

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 9, 2023



EVENTS 10/9-10/23 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

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

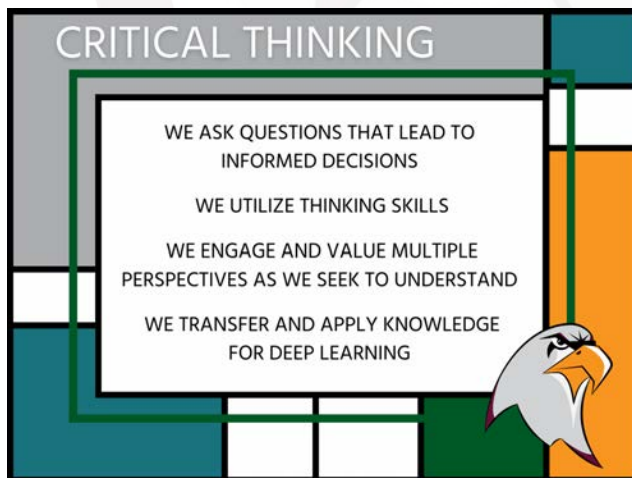
- Homeroom: Critical Thinking
- 9 Columbus and Indigenous People's Day
- 9 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 12:45-2:00
- 10 Eagle of the Month in the Library 9:00-9:30
- 10 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the Library
- 10 9th Grade PE to Miracle Bowl 11:00-2:00
- 10 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 at the District Office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

10/16-10/23 (B-WEEK)

- Homeroom: Lifelong Learning
- 17 School Community Council Mtg. 2:30-3:30 in TLC
- 18 Unity/Stop Bullying Day
- 18 End of Term 1
- 19-20 FALL BREAK--NO SCHOOL
- 23 Teacher PD Day--NO STUDENTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we shift our focus in Homeroom from communication to critical thinking. We will spend the next few days on the first indicator: we ask questions that lead to informed decisions. I must admit that I've been asking



myself a few questions about a problem that needs solving at Oak Canyon. It is not unusual during student lunches to see me in the Commons Area with a broom and dustpan sweeping up little messes and trash. However, I spent quite a bit of time in front of the school this past week picking up trash. I was completely shocked at the amount of trash, food, abandoned trays, spilled milk there was from both lunches on the sidewalk, on the grass, in the parking lot, in the entryway, and even in the road in front of the school. I was averaging a garbage bag per lunch. In addition, I was troubled by the fact that as students saw me with my gloves, garbage can, and trash tongs that not one student asked if they could help. In

fact, the only thing most students said to me was, "I didn't make that mess." I was reflecting on the message that we are sending our community when they drive by or enter our building only to see mass quantities of trash and smashed and rotting food. The question I've been asking myself is how do we send a different message? How do we show our school community that we are proud of our school and take our stewardship as Oak Canyon Eagles seriously? This is a question we will be considering as a school that will no doubt lead to decisions and actions

that help us send the message we intend--Oak Canyon is a great place to be! We encourage the support of parents and families in continuing this conversation at home. A solution we come up with together is a solution that has a chance of working! Especially if we all do our part. This is something I know we can do, Eagles! It's going to be a GREAT week,

Mrs. Ross

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 . Also, Red Ribbon Week is coming up next week. Check out the details below!

RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 16TH-18TH

MONDAY
OCTOBER 16TH
Give Drugs a quick "Swift"
to the curb!
Attire: Dress in T Swift ERA Day

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 17TH
"BAND" Together
Against Drugs
Attire: Favorite Band Shirt

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18TH
"TEAM" Up Against
Drugs
Attire: Team Shirt/Jersey

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES EVERYDAY! BY
PARTICIPATING AT OUR LUNCH TIME AND
DAILY ACTIVITIES!

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RED RIBBON WEEK IS SPONSORED BY OCJR,
PTSA, AND LINDON CARES

8TH TO 9TH GRADE REGISTRATION PACKETS/CCRS

Registration packets for 8th graders registering for 9th grade are due Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure to look these over with your students first. In addition, Counselors will be starting CCRs with 8th graders on October 24.

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>

BAND AND CHOIR CONCERTS THIS WEEK

We are fortunate to have a thriving fine arts department at Oak Canyon. This week we have Fall Concerts for both band and choir. The Band Bash is on Tuesday night at 6:00 in the Gym. Mr. Roberts and his students have prepared an awesome show with some special visitors from Timpanogos and Pleasant Grove high schools. There are two choir concerts on Wednesday night, one at 6:00 and another at 6:30. Ms. Sanders and her students always do a wonderful job and put on a phenomenal show. Parking can get tricky at Oak Canyon, so please plan accordingly and carpool as families. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Kudos to the following:

- OCJH Math Club (Deborah Jorgensen): On Monday, September 22nd, the OCJH Math Club attended the first Alpine School District Middle School Math Competition at Pleasant Grove Junior High with a group of 22 students from Oak Canyon.
- OCJH Cross Country Team (Dallin Graham and Anna Robison): OCJH students did *awesome* at the ASD Cross Country Championships. It was so fun to see so many of them shave a minute or more off of their best times! **Our 8th grade boys won second overall and our 8th grade girls are the District Champions this year.**

We had quite a few kids medal in the meet (at the Championship it's the top 10 runners of each race):

- 7th grade girls: Madi Coyne had 7th place
- 8th grade boys: Grant Palmer had 7th place
- 8th grade girls: Elsa Keith got 5th place, Peyton Coyne had 7th, and Brimley Rees was 8th. Sophie Paulson and Chelsea Pence rounded out our five runners that scored well enough to WIN them the Championship.
- 9th grade boys: Sean Phipps was in 8th.

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

presented by **TABLE TALKS**

FREE LUNCH & GIVEAWAYS **FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS**

WEDNESDAY OCT 11 **WEDNESDAY NOV 8**

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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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-igxQ_PS_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing

