

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 18, 2023



EVENTS 12/18-1/15 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

12/18-12/24 (A-WEEK)

12/25-1/15 (A-WEEK)

<p>Homeroom: Making a Difference Continued</p> <p>18 Band Visits to Elementary Schools</p> <p>18 Science Demo Team Family Night 6:30</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>22-7 Winter Break</p>	<p>Homeroom: Goal Setting</p> <p>25 Christmas Day</p> <p>1 New Years' Day</p> <p>9 Eagle of the Month 9:00 in the Library</p> <p>9 PTSA Meeting 9:30 in the Library</p> <p>10-11 7th Grade CCRs in Classrooms</p> <p>10 Girls' Basketball Game @ Orem 3:00-4:30</p> <p>10 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Orem 3:00-4:30</p> <p>11 Girls' Basketball Game vs. PGJR 3:00-4:30</p> <p>11 Boys' Basketball Game @ PGJR 3:00-4:30</p> <p>15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day--NO SCHOOL</p>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

For my last newsletter of 2023, I'd like to express appreciation to every member of the Oak Canyon community for their positive contributions to our school. No matter our role, we are all committed to the same basic thing--student learning and student success. We have different points of view at times about how to achieve this, but that speaks to the importance of the work we are doing. We all want to be seen and heard, we want to feel that our efforts matter, and ultimately we want to be part of something that matters. That goes for adults and students. Our vision is to become lifelong learners by developing the 6 Cs in ourselves and others. That doesn't just magically occur because we put it on a poster. It requires deliberate and consistent effort. It also requires reflection and revision. It can be a difficult, exhausting process, but certainly worthwhile. Thank you for your patience with us as we try new things and then make revisions to those things. Thank you to all members of our school community for showing up each day and continuing to try, especially when it is hard. We see you. We appreciate you. We wish you a peaceful Holiday Season and Winter Break that allows you to engage in the things you love, to reflect on progress and improvement, and to resolve to make any changes necessary to powerfully participate in the second semester of the 23-24 school year. Happy Holidays, Eagles! We'll see you next year!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

FACULTY FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

We are humbled and pleased to report that our faculty Holiday Donation Drive has yielded \$2000 in donations to assist members of our school community in need at this time. Thank you to all that joined our faculty in donating what you could to this worthy cause. Together we were able to do something great. Thank you!

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

END OF TERM 2

Thursday is the last day of Term 2 for students to attend school. Teachers have until Sunday to complete their grading and finalize Term 2 grades. When students return to school on January 8th, it will be the 1st day of Term 3. Please take a moment to review your student's Term 3/Semester 2 schedules with them prior to January 8th so there aren't any surprises!

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

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!!

