR FACILITY
AND KEEP IT CLEAN

WE SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT
AND GET INVOLVED

Change is about the only thing we can guarantee in life. Last week's ASD Board meeting resulted in a proposal which would bring some pretty significant changes to the Orem/Lindon/PG communities and surrounding areas. The potential closures of the buildings and relocation of students from Windsor, Lindon and Valley View will bring changes to Rocky Mountain, Northridge, Aspen, and Orchard--all feeder schools to Oak Canyon Jr. High. The reason for the closures/consolidations is simple--buildings that are on the seismic list for rebuilding/remodeling were supposed to be addressed on the 2022 ASD Bond Initiative, but as that did not pass, the ASD Board of Education has been tasked with finding ways to get students from schools on the seismic list into safer structures. This is painful for so many families in our area. It's painful for me as I spent the 11 years prior to my time at Oak Canyon as the principal of Lindon Elementary. In coming weeks we will hear some recommendations about boundary adjustments/closures for secondary schools in ASD over the next

few years. That may cause some heartburn as well. Regardless, I would encourage all impacted/potentially impacted to remember the following:

- *It is okay to be sad and to grieve changes to our school/school community.*
- *It is okay to have an opinion different than others; but please extend grace to all.*
- *Our students are listening and taking their cues from us—they are sad and grieving too... We can model how to process difficult news and come together rather than tear each other apart.*
- *Be careful where we place the blame and upset about the proposed changes. Our school board is responding to the will of the voters in ASD and trying to keep kids safe as best they can.*
- *Attend meetings and offer input into this process that will safeguard those things we love most about our current schools.*

Let us all be mindful of our Eagle value of CITIZENSHIP as we model how to engage in powerful and appropriate conversations that yield positive change and compromise. Thank you!

NEW INFORMATION:

FROM THE OCJH PTSA

SAVE THE DATE--Oak Canyon Has Talent and School Spirit Night!

- Our annual PTSA Oak Canyon Has Talent show is coming up on Friday, March 17 at 7pm! Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 for a pass for immediate family and can be purchased at the door and through My School Fees.
- Our next School Spirit Night will be on Monday, March 20th at Costa Vida in Orem from 5:00-9:00. We hope to see you there!

DISTRICT A/B DAY ON MARCH 7TH

On Tuesday, March 7th, 11th graders across Alpine School District will be taking the ACT. For this reason, the district has designated this day as an A/B day. Which means that students will have all 8 periods that day. Please note that classes will be 40 minutes long and the passing period between classes will be 5 minutes instead of the usual 7. Here is the bell schedule:

A1: 7:45-8:25	B5: 10:45-11:25	
Pass: 8:25-8:30	Pass: 11:25-11:30	
A2: 8:30-9:10	B6: 11:30-12:10	
Pass: 9:10-9:15	Lunch: 12:10-12:45	Pass: 12:10-12:15
A3: 9:15-9:5	Pass: 12:45-12:50	B7: 12:15-12:55
Pass: 9:55-10:00	B7: 12:50-1:30	Lunch: 12:55-1:30
A4: 10:00-10:40	Pass: 1:30-1:35	
Pass: 10:40-10:45	B8: 1:35-2:15	

END OF TERM 3--FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Please remember that Friday, March 10th is the last day of the 3rd Term. Report cards will be available for you to view in Skyward on March 17th.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY--MONDAY, MARCH 13

There is no school for students on Monday, March 13th because it is a teacher professional development day. Enjoy your day off!

LINDON CARES COMMUNITY BOARD OPPORTUNITY



The poster features the Lindon Cares logo at the top left, which includes a mountain range and the text "LINDON CARES communities that care coalition". To the right is a photograph of a young boy wearing sunglasses and a red cape. Below the logo, the text reads: "IF YOU WANT TO HELP YOUTH AND FAMILIES THRIVE IN LINDON WE NEED YOU!". The main body of the poster is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "JOIN THE LINDON CARES COALITION" and describes the coalition's mission and the opportunity for community members. The right column is titled "WHAT WE DO" and lists five key activities: conducting assessments, designing action plans, working with community members, educating the community, and involving youth. At the bottom, there are three sections: "ALL ARE WELCOME" with a gear icon, "CONTACT" with a hand icon and contact information for Jamie Jensen, and "SIGN UP TODAY" with a QR code icon.

LINDON CARES
communities that care coalition

IF YOU WANT TO HELP YOUTH AND FAMILIES THRIVE IN LINDON
WE NEED YOU!

JOIN THE LINDON CARES COALITION

LINDON CARES is a coalition guided by the Communities That Care framework. CTC is a proven community change process that helps prevent problems before they start.

This is an exciting opportunity to effect real change by supporting youth, strengthening families, and influencing policy at a community-wide level within our city and in partnership with local leaders.

WHAT WE DO

- Conduct an assessment of problem behaviors among youth in Lindon and community resources available to address them
- Design a 3-5 year Community Action Plan and evaluation plan to effect change and measure progress
- Work with community members, faith leaders, schools, and government officials to educate, empower, and encourage prevention work
- Educate the community about the coalition's work
- Involve youth in the coalition's activities
- Coalition members meet 1-2 times per month to participate in trainings and workgroups that align with their interests

ALL ARE WELCOME

Willing hands matter more than skills. However, some of the roles we are specifically looking for are people who like working with data, managing finances, working with youth, managing social media or leading teams.

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SIGN UP TODAY



REMINDERS:

STAKEHOLDERS' REPORT 22-23

Please take a moment to review the 22-23 OCJH Stakeholders Report by clicking on this [link](#).

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. Click on the following link to see the complete list: [OCJH AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTION ACTIVITIES 22-23](#)