

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 13, 2023



EVENTS 11/13-11/26 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

11/13-11/19 (A-WEEK)

11/20-11/26 (B-WEEK)

Homeroom: Kindness and Friendship
13-17 OCJH Food Drive/Service Project
14 Eagle of the Month 9:00 in the Library
14 PTSA Meeting in the Library
14 School Spirit Night at Chubby's 2:00-9:30 PM
14 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 at District Office
15 Educational School Support Professionals' Day
16 Girls' Basketball Game @ Willowcreek 3:00
16 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Willowcreek 3:00
16 THS/OCJH Jazz and Percussion Night @ THS

Homeroom: Kindness and Friendship Concluded
20 Orchestra/Band to MVHS 10:15-1:00
20 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Cedar Valley 3:00-4:30
20 Boys' Basketball Game @ Cedar Valley 3:00-4:30
21 SCC Meeting 2:30-3:30 in the TLC
22-24 Thanksgiving Break
23-24 Thanksgiving Day
24 Native American Heritage Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This week we continue the conversation about kindness and friendship in Homeroom. This is a timely topic as we have had a few incidents at school over the past week in which student actions are contrary to our lessons in Homeroom. Incidents in which students said or did things with a spirit of mocking or meanness. I hear quite often the sentiment that "I was only joking," or "I didn't mean it," or "It was no big deal." But it is a big deal. Quite frankly, we are better than this. One of the prerequisite conditions to learning is a sense of belonging. In the book *Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity*, it reads, "Indeed, achievement is built upon belonging. Once people

belong, only then can they without distraction focus on achieving or fulfilling their unique potential..."

We all deserve to be treated with kindness and all Oak Canyon Eagles belong at this school. Please know that for every ONE incident of unkindness I see, there are at least TEN that are kind and positive and uplifting. Thank you to all that take the time to say hello, to include, to consider, and to lift one another. I would like to extend a challenge to the Oak Canyon student body: As we bring in food and hygiene items to stock our food pantry and help members of the community, let's stock our school culture with positive interactions, good intentions, respect, and grace. These little things are actually BIG things and impact students' ability to learn and succeed in school. Come on, Eagles, impress me with your kindness--I know that together we can help all to feel they belong here!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

OCJH SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHUBBIES 11/14 FROM 2:00 PM-9:30 PM

Our November Spirit Night fundraiser is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Chubbies from 2-9:30 PM! Come get a snack or dinner for your family! Be sure to mention Oak Canyon PTSA before paying! A percentage of the proceeds will come right back to the OCJH PTSA!! We appreciate your support!!

OCJH REFLECTIONS WINNERS

We'd like to celebrate the following individuals for their stellar reflections entries this year. The theme was *"I Am Hopeful Because."*

Photography Camilla Partridge: Excellence; Alea Garner: Excellence; Elsie Thomas: Excellence; Amelia Bailey: Excellence; Christian Murri: Excellence; Summer Lees: Merit; Landen Schurter: Merit; Kiley Perry: Participation; Emily Elfors: Participation; Heather Hintze: Participation; Kaden Schurter: Participation; Kaylee Munro: Participation

Literature Summer Lees: Excellence; Elsie Thomas: Excellence; Landen Schurter: Excellence; Ari Mitchell: Excellence; Adelaide Ott: Merit; Christian Murri: Merit; Emily Elfors: Participation; Kaden Schurter: Participation

2D Art Brimley Rees: Excellence; Brielle Funes: Excellence; Adelaide Ott: Excellence; Camilla Partridge: Excellence; Alea Garner: Excellence; Makayla Baird: Merit; Kaden Schurter: Merit; Heather Hintze: Participation; Emily Elfors: Participation; Landen Schurter: Participation

3D Art Kaden Schurter: Excellence; Heather Hintze: Excellence; Emily Elfors: Excellence; Landen Schurter: Excellence

Music Amelia Bailey: Excellence; Miles Belnap: Excellence; Colin Rule: Excellence; Kate Child: Excellence

Dance Alea Garner: Excellence; Clarissa Alba: Excellence; Jacob Rule: Excellence



OCJH FOOD DRIVE--NOVEMBER 13-17

It's officially the last week of our annual Oak Canyon food drive! This year, we will run the competition through students' Homeroom classes. The winning class will be determined by the class with the highest number of food items donated per student. The items donated will first fill the OCJH Food Pantry to assist members of our own school community with food insecurities. After we stock our pantry, we will take the excess to assist students at a school in a highly impacted district to the north. Acceptable non-perishable donations include: non-expired canned food, unopened boxes of cereal, unused hygiene items, diapers, unopened baby formula, etc. Good luck!

EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS DAY--11/15

On November 15, we celebrate all education support professionals! Specifically our advocates and aides. Please take a moment to let these valued members of our staff know how much we appreciate them and all they do to make Oak Canyon great!

FROM THE LIBRARY

--**Food for Fines:** Show us your donations **before** you turn them to your homeroom for the school food drive and have your library fine forgiven.

--**Battle of the Books:** Do You Like to Read? Do You Want to Win Prizes and Meet People? Join a school Battle of the Books team! Sign-ups begin this week. You can join as a team, by yourself, or with a friend and be assigned a team. We meet monthly with mock battles, activities, and prizes from now until April. Then students compete in a school-level knowledge bowl-type competition. Sign up in the library and come to a kick-off meeting on December 6th after school.

--**Magic the Gathering Booster Draft:** OCJH's annual Magic the Gathering Draft Party is next Wednesday, November 15th. Players will draft, create a deck and then play in a 1v1 tournament from 1:20 to 3:20. The first 30 people will get three packs of cards and the chance to win other prizes! Space is limited so register in the library today.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Timpanogos Boys Volleyball
Open Gym Schedule
at Timpanogos Gym
Open to boys from 6-12 grade

Nov 14	5:30 - 7 pm
Dec 5	5:30 - 7 pm
Dec 19	5:30 - 7 pm
Jan 9	5:30 - 7 pm
Jan 17	5:30 - 7 pm
Jan 23	5:30 - 7 pm
Jan 31	5:30 - 7 pm
Feb 6	5:30 - 7 pm
Feb 20	5:30 - 7 pm
Feb 22	5:30 - 7 pm

THS Boys Volleyball Tryouts
February 26th (9-12 grade)

THS Boys Freshman
Volleyball Tryouts (6-9 grade)
TBA

Questions? Daylyn Seaman
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**PLEASANT GROVE
HIGH SCHOOL
COLOR GUARD
AUDITIONS**

Scan the QR code to sign up!

OPEN TO ALL

WHERE
VALLEY VIEW
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GYM

WHEN
NOVEMBER 13TH
2:30-3PM CHECK-IN
3-6PM CLINIC
NOVEMBER 15TH
3-6PM AUDITION

PLEASE WEAR DANCE ATTIRE EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO
KARAGIBBONS@ALPINEDISTRICT.ORG

**VIKINGS
Color Guard**

**TIMPANOGOS
TIMBERWOLVES**

**WINTER
WRESTLING**

Nov 6th - Feb 13th

**Programs for 1st
through 8th grade**

Beginning and advanced classes available. Class schedule, cost, and registration available at www.timpanogoswrestling.com



Hablamos Español

STUDENT PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK!

The yearbook team is looking for some good talent! Make sure you add your first and last name(s) to each photo, your grade, and an optional caption! Get creative! If your talent is hard to show with a photo, try to find a way to represent it. Send anything from your art, playing a sport, coding, cooking, fixing a Rubix cube, playing an instrument, the options are endless! If you want a chance to be put in the yearbook and showcase something unique, send a picture of showing your talent to mredford@alpinedistrict.org. We are excited to see what hidden gifts you have!

REMINDERS

REMINDER CONCERNING 7TH GRADE STUDENT VACCINATIONS

- We need an updated immunization record from your doctor's office or the health department in order to meet the state's vaccine requirement for junior high.
- If your student had an exemption previously, it is required to be renewed now that your student is in Junior High, please be sure to include the TDAP vaccine and Meningococcal with your exemptions. The exemption can be completed online at immunize.utah.gov.
- Please email or drop off your certificate to the school directly.
- Any students not up to date by Friday, November 2nd will be placed on a 30 day conditional enrollment and after that period of time, if the records are not updated, he/she will be excluded from school. Please expect to receive a certified letter and/or email from our school nurse.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to our school nurse at janderson2@alpinedistrict.org.

NEW STUDENT TARDY PROCEDURE

Starting at the beginning of last school year, we made a change from a 5 minute passing period between classes to a 7 minute passing period. There are many reasons for doing this: more time for students to connect with their friends, time for both teachers and students to recharge for their next class, more time for students to get from class to class, more time for teachers and students to use the facilities in between classes, etc. We have a warning bell that rings 2 minutes before the 7 minutes is up to alert students that they should be on their way to class. Sadly most students are waiting until that 2 minute bell to start making their way to class and end up tardy. In fact, we have more tardies with a 7 minute passing period than we had with a 5 minute passing period. We are still committed to the reasons we made the adjustment in the first place, so the following adjustments/procedures are now in effect:

- The warning bell will ring 3 minutes before the 7 minute passing period is over instead of 2 minutes before.
- When a student has accumulated 5 tardies in a term, they will be called down to talk with an admin.
- When a student has accumulated 10 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 1 day.
- When a student has accumulated 15 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 2 days.

- When a student has accumulated 20 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 3 days the admin will schedule a meeting with the student and their parents.

It is always an option to switch back to a 5 minute passing period, but we would like to attempt this procedure first. Please help your student to internalize the importance of being to class on time!

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.

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!!