

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER JANUARY 13, 2025



EVENTS 1/13-1/26 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

1/13-1/19 (B-WEEK)

1/20-1/26 (A-WEEK)

<p>Homeroom: We Are Prepared, Responsible, and Dependable</p> <p>13 Ballroom 2:25-3:30</p> <p>13 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Mountain Ridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>13 Boys' Basketball Game @ Mountain Ridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>14 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office</p> <p>15-16 Yearbook Group Pictures in Auditorium</p> <p>15 PTSA Eagle of the Month 9:00 in the TLC</p> <p>15 PTSA Meeting 9:30-10:30 in the TLC</p> <p>15 Ballroom 1:25-2:40</p> <p>16 Girls' Basketball Game @ Lakeridge 3:00-4:30</p> <p>16 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Lakeridge 3:00-4:30</p>	<p>Homeroom: We Communicate in Respectful and Intentional Ways</p> <p>20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day--No School</p> <p>20 Inauguration Day</p> <p>21 SCC Meeting 2:30-3:30 in the TLC</p> <p>21 Spirit Night at Milkshake Factory 5-9 PM</p> <p>22 Ballroom 1:25-2:40</p> <p>22 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Canyon View 3:00-4:30</p> <p>22 Boys' Basketball Game @ Canyon View 3:00-4:30</p> <p>23 Girls' Basketball Game @ Orem 3:00-4:30</p> <p>23 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Orem 3:00-4:30</p>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week was a difficult week at Oak Canyon. As many of you have heard, one of our teachers made the news with his arrest. We've had many important and difficult conversations with students and staff as we are processing this situation. Some students and staff are feeling some really big emotions ranging from sadness to anger. Some didn't know him well or at all and aren't having an emotional response one way or another. That range of emotional responses has been challenging at times. In addition, we are trying to dispel rumors that are circulating with facts that we have permission to share. I'd like to share those facts here:

1. Mr. Adamson was arrested on Monday during the school day. However, he was not arrested in the school, his classroom, or in front of students.
2. Mr. Adamson has been relieved of his teaching duties, and he will not be returning.
3. At this time, we are not aware of any Oak Canyon students being harmed.
4. We will be hiring a new art teacher as soon as we possibly can.
5. This situation does NOT involve any other teachers in the school.

We are working in earnest to focus on the facts, to find a new art teacher, and to provide support to those who are struggling. Last Friday, we had members of the Alpine School District crisis team on hand during both lunches to meet with students that needed some additional support. In addition, we have used Homeroom as a place to convey important facts to students and to share coping strategies to deal with big emotions. I have a feeling that it will take time, but we will get through this difficult time together. If your student is struggling and would benefit

from meeting with one of our counselors, please reach out to a counselor or an administrator. Thank you for your support and patience as we work through this delicate situation.

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

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>

NO TARDY TERM 3 UPDATE BY POD

Weekly Stats:

Pod	WK 1	Cumulative	Standing
Water	98.64%	98.64%	1 st
Earth	98.36%	98.20%	4 th
Air	98.44%	98.44%	2 nd
Fire	98.32%	98.32%	3 rd
Weekly %	98.44%	98.44%	98.44%

STAFFING UPDATES

We'd like to make you aware of a few staffing changes for the second half of the school year.

- Mr. White has accepted a resource position at Viewpoint Middle School. We are so sad to see him go, but as our district reconfiguration becomes a reality, we will see friends and colleagues take opportunities in different corners of Alpine School District. We have hired Shiloam Chapman as his replacement for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Chapman has vast experience providing interventions for students that struggle grades K-9. She is passionate about finding ways for all students to succeed.
- Mr. Seastrand has been out on leave this year, and will be extending that leave of absence for the remainder of the 24-25 school year. We have hired Kathy Puckett to take on Student Success for all of Mr. Seastrand's classes for the rest of the school year. Mrs. Puckett has vast teaching experience in the Lindon and Northridge communities and looks forward to seeing some familiar student faces in her classroom!

WORLD LANGUAGE WOWS

Our fantastic World Language department has put together a fantastic way to share with faculty and families the amazing things our World Language students and teachers are up to this year. Just click [here](#) to access WOWS!

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](#).**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOURISHING OR FLOUNDERING?


a community education event for parents and caregivers of youth and teens


COME LEARN

- What are the common pitfalls of young adulthood that can lead to floundering?
- What are the things that young people and their families can do to facilitate flourishing?
- How can parents support a child during this transition to independence? **...AND MORE!**


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. He also studies factors (e.g., parenting, culture, self-perceptions) related to children's social development.






Register for dinner and/or childcare here



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL

-6:00 pm Dinner-School Cafeteria
-7:00 pm Presentation-Auditorium
*Childcare available for the first 25 children (12 and under)-Dance room



Enter to win great family prizes!

family VALUES WORKSHOP

Parents are the most important protective factor in their children's lives.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
or
MONDAY, MARCH 17
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

LINDON COMMUNITY CENTER

Bring the whole family for a fun and educational workshop to help define your family values, improve communication skills and strengthen family bonds.

DINNER 6-6:30 PM
WORKSHOP 6:30-8:00 PM
CHILD CARE FOR 5 AND UNDER

SCAN TO REGISTER
*EVENT IS FREE




FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Strengthen Your Relationships

FREE WORKSHOP



for parents of kids aged 9-14



GUIDING GOOD CHOICES

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.

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


Sign up now!

Practicing Your Growth Mindset Class


Thursdays 5-6pm
*Sign up for each monthly session
Taught by a Master in Therapeutic Recreation MTRS

Adolescence can be a time of self-discovery and rapid 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.

SCAN HERE!



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EVERY KID OUTDOORS

UTAH OUTDOOR RECREATION

ADVENTURE CHALLENGE KICKOFF EVENT

FRIDAY, 2-5 PM
24 JAN, 2025

MILLCREEK COMMON
1354 E CHAMBERS AVE,
MILLCREEK, UT 84106

Join Utah kids in the Every Kid Outdoors Adventure Challenge this year!

We will kickoff the year with FREE ice skating at the Common, giving away prizes, enjoying hot cocoa, and earning your first sticker for the adventure challenge!



REGISTER TODAY!



ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR SURVEY

The calendar committee and board of education are seeking input for future academic calendars. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by completing the [CALENDAR SURVEY](#). This survey will close at 5pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

As cold and flu season intensifies, we see an increase of influenza, strep throat, coronavirus, RSV, norovirus, and colds. Please review the most recent guidelines from the Utah County Health Department reflected in ASD's [HOW SICK IS TOO SICK?](#) guidelines.

REMINDERS:

NO TARDY TERM 2 FINAL RESULTS

Our Term 2 No Tardy Challenge has officially concluded. It was fascinating to do the math on this each week. Interesting to watch the patterns. Here are the results as I have them at this point:

Number of Students: 1297

Number of Class Periods (including Homeroom) to be on Time 10/28-12/20: 173

Number of Opportunities To Be On Time: 224,381

Number of Total Tardies Term 2: 3,024

Overall Percentage of Students On Time: 98.65%

Water Pod % of Students On Time: 98.87% (First Place)

Earth Pod % of Students On Time: 98.56% (Third Place)

Air Pod % of Students On Time: 98.64% (Second Place)

Fire Pod % of Students on Time: 98.50% (Fourth Place)

Percentage of Students with Zero Tardies Term 2: 45.26% (578 Students)

Water Pod % of Students with Zero Tardies: 46%

Earth Pod % of Students with Zero Tardies: 42%

Air Pod % of Students with Zero Tardies: 44%

Fire Pod % of Students with Zero Tardies: 50%