PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

EVENTS 9/25-10/8 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)



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

10/2-10/8 (B-WEEK)

Homeroom:	Perspective	Taking

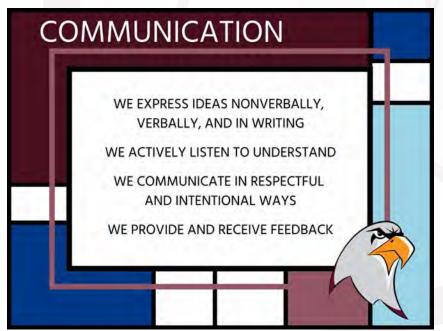
- 25-29 PTSA Membership Drive
- 26 School Spirit Night @ Kneaders 5:00-8:00
- 26 ASD Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 @ District Office
- 27 Cross Country Meet 5:00-7:00 @ Frontier
- 27 PG Cares Event 5:00-9:00 @ PGHS (info below)
- 28 School Picture Retakes in the Auditorium
- 28 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00

Homeroom: Giving and Receiving Feedback

- 4-5 8th to 9th Registration Presentations in Classes
- 4 Hall's Classroom to Bean Museum 9:30-1:30
- 4 Cross Country Championship 5:00-7:00 @ Art Dye
- 6 Teacher Work Day--NO STUDENTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week our focus in Homeroom is perspective taking. This is an appropriate topic in light of some of the issues we see at Oak Canyon regularly. Many students and staff have challenging things going on in their lives that those



around them are largely unaware of. Worse, without thinking, sometimes we say and do things that are hurtful to others. Trying on different perspectives is a valuable exercise to help us be kind, patient, and aware of those around us that are experiencing the world differently than we are. Learning how to show respect in our communication, even when we disagree, is a skill that seems to be lacking in the world today. Being mindful of what we say, and when/how we say it is one of the best ways to demonstrate respect in our communication. We invite you to extend this conversation at home with your students. The most important

thing is that we show kindness and compassion to all and make Oak Canyon a safe environment for all to learn and grow. We look forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher conferences this week!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA



Our PTSA will be doing a membership drive September 25-29. Student PTSA members are entered into a drawing for prizes. Five student winners will be selected daily. It's not too late to join! After the 29th membership dues will go up to \$10 from their current price of \$7 per membership.

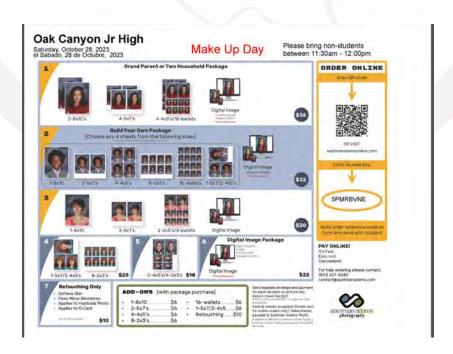
Also, SAVE THE DATE, our next **OCJH Spirit Night is on Tuesday, September 26th** at Kneaders from 5:00-8:00 PM! Don't forget to tell them that you are from Oak Canyon!

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

Students that did not have pictures taken on 8/14, retakes are coming up on Thursday, September 28th! Please plan to have your picture taken for the website and the yearbook!



TEACHER WORK DAY--FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Please note that Friday, October 6th is a teacher work day, and students do not attend this day. Please plan accordingly.

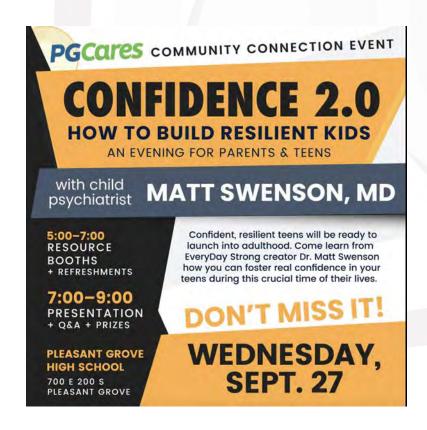
ASD RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher or school employee who is Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging? Nominations are now open for the <u>2023-2024 ASD RISE Award</u>. 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





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

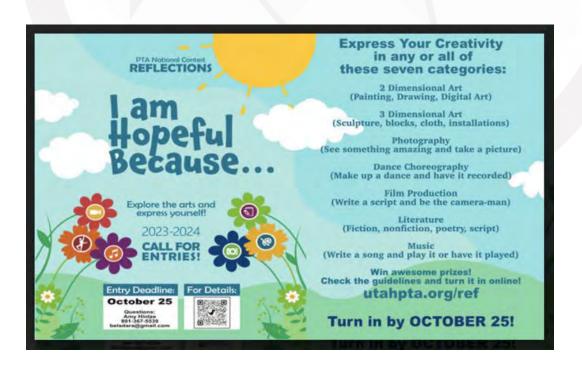
TH Dungeons and Dragons (Adamson E102)

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!

PTA REFLECTIONS--I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE...



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_OR3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5IpfuNd-igxQ_PS_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing

