PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 9, 2026

EVENTS 11/9-11/20 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

11/9-11/15 (B-WEEK)

9-20 Fall Food Drive Grade Level Competition
9 Reflections Awards Assembly 9:15 During HR
9 Ballroom 2:25-3:30
10 Honor Roll Treats Distributed During Lunches
11 Veterans' Day
11-13 Basketball Tryouts (More Info Below)
11 Ballroom 1:25-2:40
13 Kindness Day
13 Homeroom Assembly--**FIRE POD**

11/16-11/22 (A-WEEK)

9-20 Fall Food Drive Grade Level Competition
16 Ballroom 2:25-3:30
16 TSD Oak Canyon Parent/Community Mtgs.
16 Science Demo Team Community Night 6:30 PM
17 School Community Council Meeting 2:30 in TLC
17 ASD School Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office
18 Hall's Class to Color Me Mine 9:45-12:00
18 TSD School Board Meeting 6:00 @ SPED Bldg.
18 PTSA Eagle of the Month 10:00 in the TLC
18 PTSA Meeting 10:30 in the TLC
18 Ballroom 1:25-2:40
19 Boys' Basketball vs. Timberline 3:00
19 Girls' Basketball @ Timberline 3:00
20 Homeroom Assembly--**EARTH POD**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Eagles!

As we wrap up the first term of the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate all that is going well at Oak Canyon! Our students and teachers have settled into a great rhythm, and it has been exciting to see our Flex program take shape. Students are enjoying the enrichment opportunities available to them, while also taking advantage of the time to catch up on assignments, get extra help, and take ownership of their learning. I'm grateful for the hard work of our teachers and staff in making these opportunities possible, and I'm proud of our students for the way they've embraced them. We've had a great first term, and there is much to celebrate!

Of course, even as we focus on the good things happening inside our classrooms, there are some significant changes on the horizon for our school community.

On October 21st, the Timpanogos School Board voted unanimously to reconfigure all junior highs in the district as middle schools beginning with the 2027–2028 school year. This means that ninth graders will attend high school, while middle schools will serve students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Although we will certainly miss having our ninth graders with us, we believe this change has the potential to benefit students at all grade levels. We are beginning to think about how we might celebrate our outgoing eighth and ninth graders, welcome our incoming sixth and seventh graders, and support the staff members who will be making transitions as well.

However, there is still one very significant question that must be answered before we can move forward with those plans.

As you know, Oak Canyon is one of two secondary schools in Timpanogos School District currently being considered for closure. The Board is expected to make that decision in December. Until then, we find ourselves in a bit of a holding pattern, preparing for a future that we cannot yet fully envision.

I recognize that this uncertainty is difficult. Oak Canyon means a great deal to so many people, and the possibility of closing a school brings with it a wide range of emotions. Those feelings are real and understandable. Our schools are much more than buildings. They are places where relationships are built, traditions are created, and memories are made. They become part of who we are.

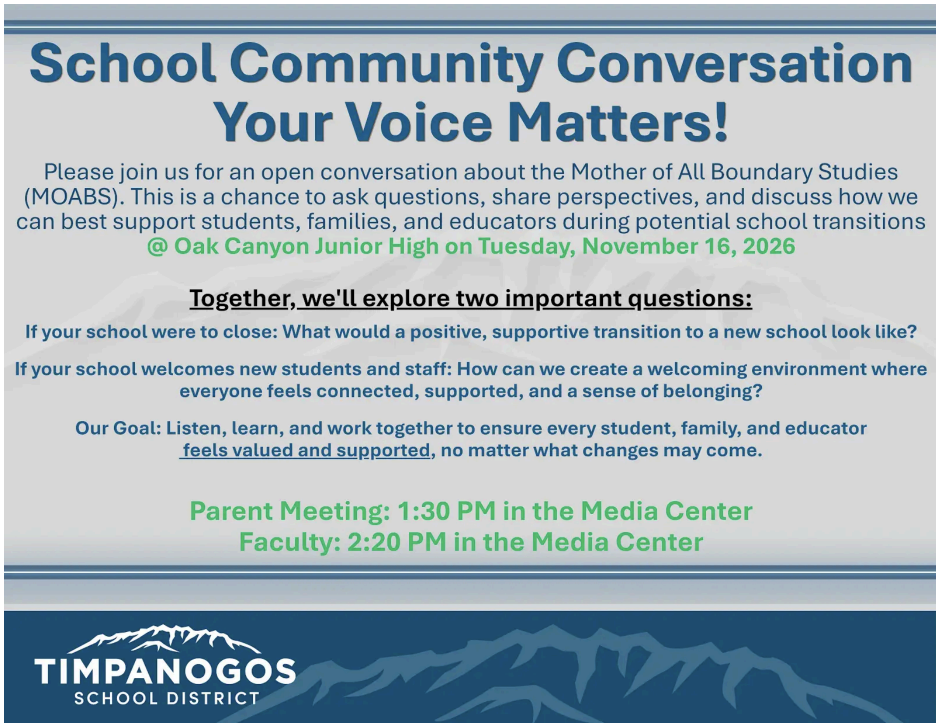
At the same time, I believe we have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to help shape what comes next.

Regardless of whether our students and teachers are housed at Oak Canyon or Orem Junior High in the future, our commitment to them does not change. Our students deserve to feel welcomed, supported, and excited about coming to school. Our teachers and staff deserve to feel valued and connected. And our families deserve to know that the adults in their children's lives are working together to create the best possible experience for them.

That will require all of us to approach the coming months with open minds, positive attitudes, and a willingness to come together as one community. *We may have different opinions about what should happen, but I hope we can be united in our commitment to making whatever happens successful for our students.*

On Monday, November 16th, representatives from Timpanogos School District will visit Oak Canyon for a parent and community meeting at 1:30 p.m., followed by a faculty meeting at 2:20 p.m. The purpose of these meetings is not to make a case for keeping one school open over another. Rather, they are an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about what a successful school closure and/or merging of school communities could look like. What would help students feel connected? How can we honor the traditions and identities of both schools? What can we do now to make a potential transition as positive as possible?

I encourage you to participate in these conversations, ask thoughtful questions, share your ideas, and help us focus on the things we can influence.



At the beginning of the year, I shared my thoughts about what success looks like. I said that success is about effort—showing up each day, doing our best, treating others with kindness and empathy, and resolving to do it all again the next day, a little better than before.

I believe that definition of success is especially meaningful now.

Success this year won't be measured by which building remains open or what name appears on the outside of a school. It will be measured by how we treat one another, how we support our students, and how we respond to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Whatever the future holds for Oak Canyon, no decision can erase the experiences, relationships, traditions, and memories that have made this school special. And no decision can take away the opportunity we have, right now, to make this a wonderful year for our students.

My hope is that when we look back on this year, we will remember more than the uncertainty. We'll remember a community that showed up for one another, celebrated what made us special, welcomed new possibilities, and chose to move forward together.

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle. Let's continue to make this a year worth remembering!

Mrs. Ross

FALL FOOD DRIVE--NOVEMBER 2-20

From Ms. Taylor and the Hope Squad:

It's time for our annual Food Drive! Below is the important information you need to know:

1. Dates - November 2 - November 20
2. Competition - Grade Level: 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students will compete to collect the most food for the drive. Food will be collected in homerooms.
3. Donations - The food will go to our own Oak Canyon Food Pantry and Tabitha's Way in Pleasant Grove.
4. Plastic Bags and Flyers - We are going to give every student a plastic bag with a flyer they can give to a neighbor to collect food for the drive.
5. BINGO Cards - Students can collect items to fill out a BINGO card for prizes.



Last year, we collected a record amount of food. Our OCJH food pantry was fully stocked and we managed to fill multiple giant bins for Tabitha's Way. We would love to do even more this year. It's also a wonderful opportunity for our students to put the needs of others ahead of their own!

REFLECTIONS AWARDS ASSEMBLY--DURING HR 11/9

On Monday, November 9th, during Homeroom, we will be calling all students who submitted a Reflections entry to come down to the Library for an awards assembly. The parents/guardians of those students are invited to attend the awards assembly as well.



HONOR ROLL TREATS DURING LUNCHES 11/10

Students that earned a 3.7 GPA or higher for Term 1 can go to the PTSA tables in the commons on Tuesday, November 10, during their lunch to get a treat! Thanks PTA!

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: ocjhlindon.givebacks.com

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS--NOVEMBER 11-13

Basketball tryouts for both the Oak Canyon Boys' and Girls' Teams will be held November 11-13. See the flyer for more information.



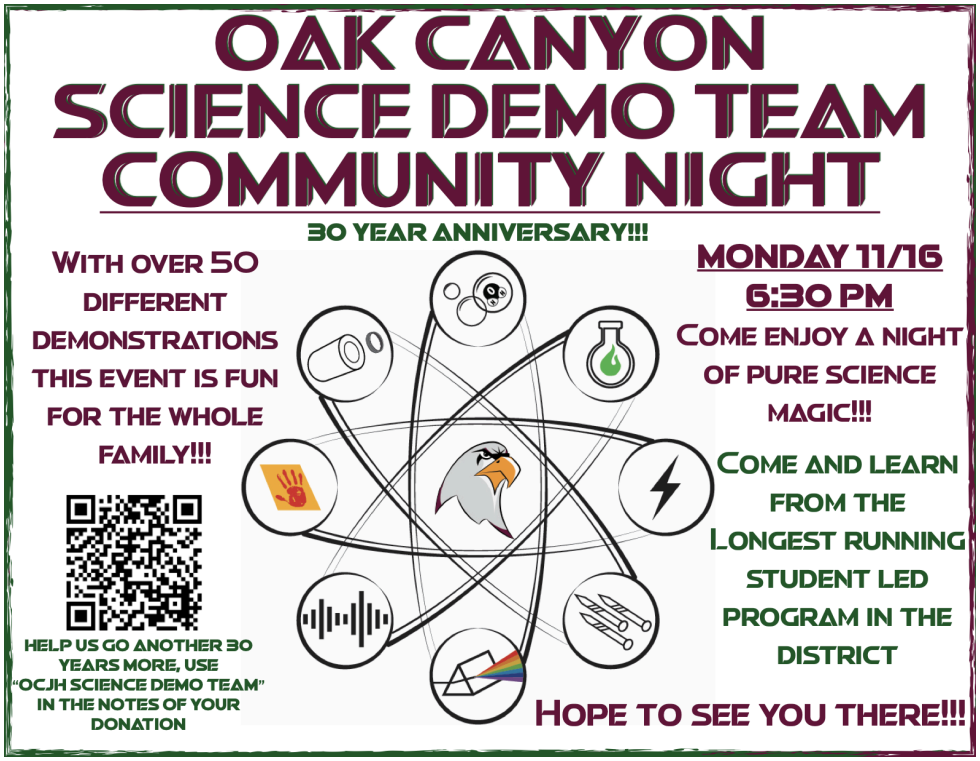
KINDNESS DAY & KINDNESS T-SHIRTS

Our Kindness Club and Hope Squad are pleased to celebrate **Kindness Day on Friday, November 13.** There are specially created activities/lessons for our students to experience in Homeroom that day. Also, if your student is interested in purchasing a Kindness T-shirt for $12 to wear that day (and throughout the year), click on the following link. This is what the shirts look like.



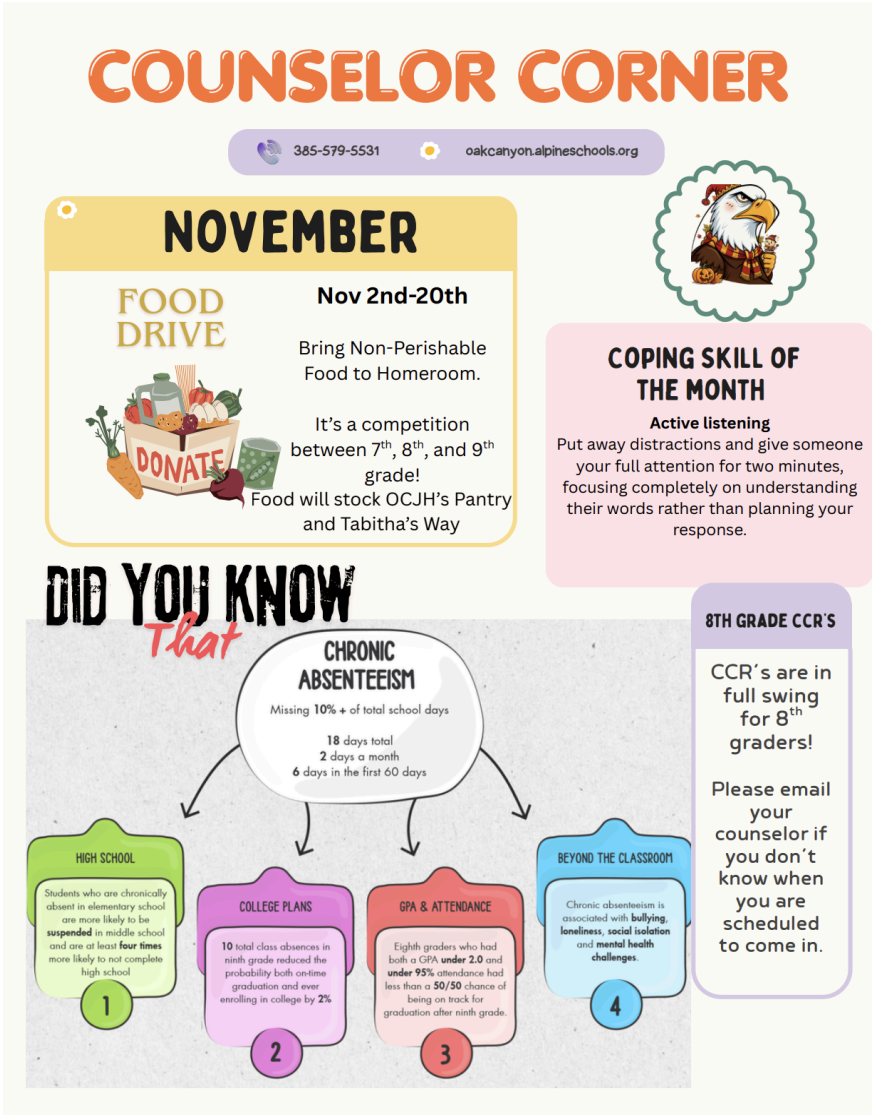


SCIENCE DEMO TEAM PARENT/COMMUNITY NIGHT 11/16--YOU'RE INVITED!



RISE AWARD NOMINATIONS

In Alpine School District, we appreciate our teachers and staff members who make a difference for students, parents, colleagues, and others. Use this form to nominate a school employee for the Alpine District RISE (Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, Encouraging) Award. *Please use specific examples about why this employee deserves the RISE award.* This award is intended for employees who work directly with students. *Please note: Your nomination and name will be used to notify the employee with a copy of the nomination and may be used in promotional materials such as the district newsletter or social media.*



PTSA REFLECTIONS AWARD WINNERS

We would like to congratulate the following students on their winning Reflections entries:

Dance Choreography

Molly Larsen: Excellence

Film Production

Kensington Lentz: Excellence

Literature

Audrey Haldeman: Excellence
Eleanor Harris: Excellence
Jane Harris: Excellence
Molly Larsen: Excellence
Kensington Lentz: Merit
Brielle Marshall: Merit
Grey Kowallis: Merit

Photography

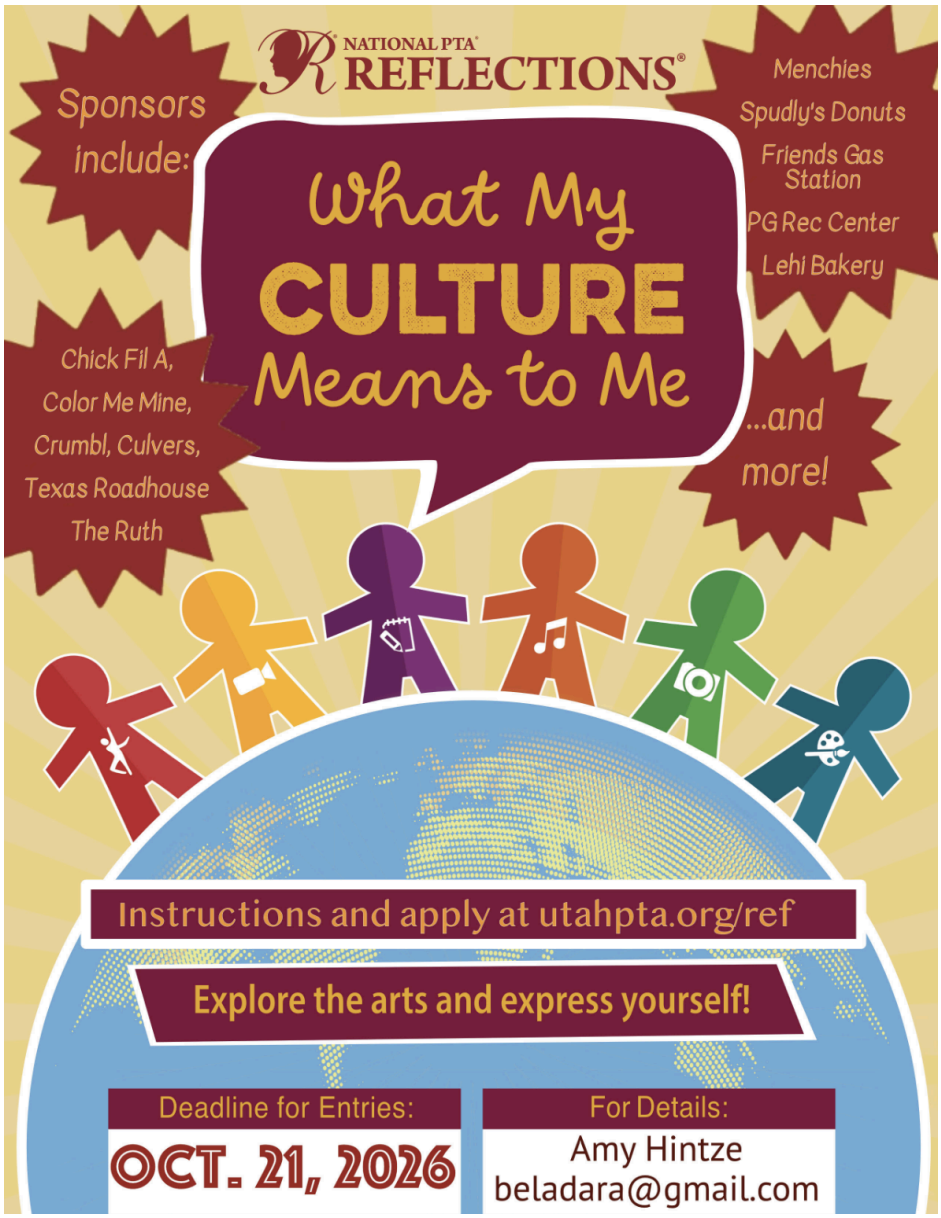
Hannah Murri: Excellence
Audrey Haldeman: Excellence
Luke Petersen: Excellence
Avery Greene: Excellence
Molly Larsen: Excellence
Colette Bentz: Merit
Aden Lees: Merit
Colter McBride: Merit
Brooklyn Farnsworth: Merit

2D Art

Audrey Haldeman: Excellence
Edison Kim: Excellence
Rosie Graham: Excellence
Grey Kowallis: Excellence
Evalynn Partridge: Excellence
Brooklyn Farnsworth: Merit
Eden Dickson: Merit

3D Art

Aumei Schroeppel: Excellence
Molly Larsen: Excellence
Grey Kowallis: Excellence
Ava Jensen: Excellence
Brielle Marshall: Excellence
Eden Dickson: Merit
Rex Hill: Merit





COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:





REMINDERS:

26-27 BELL SCHEDULE

OAK CANYON EAGLES

BELL SCHEDULE

	M, T, TH, F	WEDNESDAY
A1/B5	7:45-9:05	7:45-8:55
HR/FLEX	9:12-9:42	--
A2/B6	9:49-11:03	9:02-10:12
1ST LUNCH	11:03-11:33	--
A3/B7	11:40-12:54	10:19-11:29
A3/B7	11:10-12:24	
2ND LUNCH	12:24-12:54	--
A4/B8	1:01-2:15	11:36-12:46
LUNCH	--	12:46-1:15

A-DAY TEACHER LUNCH SCHEDULE
Determined by A3 Class

FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
ANDRUS	MILLER	ALLPHIN	MORTENSEN
BAGULEY	MOOREHEAD	DE LA CRUZ	MOULTON
BLAKE	NGUYEN	EGALONO	OTTERSON
BRASWELL	OLSEN	ESCOBEDO	PAYNE
CASTILLO	PRESTES	HERMANSEN	PETERSON
COOK	PUCKETT	HALES	SANDERS
GRAHAM	RADEBAUGH	HOLMES	SEMINARY
HALL	ROBISON	JORGENSEN	SMITH
HARDY	REDFORD	KUNKEL	STONE
HULSEY	SHUMWAY	MEINZER	TORRENCE
JENSEN	TAYLOR		
LAMOREAUX	THOMAS		
MARSHALL			

B-DAY TEACHER LUNCH SCHEDULE
Determined by B7 Class

FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
ANDRUS	MARSHALL	ALLPHIN	MEINZER
BLAKE	MILLER	BAGULEY	MORTENSEN
BRASWELL	MONSON	CAMPBELL	MOULTON
CASTILLO	MOOREHEAD	CHENEY	OTTERSON
COOK	NGUYEN	DE LA CRUZ	PAYNE
FIETKAU	PRESTES	ECALONO	PETERSON
FLOOD	PUCKETT	ESCOBEDO	ROBINSON
GRAHAM	RADEBAUGH	HALES	SANDERS
HALL	REDFORD	HOLMES	SEMINARY
HULSEY	ROBISON	JORGENSEN	SMITH
JENSEN	TAYLOR	KUNKEL	
LAMOREAUX	THOMAS	MATHER	