

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2023



EVENTS 9/11-9/24 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

9/11-9/17 (B-WEEK)

Homeroom: COMMUNICATION
11 Patriots' Day/National Day of Service
12 New Student Parties (During Homeroom)
12 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the TLC
12 ASD Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 @ District Office
13 Cross Country Meet 5:00-7:00 @ Oak Canyon
15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month

9/18-9/24 (A-WEEK)

Homeroom: Active Listening and Dialogue
19 School Community Council Meeting 2:30 in TLC
19 School Spirit Night @ Kneaders 5:00-8:00 PM
20 Cross Country Meet 5:00-7:00 @ Vista Heights
21 CLAS Ropes Course for New 9th & Eagle Squad 9-2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

For the next four weeks during Homeroom, teachers will focus their messages around the essential skill of COMMUNICATION. You'll notice on the poster in this Principal's Message that there are 4 indicators listed that really define what we mean when we say we are going to focus on COMMUNICATION for the next four weeks.



This week we will be focusing on helping our students to understand what it means to express ideas nonverbally, verbally, and in writing. The following week, we will focus on how we actively listen to understand. And so on, for the next four weeks. Our staff created indicators for each of the 6 Cs, so it is especially meaningful that the indicators we are focusing on are those deemed the most important by our staff. I truly believe that helping our students to be effective communicators is one of the most valuable things we can do. Communication is the best way for students to ADVOCATE for themselves and for their needs. Equally important is helping students to understand the messages they are sending to those

around them through their tone, their word choice, how and what they write, and even through the body language they use. These are invaluable skills for all members of our school community. We encourage you to take a look at one of the resources we are using to create our Homeroom lessons. Please take a moment to check in with your students and ask them to share what they have been learning. Working together both at school and at home to help our students effectively communicate is a winning combination. It's going to be a wonderful week at Oak Canyon!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

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. **You can pay for a membership/Eagle card through My School Fees or at the Finance Office window.**

Also, SAVE THE DATE, our next OCJH Spirit Night is on Tuesday, September 19th at Kneaders from 5:00-8:00 PM!

PTA REFLECTIONS--I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE...

PTA National Contest
REFLECTIONS


I am Hopeful Because...

Express Your Creativity in any or all of these seven categories:

- 2 Dimensional Art (Painting, Drawing, Digital Art)
- 3 Dimensional Art (Sculpture, blocks, cloth, installations)
- Photography (See something amazing and take a picture)
- Dance Choreography (Make up a dance and have it recorded)
- Film Production (Write a script and be the camera-man)
- Literature (Fiction, nonfiction, poetry, script)
- Music (Write a song and play it or have it played)

Explore the arts and express yourself!
2023-2024
CALL FOR ENTRIES!

Entry Deadline: **October 25**
Questions: Amy Hinze
801-367-5539
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For Details: 

Win awesome prizes!
Check the guidelines and turn it in online!
utahpta.org/ref

Turn in by OCTOBER 25!

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE--LAST CHANCE!

So far this year we've only had 84 students sign up for Chromebook insurance. The cost is \$30 which ends up being cheaper than many repairs. For example, for our tech to replace a screen would cost \$50 without insurance.

The window to purchase insurance is shrinking--students have 30 days after receiving their device to sign up - that puts us at around Sept 17-21. Please click on the following link for more information about Chromebook insurance:

[Parent Chromebook Insurance Letter](#)

[Parent Chromebook Insurance Letter \(Spanish\)](#)

[OCJH Tech Help Site](#)

INTRAMURAL FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

What: Student Intramural Futsal Tournament

When: September 14th, 21st, 28th, and October 5th.

How: Here is the link to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpEC7sc-ZoQLKSONpYK6tDtihNhm58xxfsp67IldN7IsfQHA/viewform?usp=sf_link

AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTION ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

We are still adding after school activities, but these are the ones we know of for sure at this point:

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

T E-Sports (Redford F115) 2:15-3:00 (Starting 9/5)

T Science in Action (Garlick A-156) 2:20-3:20 **SEE MORE INFORMATION BELOW**

W Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room/Cafeteria) 1:15-3:00

TH TSA (Redford F115) 2:30-3:30 (Starting 9/7)

F Math Club (Jorgensen B152) 2:15-3:15 (Starting 9/8)

We are pleased to offer a new connection activity called Science in Action:

Have you ever done a **STEM Fair** project?

Do you have an interest in science?

Join us for an engaging and educational after school program to expand your scientific horizons and compete in the district science fair! Our first meeting is coming up soon, hope to see you there!

When: Tuesday September 5th @ 2:20pm (and each Tuesday afterwards)

Where: Mr. Garlick's Room

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



9.11 DAY OF SERVICE

Service activities for the Pleasant Grove and Lindon Communities

Let's work together to help transform the anniversary of September 11 from a day of tragedy into a day of doing good!

We encourage you and your families to participate in any of the following activities that have been specifically organized for the Pleasant Grove and Lindon communities.

- PG High School and Cemetery Cleanup
- Hunger Fight Meal Packaging Event
- Lindon Parks Cleanup
- Food and Supplies Donations for PG Schools and Victims Advocate program
- Red Cross Blood Drive

Please scan the QR code for more information or do the following steps on your phone or computer:

- Go to the Just Serve website at www.justserve.org
- Enter your zip code and click Search
- Enter "911 PG Lindon" in the keyword box and change the radius of the search to 5 miles and click Search
- All of the 9/11 activities in your area will show at the top of the search results.

JUSTSERVE Pleasant Grove LINDON 9/11 National Day of Service



Take part in a FREE 8-week Family Life Education Course with the **UVU STRONGER FAMILIES PROJECT**

Build On Your Family's Strengths & Values!

Using an evidence-based, nationally-recognized curriculum, we teach both parents and children how to improve their interaction and emotional patterns within the family.

In-person sessions will be delivered at locations in Utah County. Classes begin the week of Sept. 18th and are held one evening per week through Nov. 16th.

Classes are for the entire family. Sessions fill up quickly and space in the program is limited.

Fall Sessions:	Covered Topics:
Tuesday Night: Orem Jr. High 850 W. Jaguar Ave., Orem 6:30-8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Patterns of Communication• Family Interpersonal Skills• Conflict Resolution• Emotional & Mental Health• Positive Discipline
Thursday Night: UVU Campus SFP Bldg. 1140 S. 400 W., Orem 6:30-8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problem Solving• Goal Setting and Achievement• Anger Management• Establishing Family Values

Apply at: <https://www.uvu.edu/sfp/apply/>

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REMINDERS

IN FOCUS HOMEROOM CURRICULUM FOR PARENTS

We are excited to report that the materials our teachers will be using/consulting for Homeroom have a robust parent component. Not only can you access lesson material available to your student, but also you can access ways to continue the conversation at home if you like. The web address is www.infocuseducationgroup.com and you can click on the parent portal link at the top. A username and password are not necessary to do this. We will not be following the lessons in the order they are listed on the website. To see which lesson we are focusing on for the week, please refer to the events section of the Newsletter where the topic for the week will be listed. Please let us know if you have any questions!

OCJH HANDBOOK

For more information about items not specifically addressed in this newsletter, please click on this link to access the Oak Canyon Junior High Handbook. For example, in regard to dress code, the handbook spells out what is allowed and what is not. We have made some adjustments to this policy over the past year, so it would be good to review with your student prior to the first day of school. Information about all other school policies and procedures can be found here as well!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qP92A_0R3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5lpfuNd-igxQ_PS_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing