

# NEWS FROM THE NEST

September 2021  
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## On the Calendar

- Sept 3: Directory orders due
- Sept 3: PTA Meeting (9:15 am, PTA Room)
- Sept 6: NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
- Sept 7: Owl Chorale starts
- Sept 9: Reflections starts
- Sept 9: Chess club starts
- Sept 17: NO SCHOOL - END OF TERM
- Sept 20-30: Book Fair
- Sept 29/30: SEP Conferences
- Oct 1: Reflections entries due

## Meet Principal Bailey

Hello Oakwood Family!

I was born and raised in Logan, Utah and am a proud Utah State Aggie. My wife and I have 2 wonderful children, Jason (entering 1st grade) and Olivia (entering pre-school). I began serving in the Granite School District in 2010 at Bonneville Junior High where I taught Spanish, Social Studies and ESL, and have since served as a school administrator at both Matheson Junior High and, most recently, Hunter High School.

I enjoy watching movies, college football, YouTube videos, learning about historical events, and doing yard work. If I could be anyone in life, I would choose to be Captain America.

Something not many people know about me is that while growing up I struggled a lot with reading. I couldn't say the big words or remember what I read. Most of my friends were advanced readers and I became shy to read in front of others. Over time, with some practice and the support of loving individuals, I have come to love reading.

## What is the PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. It is a volunteer-run organization with a mission to make schools a better place for students to learn and grow.



Join the PTA Today!

You can also use this link to

- Sign up for PTA activities like Chess Club and Owl Chorale
- Purchase a school directory
- Buy spirit wear (t-shirts, sweatshirts)

Spirit wear and director orders due: September 3rd

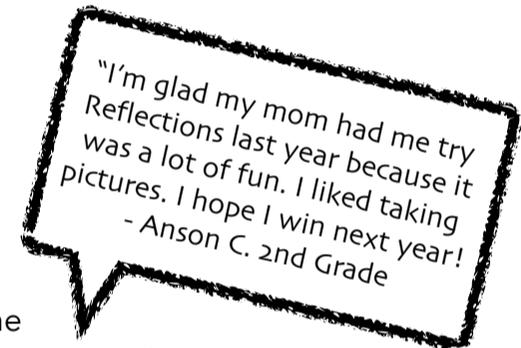


## Reflections!

Explore the arts and express yourself!

The 2021–2022 Reflections theme is I Will Change the World By...

Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories. They participate in grade divisions: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5) and Special Artist (All grades welcome). Participation and Winner prizes awarded.



### Arts Categories

- Dance Choreography**
- Film Production**
- Literature**
- Music Composition**
- Photography**
- Visual Arts**

2021-2022 CALL FOR ENTRIES!

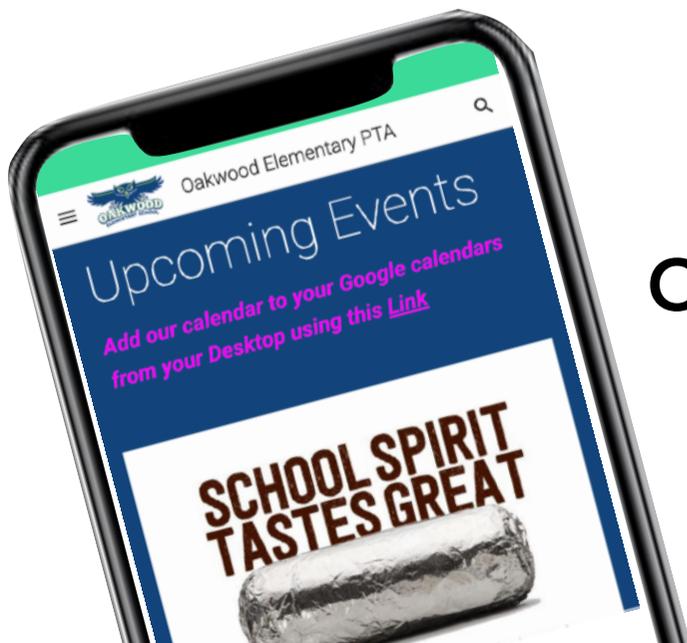


Entries due: October 1st



## OakwoodPTA.com: Visit the NEW PTA Website!

- Meet our Principal, Teachers, PTA Leaders
- Tour the school!
- Learn about the great programs Oakwood has to offer
- Learn about upcoming events





## Join Community Council!

School Community Councils are elected parent/guardian and employee representatives who work together with the principal to increase student achievement. By law, the

Council is responsible to review school data and develop plans for school improvement. Oakwood Elementary School has *four* parent openings for the 2021-2022 school year. Elections will be held September 14,15,16. The voting will be conducted online.



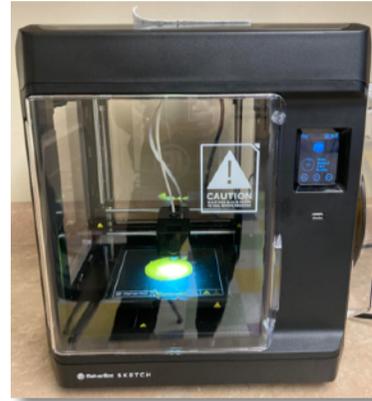
## PTA Volunteer Opportunities

After a strange and challenging year in 2020, we are so happy to be welcoming parents and volunteers back into our schools.

If you have a passion for reading with children we have two programs that we need volunteers for:

- 1) DYAD Reading program- come in and read with students for 1 hr twice a week
- 2) Best Books reading incentive program - once a month.

There are also Yellow Sheets in the hallway by the gym to sign up for classroom and PTA Activity needs.



## PTA Achievement: 3D Printers

Recently the PTA assisted in applying for a STEM grant. Our school was awarded funds that helped us purchase two 3D printers. Our 4th grade is already working on their first project!

## Meet Our 3rd Grade Teachers



**Mrs. Luka**

This is my 22nd year teaching and I love children! I appreciate their energy, unique ways of thinking, their creativity, and personalities. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, working in the garden, and hiking. I am very excited to share my passion for Science and Social Studies with our students this year. This will be a fun year of investigations and discovery. I have a Master's in Instructional Design and Educational Technology, and Master's in Educational Psychology both from University of Utah. I also have teaching endorsements in Gifted and Talented Learners, English Language Learners, Educational Technology, and American History.



**Mrs. Oettli**

I am so happy to be teaching at Oakwood Elementary! I love to be at school with the students, it is one of my favorite places to be. I have two master's degrees; MA Mathematics Education and MS Curriculum and Instruction. I also have an endorsement in English Language Learning. My favorite subject to teach is math, especially multiplication and division. I also like to teach fractions. My interests outside of school are baking, playing golf with my family, and photography. I am a wife and a mom to three children. My children attended Oakwood, Bonneville, and Cottonwood. We are all proud to be Owls!

My name is Mrs. Munot. I grew up in India and moved to the US in 2002. My husband, Shailesh, is an Architect and works on healthcare projects. I have two handsome boys, 17 and 11 years old! I earned the Bachelor's degree in Architecture from India. When I moved to the US, I started volunteering in schools and totally fell in love with teaching. I went back to school to get my teaching license. I taught second grade at 'Navigator Pointe Academy' charter school for two years. Later, I taught third and fourth grade at Jordan District for 11 years. I have been teaching third grade at Oakwood since 2017. Besides teaching, I do henna tattoos for events and I love to dance! I perform dances at Indian cultural programs and enjoy sharing my culture and yoga with students!



**Mrs. Munot**

## Meet our PTA President: Adrienne Cornia



Hello! My name is Adrienne Cornia and I will be serving as your 2021/2022 PTA President. My husband Brad and I have two children at Oakwood: Tyson in 4th grade and Macie in 2nd. When I am not in the PTA room I enjoy running, gardening, golfing with my family and weekend trips to our family cabin in Bear Lake.

I absolutely love being involved in our PTA! It is a true passion for me. I have really enjoyed being a part of the great programs and activities that benefit all of our children. Being a PTA member has given me a chance get to know our teachers and staff, as well as so many wonderful families that have become dear friends over the years.

Our PTA relies on support from parents and our community to continue our enriching programs that positively impact our children and their families. The more parent involvement we have, the better the experience for our Oakwood Owls. We have some fun plans this year and can't wait to get started!

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you this year and building an even stronger Oakwood Community! #WhyIChooseOakwood

