

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER MAY 5, 2025



EVENTS 5/5-5/18 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

5/5-5/11 (A-WEEK)

Term 4 Essential Guiding Question: How Can I Make a Difference?

Homeroom: We Imagine Innovative Possibilities and Solutions

5 Cinco de Mayo

- 5 Science Demo Team to Springside Ele. 9:00-12:00
- 5 Ballroom 2:25-3:30
- 5 End of Year Choir Concert 6:00-8:00 in Auditorium
- 5-6 Alpine Days @ Mountain View High School
- 6 Grand Concert Rehearsal 6:45-7:30 in Auditorium
- 7 Ballroom 1:25-2:40
- 7 Junior High Drama Meet 2:30-5:30
- 7 Teri Bench/Jen Batchler Retirement Party 3:30-5:30
- 7 Band End of Year Concert 6:00-7:30 in Auditorium
- 8 Drama Classes to Hale Center 8:45-1:15
- 8 Orchestra End of Year Concert 6:00-7:30 in Aud.
- 9 Chromebook Wellness Checks in Homeroom
- 9 9th Grade Night Dance 7:00-8:30

11 Mothers' Day

5/12-5/18 (B-WEEK)

Term 4 Essential Guiding Question: How Can I Make a Difference?

Homeroom: We Identify and Celebrate Our Unique Gifts and Strengths

- 12 Ballroom 2:25-3:30
- 12 Percussion Concert 6:00-7:00 in Auditorium
- 13 ASD Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 @ District Office
- 13 Grand Concert 6:00-8:00 in Auditorium
- 14 Ballroom 1:25-2:40
- 14 Science Demo Team to Cedar Valley Ele. 8:00-2:00
- 14 Hall's Class to Discovery Park 10:30-2:00
- 14 9th Grade Awards Night 6:30-7:30 in Auditorium
- 15 8th Graders Turn in Chromebooks

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we wrap up the 2024-2025 school year, I'd like to celebrate the teachers and staff that will not be returning to Oak Canyon next year. Some will be celebrated in Open House Celebrations while others preferred to move on or to retire in a little more private manner. Regardless, all have spent much time and energy helping our students to learn and to grow and to make Oak Canyon an amazing place to be. Congratulations to the following on their next steps! You will be missed!

Retirements:

Jennifer Batchler (Librarian)
Teri Bench (Math)
Norma Elfors (Registrar)
Tami Platt (Counselor)
Troy Van Komen (Math);

Pursuing New Endeavors:

Shiloam Chapman (SPED)
Jakob Garlick (Science)
Garret Hoyal (Custodial)

NEW INFORMATION



EAGLE SPOTLIGHTS

Student Spotlights:

Students of the Week 4/28:

Colby Hill, Richard Halvorson,
Kyan Larsen and
Mason Cattermole

Students of the Week 5/5:

Jeremy Bancroft and Marco
Hernandez

April Eagles of the Month:

Jackson Ungricht, Annabelle
Wardle, Maddex Wilcox,
Scarlet Carlson, Gabe Abbott,
and Hope Condie

FEEDBACK FOR 2025-2026 AT OAK CANYON

There are a few items we would love to gather some parent feedback about concerning items for the 2025-2026 school year. They are:

1. School Start and End Times

Currently, Oak Canyon and Canyon View are the only two junior high/middle schools in Alpine School District that start at 7:45 and end at 2:15. This has been because it is the only way that the ASD Transportation Department can provide bus routes to all qualifying students in our area. However, due to some changes being made to bus routes effective next school year for secondary students, we have the opportunity to change our start and end times 30 minutes later and move into alignment with the other junior high/middle schools. Canyon View is considering this change as well. Some might be concerned that students would no longer be able to do school to school with classes at the high school if our bell schedule does not align with the high schools; however, all junior highs/middle schools in the district that start at 8:15 have found a way to do school to school with their feeder high schools that start at 7:45. A while back we surveyed our students about ways we could improve our school. One of the top responses from the students was to start school later. Research indicates that for adolescent students, it is better for them to start school later. That said, we would like parent feedback to be part of our decision making process. If we make the change, school will start at 8:15 each day and will end at 2:45 on M, Tu, Th, and F and at 1:45 on Wednesdays.

2. Bark

Bark is a system that alerts the school and parents about concerning content created by students in their Google suite of tools (Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Sheets, Google Chat). This is content that is violent, profane,

and/or sexual in nature. When concerning content is detected, administrators and parents can receive a notification. Our administrative team receives many of these daily. While a few valid concerns have been detected, over all, there have been many alerts in error. For example, if a student is writing about a war in their history class and talks about weapons, fighting, casualties, etc., their work is flagged for violent content, when there is nothing of actual concern. Some parents and students have expressed concerns that Bark is a violation of privacy. We have the opportunity to decide if we would like to use Bark again next year. Again, we do not want to make this decision without parent input.

3. Cell Phones

This year PGHS has implemented a strict cell phone policy. The policy requires students to put their phones on airplane mode when they enter a classroom and to place their phones in a cell phone caddy for the duration of the class period. Students have been allowed to use their phones during class breaks and at lunch. We have been told that Timpanogos High School will be implementing this policy next year as well. As a junior high that feeds both of those high schools, we feel that our approach to cell phones needs to be at a minimum the same as the high schools. We are considering even more robust measures. We are aware that some students need access to their phones due to medical apps and monitoring facilitated by their phones. We would obviously have some way to address that. Ultimately, our concern is the constant distraction and disruption that cell phones cause to our students' learning and the overall learning environment. We absolutely need parent support in implementing this kind of change in our school next year. We would love your input!

Please click on the following link to share your thoughts about these 3 items by Friday, May 9:

<https://forms.gle/h16NSrvKExREz3Fi9>

END OF YEAR CHROMEBOOK WELLNESS CHECK AND 8TH GRADE TURN IN

All students should bring their Chromebooks to homeroom on **Friday, May 9th** for a quick check-in. Teachers will confirm students have their assigned chromebooks/ chargers and note damages. **8th graders will return Chromebooks on Wednesday, May 15th.** 7th and 9th graders will keep their Chromebooks for next year.

END OF YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS--PLEASE READ

Yearbooks: Yearbooks are still available if you'd like to purchase one. They are \$40.00 online or at the Finance Window. Yearbook day is Thursday, May 20th. Posters will be posted on the windows at the Finance and Office with student ID's of those who have bought one. Please have your student verify.

Student Fees/Fines: Student fees are due **NOW**. Fines will be given on May 15th for any school property that has not been returned or has been damaged. Students who have not paid their fees or fines by yearbook day will NOT receive their yearbook that day. Please avoid the LONG line on yearbook day by paying for fees now, helping your student get their stuff turned in, and taking care of any fines as soon as possible. The Finance Office will NOT be taking calls on yearbook day due to long lines at the window. Remaining balances that are left after May 30th will be turned over to our collection company.

Lagoon: Lagoon is coming up for our 9th graders on **Tuesday, May 20th**. Information is on our **school website**. Parents or Guardians need to fill out the permission form FIRST then they can pay online at myschoolfees or at the finance window. Your student will not be able to go unless we have a permission form for them.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL EVENTS

Many have inquired about year end school events. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Tuesday, May 20: 9th Graders at Lagoon

Wednesday, May 21: PG High Graduation 12:00 @ BYU

Thursday, May 22: Yearbook Day

Friday, May 23: Last Day of School 7:45-9:15

Friday, May 23: Timpanogos High Graduation 9:00 @ UVU

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!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strengthen Your Relationships
FREE WORKSHOP
for parents of kids aged 9-14

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




Sign up now!



**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**.




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**.

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ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Classified

Hiring Fair



Thursday July 17th 2025



3:30 pm - 6:00 pm



Alpine School District Office, Room 210
575 North 100 East American Fork UT 84003

Custodians/Maintenance	Special Education
Nutrition Services	Substitute Teachers
Transportation	School/Classroom Support

FOOTBALL
SUMMER CAMP
 MAY 28TH & MAY 29TH
 2-4 PM

Timpanogos Youth Football 2-Day Summer Camp!
 Join us for expert coaching, fun drills, and
 scrimmages with current high school coaches and
 players!

Timpanogos High School Football Field
 Don't miss the action—level up your game!

REGISTER NOW AT
TIMPANOGOSYOUTHFOOTBALL.COM




TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL
 Little T-Wolf CAMP

June 19-20



10:00-12:00
Co-ed, 3rd-8th grade

Use QR code to register your athlete



For any additional questions please reach out to coach Jen
 jenniferdowney@alpinedistrict.org

**Timpanogos Youth
 Football**

Registration open

**Sign Up Now – Prices
 Increase After June 15th!**




timpanogosityouthfootball.com

chip camp

We're getting excited for BYU Chip Camp 2025 and would love your help getting the word out! If you are interested in joining us, or know of others who would enjoy the camp, please share the information below. The camp typically sells out quickly, so don't delay if you know you want to attend this year!

What is Chip Camp?
 Chip Camp is an immersive three-day experience designed for students ages 13-15 who are interested in electrical and computer engineering. Participants get the chance to

- **engage in hands-on projects** involving coding, robotics, and problem-solving
- **develop leadership skills** and learn how to work effectively in teams
- **connect with mentors** from the BYU Electrical & Computer Engineering department

You don't want to miss out on this amazing opportunity!

Important Dates and Information

- **Camp Dates:**
 - Session I: June 24 - June 26, 2025
 - Session II: July 1 - 3, 2025
- **Location:** Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, UT
- **Cost:** \$189

Register Now

REMINDERS:

2024-2025 STAKEHOLDERS' REPORT

Each year we have the opportunity to share with our community how we are doing as a school. This comes in the form of our Stakeholders' Report. It is a way for us to communicate how our students are doing academically as well as school initiatives and priorities. In this report we are also able to share how we are using our Land Trust monies to forward these initiatives and priorities. Please click [here](#) to see this year's Stakeholders' Report!