



# Olympians

## October Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Dear Oakridge Families

It was so nice to meet with you last week for conferences. I am enjoying getting to know you and your children.

Your children have recently completed the beginning of year benchmark assessments for Acadience in math and reading as well as the I-Ready math diagnostic assessment. We will use this data to determine the best instructional supports to help your child continue to progress in their mastery in the content areas.

Our teachers are using a new math curriculum this year, I-Ready, as a resource to teach the math standards. Math has been identified as an area of focus for our school this year. We are dedicating paraprofessional support to assist with math small group instruction, purchasing math materials, and meeting in weekly PLC meetings to discuss math. We will be monitoring our school data to share with you throughout the year.

I appreciate your involvement and commitment to our school and ask for your help in addressing a problem. We have many people in our community who utilize our school grounds with their pets in the evenings and on the weekends. On a daily basis our students are encountering dog waste on the field areas. We have posted signs asking for people to be responsible in picking up their dog waste. Unfortunately, we still have many who are not doing that nor following the leash laws. I am asking you to help us remind those in our community to be responsible when they are on our school property. Granite School District Police will begin regularly patrolling to help issue reminders and citations when necessary.

I have had conversations with many of you about school emergency preparedness. For this reason, I have included specific information in the newsletter regarding the types of drills we will be discussing and practicing this year.

## Safety Information

School safety protocols are initiated by police in the event of a potential or direct threat to student safety. An understanding of each type of protocol is invaluable for students, staff and parents.

The first type of protocol is called a **Lockout** protocol. A Lockout is initiated when there is a potential threat to student safety **off campus**. For example, local police may require a school to initiate a Lockout if there is police activity in a nearby neighborhood, or if there is some form of hazard near the school.

During a Lockout, students and staff are brought inside the building and all exterior doors are locked. School activities are allowed to proceed as normal inside the school. Unless otherwise directed, parents and visitors will not be allowed on the campus until the protocol is lifted.

If there is a threat to student safety **on campus**, a school may be placed on **Lockdown**. This protocol requires all students, staff and approved visitors to move to the nearest room and lock the door.

A **Lockdown** is initiated if there is a direct threat to student safety on the campus. During a Lockdown protocol staff and approved visitors will move to the nearest room and lock the door. Once inside a room, students and staff will take cover out of sight.

This protocol is initiated as quickly as possible when law enforcement or school administration perceive a direct threat to students and staff, such as a burglary or an individual looking to cause harm.

### **RUN, HIDE, FIGHT**

In addition to these protocols, there are certain events require dynamic actions beyond established plans.

In a situation where someone is actively seeking to cause harm on the campus, staff members will use situational awareness to assess the circumstances as best they can.

Using this information, they will lead students to either:

**RUN** – if a clear path escape if available;

**HIDE** – if the attacker seems near or escape is not feasible;

**FIGHT** – as a last resort if confronted

State and federal law enforcement agencies encourage use of Run, Hide, Fight for schools and businesses during unpredictable situations where someone is looking to cause harm. In Granite School District we employ our own 20-member police force to ensure a greater law enforcement presence at schools and significantly decrease response times.

# School Goals for 2022-2023

## Academic Goals

At least 88% of students will be at or above benchmark as measured by the 2022-2023 End of Year Acadience Reading assessment. Student literacy will be monitored through Acadience Reading Middle of Year assessment and progress monitoring.

Compared to schoolwide performance on the 2021 RISE, students' average test performance on the 2023 Math RISE will increase by 9% to a schoolwide proficiency rate of 76%

## School Community Council

Our school community council met in September. We would like to keep our school community informed about our school continual improvement plan goals and action steps for this school year. At our next meeting on October 10th @ 3:30, we will review student academic data from the 2022 end of year assessments.

The Oakridge Community Council Members are:

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## Did you know...

Oakridge's new STEM room is now open! STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. In this space students will be working with their teachers to build critical thinking skills, perseverance, creativity, and collaboration skills through various STEM tools and experiences. We are excited to help prepare our students for their future and provide hands-on learning opportunities to develop necessary 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

## Meet our Staff

**Mrs. Updike** 2nd Grade Teacher

I grew up in California. I met my husband at BYU. We've also lived in Ohio and Arizona. I have three kids--a daughter and two boys. I love to travel. This summer I visited Alaska and Canada. I love music. I play the flute. I like to snowboard.

Favorite book is A Little Princess (by, Frances Hodgson Burnett)

Favorite color is purple.

Favorite food is Mexican food and salad wraps

**Ms. Kati** Secretary to the Principal

I am so excited to be working at Oakridge Elementary! I lived in Elko, Nevada all my life and recently moved to Salt Lake City. I like to hike and travel, but my favorite thing to do is spend time with my family. I look forward to getting to know all of you this year!

- Favorite book Charlotte's Web
- Favorite color I love all colors!
- Favorite food Tacos

# PTA Updates

## PTA News

Hello Oakridge Parents! Thank you for making our book fair and SEP's a success! We especially are thankful for Heather Daybell for chairing book fair and Natalie Fredrick and her dinner crew for putting together an incredible dinner for the teachers! Also, thank you to all our amazing volunteers who helped set up, take down, work registers, and keep everything running smoothly for the book fair! Our school is the amazing place it is because of all the help from our wonderful parents! If you haven't had a chance to volunteer yet this year, we have more fantastic opportunities for you coming up in the next few weeks. If we all do a little, no one has to do a lot! Here's what your PTA is looking forward to for the next few weeks:

**October 7 from 4-7pm: Fall Carnival!** This is a really fun event with bounce houses, food, cake walk, games galore, and tons of fun! We need YOUR HELP to make this event a success, so please visit [tinyurl.com/olympianspta](http://tinyurl.com/olympianspta) to sign up to volunteer for part of the night.

**October 11: Eye exams from 8:45-11:30.** We need a few volunteers for this morning to help work with students for their eye exams. Training will be provided for 15 minutes before students arrive. Visit [tinyurl.com/olympianspta](http://tinyurl.com/olympianspta) to sign up.

**October 12: Reflections Due!** This year's theme is "Show your Voice." Your student should have received information about reflections or you can visit [UtahPTA.org](http://UtahPTA.org) for more information.

**November 11: Parents and Pastries!** Save the date for this special morning before school! We'd love to encourage students to bring any important adult with them before school to enjoy donuts and a special morning together. Of course, there are volunteer opportunities available for this event as well at [tinyurl.com/olympianspta](http://tinyurl.com/olympianspta).

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## Upcoming Dates

October 7 4-6 Boo to the flu clinic flu shots

4-7 School Carnival

October 11 – Vision screening

October 12 – Early Dismissal \*Reflections entries due to the school

October 13-14 – Fall Recess – NO SCHOOL

October 17 – No students – Teacher contract day

October 18- School Pictures

October 28- NO SCHOOL- Teacher contract day/End of term

October 31st- Halloween parties and parade

School Hours:

8:35 1st Bell

8:40 Tardy Bell

3:20 Dismissal

1:15 Friday/Planning Day Dismissal

Kinder Hours: 8:40 – 11:40 a.m. Kindergarten

12:20 – 3:20 p.m. Kindergarten

8:40 – 10:40 a.m. Friday/Planning Day Dismissal

11:15 – 1:15 p.m. Friday/Planning Day Dismissal



## Oakridge Choir Starting Soon!

All 3rd - 5th graders are invited to join our Oakridge choir! Rehearsals will be held on **Tuesday mornings from 8:00-8:30**. Bring your best singing voices and join us for some music, friendship, and fun.

Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, October 4.

We will meet in the music room,

Please fill out the form below and return to the office no later than Monday, October 3rd.

I will cap enrollment at 60 students, so get your forms in soon!

Best,  
Ms. Wetzel



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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_