

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 16, 2023



EVENTS 10/16-10/29 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

10/16-10/22 (B-WEEK)

10/23-10/29 (A-WEEK)

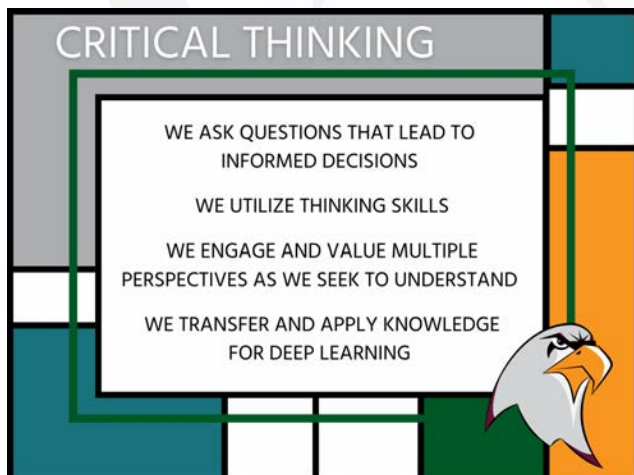
<p>Homeroom: Lifelong Learning</p> <p>16-18 Red Ribbon Week</p> <p>16-24 Homeroom Student Survey</p> <p>17 Boys' Open Gym 2:25-4:00</p> <p>17 School Community Council Mtg. 2:30-3:30 in TLC</p> <p>18 Unity/Stop Bullying Day</p> <p>18 Girls' Open Gym 2:25-4:00</p> <p>18 End of Term 1</p> <p>19-20 FALL BREAK--NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>23 Teacher PD Day--NO STUDENTS</p> <p>23 Girls' Open Gym 2:25-4:00</p> <p>24-30 Homeroom Halloween Door Decorating Contest</p> <p>24 CCRs for Current 8th Graders Begin</p> <p>24 Boys' Open Gym 2:25-4:00</p> <p>24 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office</p> <p>25 Girls' Open Gym 2:25-4:00</p> <p>26 Band Trip to Orem High School 12:15-2:00</p> <p>26 Boys' Open Gym 2:25-4:00</p> <p>26 Report Cards for Term 1 Available in Skyward</p> <p>27 Orchestra Elementary Tour 9:15-12:15</p>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Over the next two weeks we will be discussing Lifelong Learning during Homeroom. This is a very important topic especially because our school vision statement specifically mentions lifelong learning as the result of developing

the 6 Cs. As we seek to develop the 6 Cs in staff and students, three important words come to mind: Alignment, Transference, and Community. Our main objective is to create a school community we are proud of. A school community that is kind, creative, determined, and safe. We have aligned on a scope and sequence of Homeroom topics that help students to develop skills and dispositions. However, it is vitally important that we see these skills and dispositions show up outside of Homeroom--that staff and students continue to build on these concepts in regular classrooms as they apply to each subject area. Learning how to ask questions that lead to informed decisions during Homeroom,

and then practicing what that looks like in science, math, English, world language, PE, art, social studies, and CTE will exponentially increase our students' capacity to transfer Homeroom skills into their daily lives. In addition, Parents, we invite you to become part of the conversation. Please talk with your student about what they are



learning in Homeroom and extend the conversation into your situations at home. You are an important part of our Oak Canyon community and play a vital role in helping our students to become their best selves.

There have been many victories this first term of the 23-24 school year. We certainly have room for improvement, but many have commented that we are off to an excellent start. We hope you enjoy a wonderful Fall Break, and we look forward to getting better each day as we officially start Term 2 on October 24. It's a GREAT week to be an Eagle!

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, it is officially RED RIBBON 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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OAK CANYON RED RIBBON WEEK IS SPONSORED BY OCJR, PTSA, AND LINDON CARES

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CCRS FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADERS

Current OCJH 8th graders have the opportunity to meet with their counselor starting on Tuesday, October 24 for their CCR meetings. CCR stands for Career and College Readiness, and that is what counselors will be discussing

with students and their parents. Parents can select a time to meet with their 8th grader's counselor on the Oak Canyon website.

END OF TERM 1, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Please note that the end of the 1st Term is this Wednesday, October 18th. Report cards for the term will be available to view on Skyward the afternoon of Thursday, October 26.

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Oak Canyon Students and Advisors/Coaches have experienced some recent successes. Take a look:

- OCJH Band Bash (Clint Roberts): On Tuesday, October 10, the OCJH Band as well as bands from PGHS and Timpanogos came together to put on an incredible show. Well done!



- OCJH Girls Tennis: The OCJH had a great showing at the state tennis tournament this weekend:
 - Hailey Southard and her doubles partner Sophie Slater took 3rd place in the 1st doubles category at state.
 - Addie Thomas and her doubles partner Beth VanMoorlehem took 4th place in the 2nd doubles category at state.
 - There were also individuals who qualified to participate in the state tournament in the singles categories as well. Great job, Ladies!



- Eagles of the Month for October (PTSA): The following students were selected by their teachers in recognition of their outstanding work in class: Zoe Redford, Bria Robins, Hannah Ranson, Hayley Haymond, Jenny Hicken, and Thomas Aydelotte



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 **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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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.

COPING SKILLS FOR FAMILIES

Jillian Sederberg specializes in mental health and coping strategies. She will share new coping theories and how to implement them in your families, proactively and in moments of distress.

Please RSVP so we know how much food to provide.

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

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