

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 18, 2023



EVENTS 9/18-10/1 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

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

- Homeroom: Active Listening and Dialogue
- 19 PG Council PTA Meeting 9:30 @ PGJR
- 19 Timpanogos Council PTA Meeting 10:30 @ THS
- 19 School Community Council Meeting 2:30 in TLC
- 20 Cross Country Meet 5:00-7:00 @ Vista Heights
- 21 CLAS Ropes Course for New 9th & Eagle Squad 9-2

9/25-10/1 (B-WEEK)

- Homeroom: Perspective Taking
- 25-29 PTSA Membership Drive
- 26 School Spirit Night @ Kneaders 5:00-8:00
- 26 ASD Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 @ District Office
- 27 Cross Country Meet 5:00-7:00 @ Frontier
- 27 PG Cares Event 5:00-9:00 @ PGHS (info below)
- 28 School Picture Retakes in the Auditorium
- 28 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00

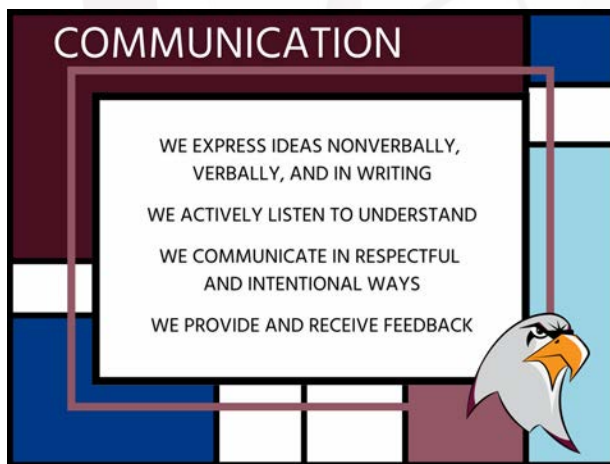
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am continually impressed with the work that our teachers are putting into helping our students develop essential skills and dispositions. I'd like to highlight a lesson shared in Mr. Adamson's Homeroom class to help his students understand how we express ideas nonverbally, verbally, and in writing. Mr. Adamson shared, "My students said

they all love Taylor Swift, so I showed them the lyrics to one of her songs and then played the video for the song. Then we discussed the differences between how she communicated the message when singing the song as opposed to us just reading the lyrics. I was able to tie in something that the vast majority of the class loved into our lesson on Communication. This was a success and the students really enjoyed it." This week we will continue to focus on communication by helping our students to actively listen to understand with lessons on active listening and dialogue. Miss Taylor shared with the faculty an idea to combine Constitution Month and Active Listening and Dialogue.

"The state legislature has passed a law designating September

American Founding Fathers and Constitution month and requires schools to do something in recognition of this. I've created a homeroom lesson that merges Constitution Day and our theme of active listening and dialogue for the week. It's a scenario in which aliens have conquered America, but they are allowing us to keep three freedoms. Students have to come to a consensus on the three freedoms they will keep. This activity allows them to review freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights in honor of Constitution Day and practice active listening and dialogue as they debate the freedoms which keeps us in line with our weekly theme." We are so fortunate to have such creative and innovative teachers at Oak Canyon! Keep up the great work!



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. **Our PTSA will be doing a membership drive September 25-29. After the 29th membership dues will go up to \$10 from their current price of \$7 per membership.**

Also, SAVE THE DATE, our next **OCJH Spirit Night is on Tuesday, September 26th** 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**

For Details: 

Questions:
Amy Hintze
801-367-5539
betadara@gmail.com

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

Turn in by OCTOBER 25!

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE--LAST CHANCE, 9/21!

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](#)

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 9/28

Just a quick reminder that we have our fall Parent Teacher Conferences coming up on Thursday, September 28 from 3:00-7:00 PM. The format for this evening will be Open House from 3:00-7:00 PM. If you need more time with a teacher than for a brief check in, please reach out to the teacher directly to find a time to properly address your student's needs.

PICTURE RETAKES--9/28

For any students that did not have pictures taken on 8/14, retakes are coming up next Thursday. Please plan to have your picture taken for the website and the yearbook!

Oak Canyon Jr High
Saturday, October 28, 2023
el Sábado, 28 de Octubre, 2023

Make Up Day Please bring non-students between 11:30am - 12:00pm

1. Grand Parent or Two Household Package \$36
2-8x10's, 4-5x7's, 4-4x5 1/2 Wallets, Digital Image

2. Build Your Own Package \$32
[Choose any 4 sheets from the following sizes] 1-8x10, 2-5x7's, 4-4x5's, 8-2x3's, 10-Wallets, 1-5x7/2-4x5's, Digital Image

3. Digital Image Package \$30
1-8x10, 2-5x7's, 2-4x5's/8 Wallets, Digital Image

4. Digital Image Package \$25
1-5x7/2-4x5's, 8-2x3's

5. Digital Image Package \$18
2-4x5's/4-2x3's

6. Digital Image Package \$22
High resolution image, Full copyright, Retouch included

7. Retouching Only \$10
Softens Skin, Removes Minor Blemishes, Applies to Yearbook Photo, Applies to ID Card

ADD-ONS (with package purchase)
• 1-8x10 \$6 • 10-wallets \$6
• 2-5x7's \$6 • 1-5x7/2-4x5 \$6
• 4-4x5's \$6 • Retouching \$10
• 8-2x3's \$6

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ASD RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher or school employee who is Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging? Nominations are now open for the [2023-2024 ASD RISE Award](#). Nominees will be recognized at their school, highlighted on our website, and a few each month will be selected for Board Recognition during a Board meeting at the District Office.

UTAH JAZZ/INSTRUCTURE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the Utah Jazz MVE (Most Valuable Educator) Award. If there is an #ASD educator who has had an impact on your student, please nominate them [HERE](#). Each honored educator will be a guest of Instructure at a game and will receive a personalized Jazz jersey. In addition, they will receive a \$1,000

classroom grant and a surprise classroom visit or organized assembly involving the Jazz Bear mascot and personnel from the Utah Jazz and Instructure. We have AMAZING teachers!!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PGcares COMMUNITY CONNECTION EVENT

CONFIDENCE 2.0

HOW TO BUILD RESILIENT KIDS

AN EVENING FOR PARENTS & TEENS

with child psychiatrist **MATT SWENSON, MD**

5:00-7:00
RESOURCE
BOOTHS
+ REFRESHMENTS

7:00-9:00
PRESENTATION
+ Q&A + PRIZES

**PLEASANT GROVE
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Confident, resilient teens will be ready to launch into adulthood. Come learn from Everyday Strong creator Dr. Matt Swenson how you can foster real confidence in your teens during this crucial time of their lives.

DON'T MISS IT!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

UUVU
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Project

Take part in a **FREE** 8-week
Family Life Education Course with the
UUVU 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 650 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: UUVU 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

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

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

TH Dungeons and Dragons (Adamson E102)

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

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_OR3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5lpfuNd-igxQ_PS_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing

