

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER JANUARY 16, 2024



## EVENTS 1/15-1/28 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

### 1/22-1/28 (B-WEEK)

Homeroom: Resilience, Perseverance, and Grit  
22 Junior High Math Competition 2:45-3:45  
22 Boys' Basketball Game @ Lakeridge 3:00-4:30  
22 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Lakeridge 3:00-4:30  
22 French Classes to Capitol Theater 4:00-9:30  
22 PTSA School Spirit Night @ Culvers 5:00-8:00  
23-24 Yearbook Group Pictures  
24 Hall's Class to Jack and Jill Bowling 9:30-11:30  
26-27 Honor Choir

### 1/22-1/28 (A-WEEK)

Homeroom: Growth Mindset  
29 9th Grade CCRs Begin  
29 Term 2 Honor Roll Treats During Homeroom  
29 Boys' Basketball Game @ Am. Heritage 3:00-4:30  
29 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Am Heritage 3:00-4:30  
1 1st Day of Black History Month  
1 Boys' Basketball Game @ Orem Junior 3:00-4:30  
1 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Orem Junior 3:00-4:30

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Oak Canyon took a team of 19 students to the Alpine School District Middle School / Junior High School Math Competition, Monday, January 22. Oak Canyon had the winning 9th grade team at the competition represented by Ben Belliston, Miles Belnap, Ryan Hicken, William Jorgensen, and Scott Summers. The 7th and 8th graders representing Oak Canyon today were Chelsea Pence, Brig Woahn, Miriam Ross, Claire Lyman, Greta Adams, Jenny Hicken, Lexi Tremblay, Lucciana Venancio, Colin Rule, Isaac Christensen, Davis Adair, Phoebe Hurd, Whitney Pace, and Eliza Allen. The Oak Canyon Math Club is led by Mrs. Jorgensen, and we appreciate her time and effort supporting our students and helping them to excel in math! This is a prime example of putting the skill of creativity to work to solve problems, take risks, and learn from mistakes. Way to go, Eagles!

## NEW INFORMATION

### FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

**EAGLE CARDS ON SALE NOW!** Eagle cards are on sale for the rest of the year. They will be \$5 now instead of \$7 and you can buy them at the finance office or at PTSA meetings. There are awesome deals to be had, so spread the word!

**HONOR ROLL TREATS:** Students who made the Honor Roll will receive their treats from the PTSA during Homeroom on Monday, January 29.

**OAK CANYON'S GOT TALENT:** Eagles, it's time to show us what you've got at our annual Oak Canyon's Got Talent event on Friday, March 8 at 7:00 PM! Click on the link below to submit your application by 3:15 on Friday, February 9th. Please pay careful attention to the instructions on the form so you don't miss anything important. By the end of the school day on Friday, February 23rd, the list of all students that have been selected to perform in the evening event will be posted by the Front Office. Get your application in today! [\*\*OCJH Has Talent\*\*](#)

**OAK CANYON PTSA OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024-2025:** We are looking to involve and recruit great parents and families who are joining OCJH! As a PTSA we are involved in a lot of purposeful, meaningful, and super fun things at the school and we are always looking for great help!



### BYU DISCOVER STEM FAIR FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS

The BYU Mathematics Education Association is hosting our annual "Discover STEM" event for 6th-8th grade students on Saturday March 9, 2024, 9:00-12:00 at the BYU Wilkinson Center. The Discover STEM Event is **free** and is an excellent opportunity for your students (and you!) to see real-world applications of mathematics, statistics, science, engineering, computers, technology, and other STEM fields. Your students will learn and have a lot of fun as they experience the interactive and interesting activities provided by members of various STEM-related clubs at BYU!

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students may attend with their parents, and we are hoping you can help spread the word by announcing this to your class and including it in emails you send to your students' parents.

Students should pre-register (for free) for the event by February 6th, and they will receive a free t-shirt for doing so. T-shirts will be limited to the first 500 students who pre-register. Here is the link to give the students and their parents for pre-registering.

STUDENT PRE-REGISTRATION (by Feb 6th): <https://forms.gle/1mkp4uCvHAYqqatXA>

The Discover STEM Event is open-house style, so students and teachers do not need to be there at 9 or stay until noon. However, the more time available to students the more activities (50+) they can enjoy! Here is a link to help get students excited about the event.

DISCOVER STEM YOUTUBE VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coU-ZQGps44>

Quick summary of event details:

When: Saturday March 9:00-12:00 (open-house style)

Where: Garden Court in the Wilkinson Student Center at BYU

To do: Please pre-register using the links above!



## OAK CANYON TSA--FROM MR. REDFORD

Students and Parents,

Our school Technology Student Association (TSA) club is getting ready for our state competition. There are over 30 competitions for you to compete in. 9th graders who place 1st at the state competition will be invited to compete in the National Competition this summer in Orlando Florida. Come see Mr. Redford if you have any questions. We meet in room F115 on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30. Hope to see you there.



## HOMEROOM SHUFFLE

As we continue to fine tune our Homeroom experience for students, we have discovered widespread discrepancies in the configuration of our Homeroom classes. These discrepancies have shown up in class rosters that are either almost all boys or almost all girls. As we discussed this as a staff last week, we came to the unanimous decision that students need to be completely shuffled to bring them into balance. This is fairly complex, and will take us a few days to figure out. We just wanted you to be aware that some changes are coming. Not all students and staff are thrilled about this given the very important connections we have been making this year. We are hopeful that this shuffling will lead to more students and teachers having a wonderful Homeroom experience. Stay tuned...

## STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK--MRS. ROSS

As part of my evaluation this year, I am to survey parents to see how I'm doing and also how I can improve. I would appreciate you taking a few minutes to click on this link and share your feedback concerning my performance as the principal of Oak Canyon Jr. High. The survey is anonymous. Thank you!

[https://alpineschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0NxLpVh7ZMp6LD8](https://alpineschools.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0NxLpVh7ZMp6LD8)



## LINDON CARES COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Teen Coping Skills Class

Come learn stress management, social skills, and communication in fun and engaging ways.

Jan 23- Feb 22  
Tuesdays/Thursdays  
Age 12 and up, 5-6pm

Class is FREE!  
Sign-up online at [lindonrecreation.org](http://lindonrecreation.org)  
Taught by a Recreational Therapist





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### WHAT DOES MY ANXIOUS CHILD NEED FROM ME?


#### Everyday Strong Resilience Training

FOR ANY CARING ADULT


Thursday February 8th  
6pm  
Timpanogos Academy Gym (West bldg)

**What you will learn:**

- How to get your child to talk to you
- Plus, receive simple ideas to support your child's motivation and emotional health
- How to ask your child questions that improve your relationship (without causing them to shut down!)



**EveryDay Strong**



United Way

### Strengthen Your Relationships

#### FREE WORKSHOP

for parents of kids aged 9-14



**GUIDING GOOD CHOICES**

- Dinner for the whole family
- +\$50 gift basket
- \*Must be able to attend all 5 sessions
- Childcare for ages 8 and under
- Activities for ages 9 and up

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

Jan. 22 Jan. 29 Feb. 5  
Feb. 12 Feb. 26

*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.

Questions?  
Contact Jamie  
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## PG CARES COMMUNITY EVENTS



# Save the Date



## BEN KJAR

For Adults & Teens

World Wrestling Champion & International Public Speaker

### Community Connection Event

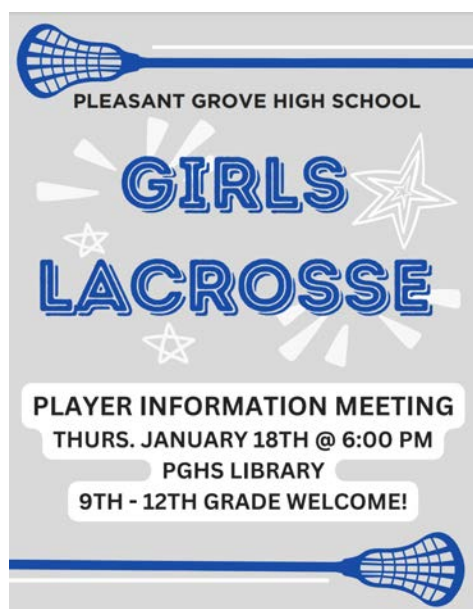
Pleasant Grove High School Auditorium

📅 **Wed. Feb. 21st at 7pm**

**RESOURCE Booths & REFRESHMENTS in the PGHS Common Area starting at 5:30pm**

All attendees will be entered to win prizes from PG Cares!

## OTHER FAMILY STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



Take part in a FREE 8-week Family Life Education Course with the **UVU STRONGER FAMILIES PROJECT**

**Build On Your Family's Strengths & Values!**

Using an *evidence-based, nationally-recognized* curriculum, we teach both parents and children how to improve their interaction and emotional patterns within the family.

In-person sessions will be delivered at locations in Utah County.  
**Classes begin the week of Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> and are held one evening per week through Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Classes are for the entire family.  
Sessions fill up quickly and space in the program is limited.

Spring Sessions:	Covered Topics:
<b>Tuesday Night:</b> Orem Jr. High 650 W. Jaguar Ave., Orem 6:30-8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healthy Patterns of Communication</li><li>• Family Interpersonal Skills</li><li>• Conflict Resolution</li><li>• Emotional &amp; Mental Health</li><li>• Positive Discipline</li></ul>
<b>Thursday Night:</b> UVU Campus SFP Bldg. 1140 S. 400 W., Orem 6:30-8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Problem Solving</li><li>• Goal Setting and Achievement</li><li>• Anger Management</li><li>• Establishing Family Values</li></ul>

**Apply at:** <https://www.uvu.edu/sfp/apply/>

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## REMINDERS

### CONGRATULATIONS, PROFESSORA PRESTES!

We are thrilled to announce that Professora Priscila Prestes has been selected as the recipient of the SWCOLT Excellence in Teaching award for 2024. SWCOLT stands for Southwest Conference on Language Teaching. The Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teachers of Languages Other Than English. One individual may be recognized at each of the following levels: elementary, secondary, and post-secondary. This is an incredible honor only awarded to a select few, and we are fortunate to have Professora Prestes in our ranks! Parabéns!

### ASD RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher or school employee who is Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging? Nominations are now open for the [2023-2024 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.

### UTAH JAZZ/INSTRUCTURE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the Utah Jazz MVE (Most Valuable Educator) Award. If there is an #ASD educator who has had an impact on your student, please nominate them [HERE](#). Each honored educator will be a guest of Instructure at a game and will receive a personalized Jazz jersey. In addition, they will receive a \$1,000 classroom grant and a surprise classroom visit or organized assembly involving the Jazz Bear mascot and personnel from the Utah Jazz and Instructure. We have AMAZING teachers!!