PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 23, 2026

EVENTS 11/23-12/6 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

11/23-11/29 (B-WEEK)	11/30-12/6 (B-WEEK)
23 Orchestra Field Trip to MVHS 11:00-2:00	30 Ballroom 2:25-3:30
23 Ballroom 2:25-3:30	30 Boys' Basketball vs. Viewpoint 3:00
23 Boys' Basketball @ AFJR 3:00	30 Girls' Basketball @ Viewpoint 3:00
23 Girls' Basketball vs AFJR 3:00	2 Ballroom 1:25-2:40
24 Band Field Trip to MVHS 11:00-2:00	**2 TSD Board Meeting 6:00 PM at Lindon SPED**
25 Teacher Comp Day--No School	2 Ballroom Concert 7:00 PM in the Auditorium
26-27 Thanksgiving Break	3 Robison's Class to Christkindlmarkt 10:00-2:00
	3 Boys' Basketball @ Lehi Jr. 3:00
	3 Girls' Basketball vs Lehi Jr. 3:00
	4 Homeroom Assembly--**AIR Pod**
	4 Hall's Class to Marriott Center 9:15-12:30
	4 Choir Elementary Tour 9:15-1:30
	4 Orchestra to Rocky Mountain 9:30-10:45
	4 Band Concert 6:00 PM in the Auditorium

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Eagles!

As we head into Thanksgiving break, I want to take a moment to express how grateful I am for our incredible school community! Junior high is such a unique and exciting time of growth, learning, and discovery. Every day, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to work with such amazing students. Their energy, personalities, kindness, and enthusiasm make our school a special place to be.

I'm also incredibly thankful for our dedicated teachers and staff who go above and beyond to help students feel supported, challenged, and valued. And to our wonderful parents and families, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. We truly couldn't do what we do without you!

As we enjoy this Thanksgiving season, I hope we can all take a little time to slow down, appreciate the people around us, and look for opportunities to show kindness and gratitude. Often, it's the small things that make the biggest difference.Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with rest, laughter, connection, and time with those you love.

I'm grateful to be part of this school community. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Ross

FALL FOOD DRIVE--THANK YOU!

From Ms. Taylor and the Hope Squad:

Thanks again for all your support of the food drive. We had a great turnout this year. **We are still counting the final few donations, but based on current numbers the winning grade is 8th Grade!** A special shout out to Teegyn Zeller in Damon Hulsey's homeroom who single handedly donated over 2,000 items. We will announce the date for the 8th grade hot chocolate and donut party after the break. Thanks to our school's generosity, we will be able to fully stock our Oak Canyon Pantry and send a great donation to Tabitha's Way.

SCIENCE DEMO TEAM PARENT/COMMUNITY NIGHT 11/16--THANK YOU!!



EAGLES OF THE MONTH--NOVEMBER 2026



The following students were recognized by the Performing/Fine Arts Department for the month of November:

Ashlin Barrera
Amaia Manley
Zealand Moea'i
Luke Spencer
Teancum Nicholas
Ana Clara De Brito
Virgo Anderson

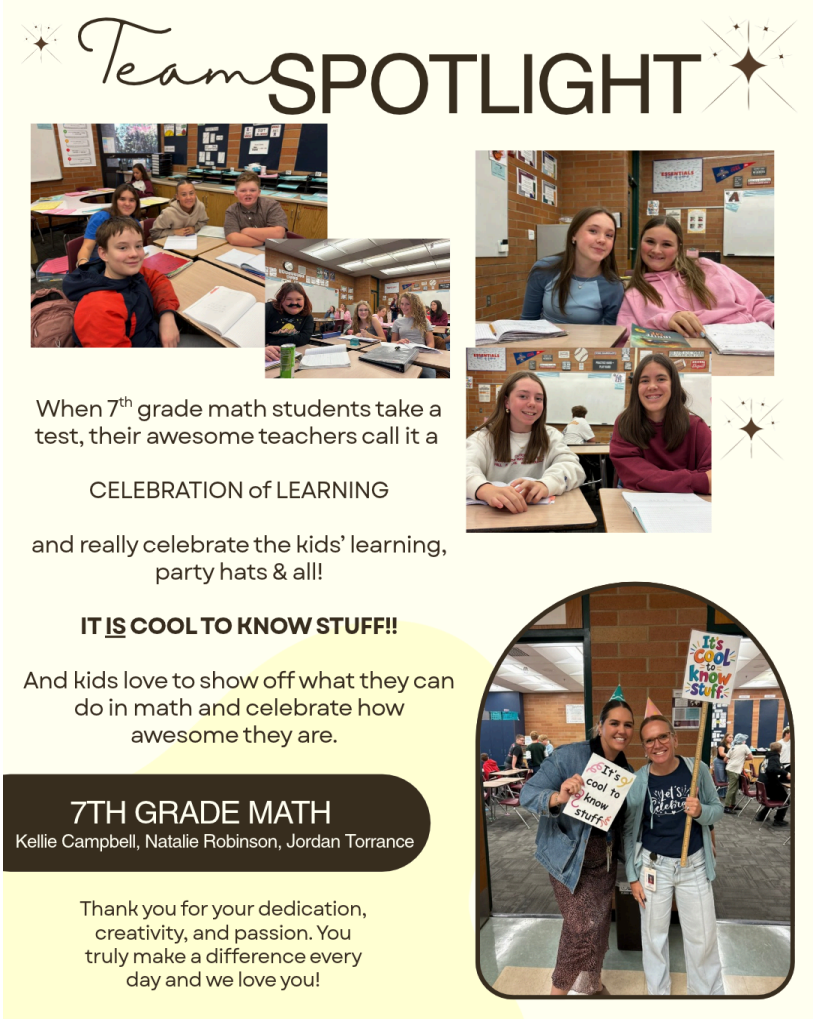
FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

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



COMING SOON--WARM WINTER READS!

The OCJH Library is sponsoring a reading challenge for December and January. This will be officially unveiled to the students through the announcements on 11/30. Please encourage your students to participate! Heck, we'd love YOU to participate!



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.*



COMING SOON--HOLIDAY COIN WARS

Each year Oak Canyon raises money to help OCJH families in need this holiday season. This year, the OCJH Student Council is sponsoring a Holiday Coin Wars charitable giving campaign and Pod competition. Each Pod will have a donation box to place coins of any denomination to earn positive points. Dollars of any denomination placed in a Pod's donation box will result in negative points. The Pod with the highest number of points will win a reward TBA. We have a goal as a school for every student to make a donation of some kind. If students are looking under couch cushions, this might be the reason why!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OCJH BALLROOM TEAM

Our ballroom team recently participated in a competition at Timpview High School. Our team is comprised of students from Oak Canyon and Canyon View and they are coached by Michelle Haymond, Trevor Kunkel, and Hailey Herbst. They did an excellent job and they are well known for their exceptional spirit and sportsmanship!



A.L.L. TESTING

The next testing window for the A.L.L. program will begin in February. Parents can sign their students up beginning on January 6th. Here is the link to sign up: [ALL Assessment Information | Alpine School District]

OCJH FOOD PANTRY

Did you know Oak Canyon has a food pantry? We understand that hard times can fall upon anyone, and we don't want any OCJH family to go without. If you are in need of food for your family, please reach out to your student's counselor. We are happy and willing to help anyone who may be in need.

OCJH AFTER SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS



COUNSELOR CORNER

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NOVEMBER

FOOD DRIVE



Nov 2nd-20th

Bring Non-Perishable Food to Homeroom.

It's a competition between 7th, 8th, and 9th grade!
Food will stock OCJH's Pantry and Tabitha's Way

COPING SKILL OF THE MONTH

Active listening
Put away distractions and give someone your full attention for two minutes, focusing completely on understanding their words rather than planning your response.

DID YOU KNOW That

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

Missing **10%** + of total school days

18 days total
2 days a month
6 days in the first 60 days

HIGH SCHOOL
Students who are chronically absent in elementary school are more likely to be **suspended** in middle school and are at least **four times** more likely to not complete high school
1

COLLEGE PLANS
10 total class absences in ninth grade reduced the probability both on-time graduation and ever enrolling in college by **2%**
2

GPA & ATTENDANCE
Eighth graders who had both a GPA **under 2.0** and **under 95%** attendance had less than a **50/50** chance of being on track for graduation after ninth grade.
3

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
Chronic absenteeism is associated with **bullying**, **loneliness**, **social isolation** and **mental health challenges**.
4

8TH GRADE CCR'S

CCR's are in full swing for 8th graders!

Please email your counselor if you don't know when you are scheduled to come in.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:





REMINDERS: