PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

EVENTS 9/9-9/22 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)



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

9/16-9/22 (B-WEEK)

Term 1 Essential Guiding Question: What Does It

Mean To Be An Oak Canyon Eagle?

Homeroom: We Are Prepared, Responsible, &

Dependable

- 9 Ballroom 2:25-3:30
- 10 Sucide Prevention Day
- 10 School Spirit Day @ Swig in Lindon
- 10 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office
- 11 Ballroom 1:25-2:40
- 11 Cross Country Meet 5:00 @ Oak Canyon
- 15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month

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Homeroom: I Can Learn from My Mistakes and Use a

Growth Mindset

- 16 Ballroom 2:25-3:30
- 16 PG Cares Screen Health Event at PGHS 5:30-8:30
- 17 School Community Council Mtg. 2:30 in the TLC
- 18 PTSA Eagle of the Month 9:00 in the TLC
- 18 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the TLC
- 18 Ballroom 1:25-2:40
- 18 Cross Country Meet 5:00 @ Viewpoint

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



When students are in elementary school, it seems there are many ways for parents and community members to be involved. Room parents, PTA, Book Fairs, fundraisers, reading dates, dance festivals, parent nights, Christmas Sings, to name just a few opportunities for parents to visit their neighborhood schools. Sometimes it is difficult for parents and community members to know how to participate when their student goes to junior high. While there aren't class parties and reading dates, there are still many opportunities for you to be involved in Oak Canyon. One of the most important ways is by reading through this newsletter each week. It is a simple way to stay on top of what is going on at our school. We also have an active and effective PTSA. In fact, our meeting for September is

coming up next week! You can just show up! There are opportunities to be as involved as you want to be. You could sign up for a committee or simply come in on a Friday to sell suckers to students during lunch. In addition, we invite interested parents to consider joining our School Community Council. The SCC oversees the Land Trust budget that is used to support school goals, priorities, and initiatives. More information about SCC is found below. Ultimately, we want you to know that you are welcome at OCJH. Thank you for your continued support of our school. It's going to be a great week!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY AT SWIG--TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS--LAST CALL

Our first SCC meeting of the year with our new SCC will be September 17th at 2:30 pm in the TLC. The School Community Council (SCC) is a group of parents and school staff that meets monthly to discuss the issues facing our school. The SCC creates a school improvement plan and allocates Trustland Funds to help meet our goals outlined in that plan. SCC meetings are open to anyone interested and we are in need of parents to join our council. If you have some time on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 and would like to be a part of our SCC, please click on this <u>link</u> to submit your name.. A term on the SCC is two years. If there are more interested than parent positions available, we will have an election.

FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

Our PTSA does so much to support our school and students--selling suckers on Fridays, sponsoring the Eagle of the Month student recognitions, organizing Spirit Nights, making generous donations for school improvements, recognizing our honor roll students, and more! We encourage all to join the PTSA--the membership dues go a long way for our school. In addition, Eagle Cards are a great value for all of the discounted goods and services they provide. To join the PTSA, purchase Eagle Cards, and/or donate for Teacher Birthday/Appreciation gifts, please visit the Oak Canyon PTSA store link:

Givebacks ocjhlindon.givebacks.com

Also, PTSA meetings will be held every third Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 in the TLC. All are welcome to attend.

INTRODUCING DR. MICHELLE JENSEN, OCJH ILC

We are fortunate to have an Innovative Learning Coach at Oak Canyon. An ILC's primary responsibility is to provide support to teachers and students on district and school supported technology solutions. Our ILC this year is Dr. Michelle Jensen. The following is a message from her:

"Every year I get calls from parents that go something like this: "How can I lock down my child's chromebooks to keep them away from all the bad stuff." I respond by showing them the monitoring tools available but also follow up with a plea to work together with their child to create healthy, lifelong habits related to their use of digital tools. I've recently come across a book that hits the ball out of the park on this topic. "Digital for Good" by Richard Culatta. We have 3 copies in the school library available for parent check out.

Culatta is a graduate of BYU's Instructional Psychology and Technology program and former Director of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Technology. He offers a fresh approach, showing parents how to turn technology into a tool for positive growth rather than a threat. Instead of focusing on screen time limits or online dangers, Culatta provides practical strategies to help teens become responsible, kind, and creative digital citizens. As a digital education expert, he offers valuable insights on building healthy habits, engaging in positive online communities, and using technology to drive social change.

"Digital for Good" is your essential guide to raising tech-savvy teens who use technology to connect, learn, and make a difference. Read it to transform how your family interacts with the digital world.

Note: This book review includes some information generated by ChatGPT, an Al language model by OpenAl. <<See what I did there? That's good digital citizenship!

OCJH BALLROOM TEAM





BOYS BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Boys Basketball Open Gym: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:25-4:00 pm. Starting September 3rd

START SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!

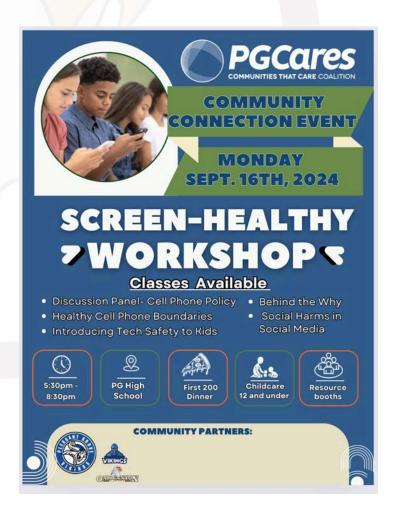
Parents, we would like to spotlight Oak Canyon students that are up to great things outside of school. The challenge is that we are not always aware of these student accomplishments/events to be celebrated. Please click on this link if you'd like your student to be spotlighted in a future edition of the Principal's Newsletter! https://forms.gle/KvYAYNKbDtwrMbpA6

RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher, school employee, or bus driver who is Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging? Nominations are now open for the 2024-2025 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS







MONDAYS 6PM-8PM LINDON COMMUNITY CENTER 25 N Main St Lindon





Sign up now!



Guiding Good Choices gives families information and tools that work to protect preteens and teens from the inevitable risks they encounter as they become more independent. Families will learn ways to build or maintain lasting relationships, because teenagers who are more closely connected to their families have better health and educational outcomes.



Adolescence can be a time of self-discovery and ropid growth, physically and mentally. This class will be an opportunity for adolescents aged 12-17 to practice growth mindset through recreational therapy (RT). Growth mindset is a term used in positive psychology which reframes that challenges are opportunities for growth. This class will provide therapeutic activities with peers in self-expression, healthy thinking, gratitude, learning from failure, resilience, and adaptability.





Pleasant Grove HS Girls Lacrosse Fall Ball

September 3rd through October 24th Practice is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 Valley View Elementary - 941 Orchard Dr.



Join us for a fun Fall lacrosse season.

This is for new and returning players grades 9 through 12 in Pleasant Grove High School Boundaries.

We have equipment to use for any girls wishing to try for the first time.

Cost is 150.00 payable to PGHS

Contact Coach Ryan with any questions

ryansulz@alipinedistrict.org or 801.830.1923











REMINDERS:

EXCUSING STUDENT ABSENCES

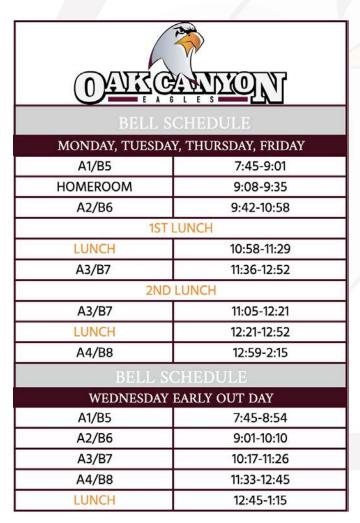
Attendance reminder: You can excuse absences (past, present, or future) in Skyward. Make sure you're logged in to your parent account and go to the Attendance Tab. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Decker in the front office.

SCHOOL FEES

Fees are now available to pay on <u>myschoolfees.com</u>. If your student will be making changes to their schedule we suggest you wait to pay for fees until their schedule has been finalized. Fee waiver applications are available on our website, at the district's website, or at the finance window. Fee Waiver applications, along with supporting documentation, are due by Sept 30, 2024. Please reach out to the finance office via email at jhoyal@alpinedistrict.org or by phone 801-610-8141 with any questions. Thank you!

24-25 BELL SCHEDULE--WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT CHANGES

There is one major change to our bell schedule this year: lunch on early out Wednesdays will come at the end of the day, and there will only be one lunch on Wednesdays. Class will adjourn at 12:45 and lunch will go from 12:45-1:15. Buses will depart from the school at 1:15. If students do not want to stay for lunch on campus, they can be picked up or walk home after 12:45. Please note the updated bell schedule and teacher lunch assignments for the year.



A-DAY LUNCH SCHEDULE

FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
Adamson	Miller	Allphin	Roberts
Allan	Monson	Baller	Robinson
Andrus	Moorehead	Bench	Sanders
Bethel	Otterson	De La Cruz	Seminary
Blake	Prestes	Ecalono	Smith
Braswell	Rawson	Escobedo	Sparks
Graham	Redford	Fuller	Stone
Hall	Robison	Jorgensen	Torrence
Hardy	Seastrand	Kunkel	Van Komen
A. Holmes	Shumway	Lamoreaux	White
Lister	Taylor	Meinzer	
Marshall	Thomas	40-02000-0-0-0	
Mather			

B-DAY LUNCH SCHEDULE

FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
Adamson	Mather	Allphin	Kunkel
Andrus	Miller	Baller	Meinzer
Bethel	Monson	Bench	Moulton
Blake	Moorehead	Cheney	Roberts
Braswell	Nguyen	De La Cruz	Seminary
Cook	Prestes	Ecalono	Smith
Flood	Rawson	Escobedo	Sparks
Graham	Redford	Fuller	Torrence
Hall	Robison	Garlick	Van Komen
A. Holmes	Seastrand	Goold	White
T. Holmes	Taylor	Hermansen	
Lake	Thomas	Jorgensen	
Marshall			

*** LUNCHES BASED ON A3 OR B7 TEACHERS***