

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 11, 2023



EVENTS 12/11-1/7 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

12/11-12/17 (B-WEEK)

12/18-1/7 (A-WEEK)

<p>Homeroom: Making a Difference</p> <p>11-15 Spirit Week</p> <p>11 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Mountain Ridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>11 Boys' Basketball Game @ Mountain Ridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>12 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office</p> <p>13 Band Christmas Concert 6:00-7:30</p> <p>14 Choir Visits to Elementary Schools</p> <p>14 Girls' Basketball Game @ Lakeridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>14 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Lakeridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>15 Homeroom Jingle Jam Dance in Gym 9:13-9:25</p> <p>15 Orchestra Christmas Concert 6:00-7:30</p>	<p>Homeroom: Making a Difference Continued</p> <p>18 Band Visits to Elementary Schools</p> <p>19 SCC Meeting in the the TLC 2:30-3:30</p> <p>20 Student Appreciation Day (PTSA) During Lunches</p> <p>20 Utah Opera Presentation in the Auditorium A3-A4</p> <p>20 Girls' Basketball Game @ Am. Heritage 3:00-4:30</p> <p>20 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Am. Heritage 3:00-4:30</p> <p>21 Minimal Day 7:45-11:15</p> <p>22 Teacher Work Day--NO STUDENTS</p> <p>22 End of Term 2</p> <p>25 Christmas Day</p> <p>25-7 Winter Break</p> <p>1 New Years' Day</p>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

COLLABORATION

WE TREAT ALL WITH
KINDNESS & RESPECT

WE RECOGNIZE STRENGTHS AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL

WE BRING OUR BEST EFFORT AND
CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROUP

WE VALUE AND WORK WELL WITH
OTHERS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

I'd like to thank all members of the staff and our community for donations to our Holiday Service Project. We have raised just over \$1000 to be used to help students and families in need this holiday season! The good news is that we still have until Friday to collect donations for this cause. If you are able, we gladly welcome donations of any amount to supplement donations from our Faculty (see details below). Recently, we've had a few students dealing with tragedy outside of school. It has warmed my heart to hear of Homeroom classes coming together to write cards of support for their classmates and to rally around them when they return to school. I hope

our students recognize the difference they make in the lives of others simply by noticing them, befriending them, and taking an interest in them. I know my spirits have been lifted countless times by students taking the time to chat with me during lunch, asking me how my day is going, or even paying me a compliment. These are gifts, and free ones at that! I'd love to fill the next two weeks with gifts just like these! Keep up the good work, Eagles!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

FACULTY HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY--LAST CHANCE

In years past, there has been a Penny Wars service project in December the proceeds of which were used to purchase gift cards for Oak Canyon students in need during the holiday season. That said, we are mindful of the current financial situations of many of our patrons and literally do not want to nickel and dime them right before Christmas. Last year, we engaged in a faculty service project where we could make donations to benefit students in need at Christmas. We ended up extending the opportunity to participate in this service project to Oak Canyon students and families. **If you are inclined to make a donation, you can visit My School Fees and select "Holiday Donation" and enter an amount of your choosing. Mrs. Hoyal can also assist you in the Finance Office. Donations will be accepted December 1st-15th.** Thank you for any contribution you are able to make to this cause!

SPIRIT WEEK DECEMBER 11-15

Monday: Wear Your Favorite Holiday Sweater (Ugly, Festive, etc...)

Tuesday: Elf Day/Dress Like an Elf

Wednesday: Wear Your Ski and Snowboard Gear (No masks, skis, poles, snowboards)

Thursday: Christmas PJ Day (Dress Code Appropriate)

Friday: Festive Day/Wear Christmas Colors (Green, Red, Gold, White)

LOST AND FOUND--PLEASE REMIND STUDENTS

We will be donating the contents of the Oak Canyon lost and found to a charitable organization to assist individuals in need. **Please let your students know to check the lost and found for anything they might be missing by the end of the school day on Friday, December 15th.**

MINIMAL DAY SCHEDULE 12/21

Thursday, December 21st is a Minimal Day and our last day with students before the Holidays. December 21st is also the last day of the 2nd Term. There will be no homeroom on the 21st, classes will be 40 minutes each, and passing periods will be 7 minutes as per usual. There will be one lunch at the end of the day from 10:45-11:15.

A1/B5 7:45-8:25

A2/B6 8:32-9:12

A3/B7 9:19-9:59

A4/B8 10:06-10:45

Lunch 10:45-11:15

CALLING ALL OCJH ASPIRING STUDENT WRITERS!

If you are a student that loves to write, this announcement is for you! This year's Teen Author Boot Camp is coming up on March 23, 2024 at the Utah Valley Convention Center. You can spend a day learning from a lineup of publishers and authors including Christopher Paolini, Jessica Day George, Kathryn Purdie, and Sara B. Larson. If this opportunity interests you, please see Ms. Lister (C-124) before December 15.

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!!