

OAKRIDGE

December Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Oakridge Families,
It's that time of year when the snow will start falling. We want to be prepared in advance if Granite School District calls a distance learning day. Your child's teacher will be sending home information to you about the distance learning plan for their class. Some classes may have paper packets and others may have online learning.

As we approach the holiday break, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support. Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Bergera

Events

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Lion King Rehearsals

*See page 4 for the schedule

Donating Lost & Found

Friday 12/15

Spanish Program

Tue & Thu 7:45a

No spanish class 12/19 & 21

Breakfast

Every school day 8:10a

PlayWorks Jr. Coach Meeting

12/14 3:20p-4:20p | 4th & 5th Grade

Gingerbread House Making Party

12/21 9:00a | 2nd Grade Only

Early Out

12/21 1:15

*Our sing-along this year is a student body activity to gather together and sing some holiday songs. We do not have a holiday performance for parents this year.

❄️ Winter Break ❄️

No school 12/22-1/2 | Back 1/3

A December to Remember for Oakridge Elementary

<p>December 11 Festive from Head to Toe: Wear your most festive accessories! (Santa hat, antlers, bows, etc.)</p> 	<p>December 12 I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas: Wear snowy white!</p> 	<p>December 13 It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas: Wear your favorite Holiday Shirt</p> <p><i>Merry Merry Merry</i></p>	<p>December 14 Baby It's Cold Outside: Wear your Favorite Winter Accessories (scarf, gloves, hats, earmuffs)!</p> 	<p>December 15 Jingle Bells : Wear Oakridge Spirit Shirt and Bells!</p> 
<p>December 18 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree: Rock your Holiday Shirt with your Holiday Socks!</p> 	<p>December 19 Ugly Sweater Day: Wear your Ugly Festive Sweater!</p> 	<p>December 20 Mad About Plaid: Wear your Favorite Plaid/Flannel Shirt!</p> 	<p>December 21 Polar Express: Wear your Festive Pajamas!</p> 	<p>wishing you a Happy Holiday season!</p> 
				

PBIS Monthly Focus: **Focused**

FOCUS

- Dec. 4 - Participating during a lesson
- Dec. 11 - Showing good listening skills
- Dec. 18 - focus/Self control

The Art Studio is accepting *donations!*

Recycled materials, magazines, newspapers,
paper towel tubes (no toilet paper tubes please), & cereal boxes.

With any questions, reach out to **Ms. Torres**: medurfey@graniteschools.org

PTA News

A message from the Oakridge PTA

Thank you to everyone who donated toys to

Shriners Hospital in November! We have such an awesome community here at Oakridge.

PTA Meeting
Thu 12/7 | 9:00a

Holiday Staff Lunch
Provided by PTA
Wed 7:45a

January Staff Lounge
Snacks Sign Up
[Sign up on this link](#)
Or refer to PTA email

Open Enrollment

[Enrollment information for the 24-25 school year](#)

The Early Window Application Period for the 2024-2025 school year began on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 and ends on Friday, February 2, 2024. This is the recommended time to apply for the next school year.

Open Position Kitchen Asst.

3-5.75 hours a day | \$18.81 Hourly Rate

Nutrition Service Worker of Substitute | Hourly

Assists in food preparation and distribution of school meals
Cleans up kitchen, service areas and equipment.
Performs minor routine equipment and maintenance.
May be required to move objects weighing up to 50 pounds.
Handle money and make correct change during meal service.
May perform additional duties.

Qualifications

Must have and maintain a current Salt Lake County Food Handler's Permit.
High school diploma or equivalent.
A valid driver's license is helpful

If interested, reach out directly to Principal Bergerera
vbergera@graniteschools.org

Hello Lion King Families,

We have had some incredible rehearsals! Your children are full of such talent and joy! We really have been having a wonderful time singing and dancing together. We will be continuing with our weekly rehearsals for the **ENTIRE CAST every Wednesday** in December that school is in session. Rehearsals will end at 8:25 to give students time to get breakfast after rehearsal if they would like. Remember there is a small fee for breakfast (\$0.90) for individuals without financial assistance. We will be calling **SMALL GROUPS on Fridays** that need a little extra practice.

December Rehearsal Schedule:

Wed. Dec. 6th: 7:45-8:25 am

ENTIRE CAST

K-2nd grades in the GYM & 3rd-5th grades in the MUSIC ROOM

Fri. Dec. 8th: 7:45-8:25 am **Rafikis ONLY** in the MUSIC ROOM

Wed. Dec. 13th: 7:45-8:25 am **ENTIRE CAST** (meeting locations TBD)

Fri. Dec. 15th: 7:45-8:25 am

OLDER SIMBA, OLDER NALA, & "Can You Feel the Love" SINGERS ONLY

in the MUSIC ROOM

Wed. Dec. 20th: 7:45-8:25 am

ENTIRE CAST (meeting locations TBD)



During the winter break, please practice singing at home and in your cars so that the children get extra practice and feel completely comfortable with the music. **Here is the breakdown of who is in each number:**

"Circle of Life"- Rafikis and Entire Cast

"I Just Can't Wait to be King"- Little Simba, Little Nala, Zazu, and all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders

"Be Prepared"- Scar, all Hyenas, and the "Be Prepared Singers"

"Hakuna Matata"- Little Simba, Older Simba, Timon, Pumbaa, *ALL Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd graders*

"Can You Feel the Love"- Older Simba, Older Nala, Timon, Pumbaa, all Lionesses, and the "Can You Feel the Love Singers"

"He Lives in You"- Entire Cast

"Finale and Bows"- Entire Cast

Your child should stay home sick from school if they have these symptoms:



- **Respiratory illness** (cough, runny nose or sore throat with a fever).
- **Signs of severe illness** such as being unresponsive, irritable, crying more than usual, is having difficulty breathing, or has a quickly spreading rash.
- **Fever** (temperature above 101°F [38.3°C] by any method) and a change in behavior or other signs and symptoms (such as a sore throat, rash, vomiting or diarrhea).
- **Diarrhea**, defined as having more frequent and loose stool (poop) than usual that's not caused by a change in diet.
- **Vomiting 2 or more times in the previous 24 hours.** The exception is if the vomiting is found to be caused by a non-infectious condition, and the child is not in danger of dehydration.
- **Abdominal pain that continues for more than 2 hours**, or abdominal pain that comes and goes, along with fever or other concerning symptoms.
- **Mouth sores with drooling that the child cannot control**, unless their doctor or local health department authority states that the child is noninfectious.
- **Rash with fever or behavioral changes**, until a primary care provider determines that the illness is not a communicable disease. If your child has a new, rapidly spreading rash that resembles bruising or small red or purple "blood spots," call 911.
- **Skin sores that are weeping fluid** located on an exposed part of the body that cannot be covered with a waterproof bandage.
- **Streptococcal pharyngitis** (such as strep throat or other streptococcal infection), until at least the first 12 hours after antibiotic treatment has started.
- **Head lice, scabies and ringworm** until after the first treatment. School exclusion is not necessary before the end of the program day. When treatment starts between the end of the program day and beginning of the next day, no exclusion is needed.
- **Chickenpox (varicella)** until all lesions have dried or crusted (usually 6 days after onset of rash) and no new lesions have showed for at least 24 hours.
- **Hepatitis A virus infection**, until 1 week after onset of illness or jaundice or as directed by the health department.



This information is based upon the guidelines from the: Utah Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

When it's OK to stay at school:



- **Coughs or colds** without fever or other signs of illness.
- **Runny noses** (regardless of color or consistency of nasal discharge).
- **Yellow, green, white, or watery eye discharge without fever**, even if the whites of the eyes are red (pinkeye).
- **Ear infection**, unless the child has a change in behavior or cannot participate as usual.
- **Rash without fever and without behavioral changes.** The exception would be a child with a new, rapidly spreading rash that resembles bruising or small red or purple 'blood spots.' In that case Emergency Medical Services (911) should be called.
- **Thrush** (white patches on the inside of the cheeks, on gums, and the tongue).
- **Fifth disease** (a common viral infection with red "slapped-cheek" rash occurring 4-14 days (up to 21 days) after the start of the viral infection).
- **All staphylococcal infections.** This includes Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) carriers or children with colonization of MRSA but without an illness that would otherwise require exclusion.
- **Molluscum contagiosum (wart).**
- **Hand-Foot-and-Mouth disease.** No exclusion is needed unless the child has mouth sores with constant drooling or has other symptoms like fever. In some cases, the local health department may require children with hand-foot-mouth disease to stay home to control an outbreak.

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