

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2, 2023



EVENTS 10/2-10/15 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

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

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

10/9-10/15 (A-WEEK)

Homeroom: Critical Thinking
9 Columbus and Indigenous People's Day
9 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 12:45-2:00
10 Eagle of the Month in the Library 9:00-9:30
10 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the Library
10 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 11:00-2:00
10 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 at the District Office
10 OCJH Band Bash 6:00 @ OCJH Gym
11 Choir Concerts 6:00 & 6:30 in the Auditorium
12 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 11:00-2:00
13 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 12:45-2:00

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week concludes our focus on communication as we study providing and receiving feedback. Everyday we give and receive feedback which is why it is vital that we are mindful about the way we do so. The most

important thing we can do is to create environments in which there is safety to communicate and exchange feedback. Especially in a school setting where our primary objective is to help others to improve and progress. When safety is absent, feedback to help us grow can be easily misunderstood. Feedback, even positively intended, can become an impediment to growth if provided in a way that makes us feel like we are better off not trying or simply giving up. Providing specific feedback that provides a pathway to improvement is far superior to vague feedback that puts one on the defensive. I would encourage you to discuss the lessons/activities for the week

with your student; in addition, we'd love to hear your feedback about the skills and dispositions your student is developing through Homeroom--there is always room for improvement! It's going to be a GREAT week!

Mrs. Ross

COMMUNICATION

WE EXPRESS IDEAS NONVERBALLY,
VERBALLY, AND IN WRITING

WE ACTIVELY LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND

WE COMMUNICATE IN RESPECTFUL
AND INTENTIONAL WAYS

WE PROVIDE AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK

NEW INFORMATION

FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

Reflections Reminder: October is Reflections month! Let's get creative! Entries due October 25th. Remember, there are CASH PRIZES for the winners! Enter here: utahpta.org/ref . If you have questions, contact Amy at beladara@gmail.com .

PTA National Contest
REFLECTIONS

I am Hopeful Because...

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

Entry Deadline: October 25
Questions:
Amy Hintze
801-367-5539
beladara@gmail.com

For Details:

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)

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

Turn in by OCTOBER 25!

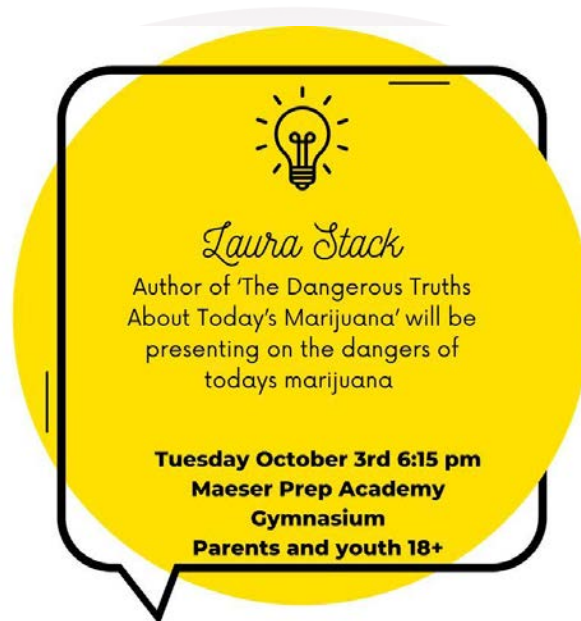
8TH TO 9TH GRADE REGISTRATION PACKETS

This week (Wednesday and Thursday) our 8th graders will be bringing home registration packets for next year. Please take a moment to review them with your student and help them to select classes that will help them to obtain the necessary credits needed for graduation. Registration packets are due next week (Monday and Tuesday).

LINDON CARES EVENT--SPEAKER LAURA STACK 10/3 @ MAESER

Residents of Lindon are invited to attend a very unique opportunity to hear from national presenter, Laura Stack. Laura is an author, mom, and works tirelessly in the field of tobacco prevention. She lost a child to suicide after a long battle with marijuana. On **October 3rd starting at 6:15pm** in the Maeser gymnasium, Laura will present to

parents and those 18 years of age or older. Following the parent presentation we will share resources you can use to help further your own and others' education on substance abuse prevention. This parent presentation is open to the Maeser community **and residents of Lindon City.** You can read more info by visiting the website <https://johnnysambassadors.org/>. National speakers like this are very expensive and hard to schedule so we are so grateful for Maeser in inviting our city and community to hear her message.



INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL

Please remind your students of the following opportunity: Come play flag football on the field behind the school every Tuesday in October (except for Halloween). Games will go from 2:30 to 3:30. We start this Tuesday, October 3rd. Click this link to register your team: <https://forms.gle/dRz7BhFbkeMBK4n68>

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 [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

TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL AND LINDON CARES

present's

TABLE TALKS

FREE LUNCH & GIVEAWAYS

FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

WEDNESDAY OCT 11

WEDNESDAY NOV 8

Please RSVP so we know how much food to provide

FLOURISHING OR FLOUNDERING? HELPING YOUR CHILD TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD

Dr. Larry Nelson is an award-winning professor in the School of Family Life at BYU. Dr. Nelson studies factors that lead to flourishing or floundering in the transition to adulthood with a particular interest in parenting, social competence, social withdrawal, identity, beliefs, and culture.

12:15PM

MEDIA CENTER

@TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT
JAMIE JENSEN
JJENSEN@LINDONCITY.ORG

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Teen Coping Skills Class

Come learn stress management, social skills, and communication in fun and engaging ways.

Oct 10- Nov 16
Tuesdays/Thursdays
Age 12-14, 5-6pm
Age 15-18, 6:15-7:15pm

\$50 Registration Fee
Scholarship available at jjensen@lindoncity.org
Sign-up online at lindonrecreation.org
Taught by a CTRS

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PLEASANT GROVE YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL BANTAM TRYOUTS

WHEN
October 2 & 3 6-8 pm

WHERE
PG High School- Valhalla Gym

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Register here

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4th – 8th grade girls who are interested in playing basketball at PG high school someday.

What is Bantam
The bantam program is the official PG Vikings girls' basketball feeder program. We will play in the Utah County Bantam League.

Why Tryouts
We feel that kids improve the most when playing with and against those with comparable skills.

How are teams selected
The Pleasant Grove High School coaching staff will run tryouts and help the coaches select teams.

Coaches needed
This is a volunteer based program everything will be made possible by our hard working coaches. If you are passionate about teaching the fundamentals, improving the quality of basketball in PG, and creating an enjoyable environment for young athletes, please contact us prior to tryouts!

CONTACT US:
LADYVIKINGSBANTAM@GMAIL.COM

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_0R3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5lpfuNd-igxO_PS_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing