



Olympians

October Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Oakridge Families,
It's time for our school Halloween parade. On Tuesday, October 31st, we will be parading OUTSIDE starting at 9:00am. We would love for you to join us! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, coats, etc. and find a spot to sit or stand to watch the parade. We will start in the back of the school around the perimeter of the playground and around the school to the front of the building. The students will exit the building through the doors in the middle of the building on the back playground. The group will turn left out of the doors and continue north down the building to the end, turn right, then continue back up the playground heading South. Students will walk on the sidewalk toward the 3rd/4th grade doors on the south end and around to the front of the building. The classes will reenter through the front doors and continue parading throughout the building for the students and staff to see. Once the parade ends, students will go back to class to continue activities for the rest of the day.

Students need to come to school dressed in their costumes and ready for the parade. Please select costumes that are comfortable and can be worn all day. Students need to be able to sit comfortably in class and go outside to recess. Costumes must be school appropriate and free of weapons or facsimiles of weapons. Light face paint can be worn that allows us to identify students. Masks will not be permitted for students or adults.

The class Halloween parties and activities will take place after the parade. Parents who are helping with class parties will be asked to wait until the parade is over to enter the building. Check with your child's teacher or room parent for specific information about their party and activities planned that day. We look forward to having you join us for this fun event for our school.



We are excited to announce two awesome opportunities for our students to participate in at school. We will be starting our before school Spanish program and school musical. Applications for both programs are included at the end of the newsletter.

Please Help Spread the Word!

Dogs are NOT permitted on Oakridge property during school hours (8:00 am—3:30 pm)

All other times pets MUST be leashed— NO EXCEPTIONS!

Pet owners must obey this law and IMMEDIATELY remove and dispose of dog poop.

Pet owners are responsible and liable for the actions and behavior of pets.

Our field is currently open to the community outside of school hours. If the stated rules are not followed, we will enact further restrictions and notify local law enforcement!

If you see off leash dogs on our fields, please call

Granite Police at 801-481-7122 or Unified Police 801-743-7000



CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET


School Goals for 2023-2024 School Year

Welcome to Oakridge

We would like to welcome our new Oakridge staff members.

Michelle Best recently transferred to Oakridge from Magna Elementary as our new 2nd grade teacher. A little bit about myself: Having been raised in this area, I attended Fortuna Elementary, Churchill Jr. High, and Skyline High School. My parents still live in the home where I grew up! I'm a graduate of the University of Utah. It was while working as a bookkeeper at Olympus Jr. High that I realized that I wanted to work directly with students and become a teacher. I love teaching and interacting with students and parents and am very excited to have this opportunity to teach at Oakridge. Together we can make the rest of this school year the best it can possibly be.

I've been married to my husband for almost 25 years and have three grown children. I live in the Holladay area (approximately three to five minutes from Oakridge). I love to travel, read books, play the piano, hike, and spend time with friends and family.

Zoe Shane is our new principal's secretary in the office. Hi everyone! I'm Zoë, the new Principal Secretary of Oakridge Elementary. I graduated from the U of U and grew up in Francis, Utah! I like hiking and drawing in my free time. I also love birdwatching and will happily supply anyone with useless bird facts .

If you have any questions about events, scheduling, student information, or attendance, please feel free to reach out. This will be my first time working in Granite School District, so I'm very excited to meet all of you!

Linda Casteel is our Speech Language Pathologist this year. I have worked as an SLP over half of my life now and love what I do. Hence the reason I keep coming back. I am a widow of over 8 years and have 2 children. Aurora is my daughter and Burns is my son. Both currently live with me. Burns has autism. I love to garden, read, and crochet. My husband, Gene, was, for many years, the main cook in our family and now this responsibility falls mainly to me. I will tell you I am not a good cook and prefer to bake. Looking forward to working with you all of you this year.

Miss Tila will take over for Mrs. Bradshaw while she is out on medical leave. She was worked in the district as a substitute teacher at South Kearns Elementary.

Academic Goals

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| 1a. | On the 2024 RISE assessments, school MGP in all subjects will increase to 70 or greater. |
| 1b. | At least 75% of students will achieve the median percent progress towards typical growth on the I-Ready Diagnostic assessment. |
| 1c. | At least 85% of students in k-3 will be at Benchmark or Above on the End of Year Acadience Reading assessment. |

School Community Council

Our school community council met this month with representatives from Millcreek City and Unified Police Department to discuss our safe walking route.

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 November 13th @ 3:30, we will review student academic data from the 2022 end of year assessments and data from beginning of year assessments.

The Oakridge Community Council Members are:

Brian Davis- Chair
Siena Hansen- Vice Chair
Denise White- Parent
Rachel Mackay-Parent
Fred Federer- Parent
Dana Valencia- Employee

PTA Updates

10/23-10/27 is Red Ribbon week. While Red Ribbon week typically highlights the importance of living a drug-free life, we will be focusing on the theme of **"I Choose Me"** emphasizing overall health and well-being. There will be optional theme dress days with raffle prizes.

Mon 10/23: Pajama Day- My choices are the key to my dreams

Tues 10/24: Superhero Day- I eat like a superhero

Wed 10/25: Crazy Hair & Socks- I love myself from my head to toe

Thurs 10/26: Team Wear- I love to exercise

Fri 10/27: School Spirit- I do my best in school

Tues 10/31 Halloween & Class Parties ***be sure to connect with your class if you would like to help

Thank you,
Julia Fabyan

October

Upcoming Dates

23rd-27th Red Ribbon Week

31st Halloween Parade & Class Parties
Kindergarten activity

PBIS Monthly Focus for October

ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability means taking ownership of one's actions and responsibilities. It means giving one's best effort at all times.

Oct. 16 Taking accountability at recess

Oct. 23 Responsibility walking in the building

Oct. 30 Making good choices no matter who is watching

November

2nd 9:00 PTA mtg.

13th 3:30 School Community Council

21st Early Out

22nd-24th Thanksgiving Break

PBIS Monthly Focus for November

RESPECT

Respect is caring enough to consider how words and actions impact others.

- *Having respect is when you feel good about someone because of how they act.*
- *Showing respect is when you care how your actions impact others.*

“Lion King” Musical

Parent Information Sheet



We are so excited to announce Oakridge Elementary’s FIRST school musical, “Disney’s: The Lion King, Kids.” Thank you for wanting your child to participate!

Participation

*ALL students K-5 are invited to participate-no audition necessary. To be included on the cast list, you must return the attached permission slip (extras available in the office) **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCT. 27th.**

Casting

*We will have 3 different “ensembles” in the show. Each ensemble will be involved with different parts/songs in the show. This show has several songs that **EVERYONE** will be in-so we will have combined rehearsals as well. All cast members will perform in at least 3 musical numbers.

*Auditions will be held at the end of November for students in grades 3-5 wanting to audition for leading/supporting roles. More information will be coming.

Attendance

*Every cast member is important and all cast members will be expected to attend at least 80% of the rehearsals. The ensembles will usually rehearse in the morning from 7:45-8:30 am 1-2 times per week. Leads will have extra rehearsals. As the performance gets closer, all cast members will rehearse more frequently. In order to make the most of the time we have, all rehearsals will begin on time. If cast members are there, they will be working!

Schedule

Rehearsals will begin on **November 8th and will be held every WEDNESDAY in November from 7:45-8:30 am in the music room. A preliminary rehearsal schedule for will be available at the first rehearsal in November. Each week we will update the call list as needed but will limit the changes unless necessary. Please make sure to check the schedule **EVERY WEEK** in case changes are made. All schedules will be posted on the Oakridge Elementary Instagram Account: **oakridgeelemut**

Behavior

*Our actors and actresses will be expected to treat other cast members, directors, and parent helpers with respect. Disruptive or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. “3 Strikes and You Are Out!” Parents will be contacted if behavior is a problem.

Parent Participation

*We need lots of help to make this show a success! Watch for a sign-up genius link coming soon! We need help with the following areas: Make-up, Props, Scenery, Advertising, Costumes, Audio/Visual, Ticket Sales, Cast pictures, Choreography, Back Stage Help, Chairs/Ushering, Concession sales, and many more!!

Communication

*We will communicate everything as effectively as possible using

-Oakridge Elementary Instagram: oakridgeelemut

-Email: rachel-buchanan@comcast.net or text (801)671-6093

*It is your responsibility to let me know if you are not receiving any communication.

Please make sure I have a correct email address and current phone number.

*Occasionally, we will be posting pictures of the cast. If you DO NOT want your child's picture posted, please "opt out" by text or email.

Costumes/Make-Up

*Every cast member will be asked to provide their own make-up and basics to wear under a costume piece that will be provided. Specific guidelines will be sent home later. Please do not purchase anything other than the required items. We will try to keep costs to a minimum!

Dress Rehearsals and Performance Dates

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS

Friday, March 22nd 1:30-3:30 pm

Monday, March 25th 3:30-5:30 pm

SCHOOL PREVIEW PERFORMANCE (no parent audience)

Tuesday, March 26th 9:30 am

PARENT PERFORMANCES

Wednesday, March 27th 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 28th 7:00 pm

We want all student to be able to participate. We will do everything possible to create a wonderful experience for each student and make them shine! If any of these requirements are difficult for you, please let us know so that we can try to work something out!

Thank you for your support!



“Lion King” Permission Slip

PLEASE RETURN ONE PERMISSION SLIP PER CHILD

1. I have read and agree with all of the requirements on the Parent Information Sheet.
2. I will make sure my student is at rehearsals on time and ready to work and have fun. If my child will not be at rehearsal, I will let Rachel Buchanan know.
3. I understand most rehearsals will be from 7:45-8:30 am. Some after school rehearsals will be required AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAY IF THEY ARE NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THE TWO MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS.
4. If I have questions or concerns, I will contact Rachel ASAP:
rachel-buchanan@comcast.net or (801)671-6093

Child’s Name:

Grade:

Siblings also participating:

Parent Name:

Teacher:

Parent Email:

Phone:

Parent Signature:

Please list parent special talents/skills/ways you’d like to help:

Please return before 1:15 on OCTOBER 27th to the front office to be included on cast list



Oakridge Elementary Spanish Program

We are excited to announce the return of our before-school Spanish Program. Ms. Sandra Fusaro will be teaching a beginning class on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. The program will take place November 6th through March 21st from 7:45am-8:30am. Registration is open to students in first through fifth grades. Registration is first come, first served. **Forms must be turned in to the main office by October 31st.** Office hours are M-Th. 8-3:45 and M-F 8-2:30. There will be a max of 25- students in the class. Once we have received 25 forms, we will start a wait list. If a student misses 3 classes or has repeated behavior incidents, their spot will be given to a student on the wait list. The fee for participation is \$50.00 per student. Payment is due after you are notified of acceptance to the class. Fee waivers are available.

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For Office Use Only-Received by: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____