



# NEWS FROM THE NEST

January 2022  
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## On the Calendar

- Jan 7: PTA Meeting (9:15 am)
- Jan 8: Adventure Club snow activity (details on back)
- Jan 14-17: NO SCHOOL - END OF TERM / MLK
- Jan 24-28: Meet the Masters
- Jan 27: Get Air Fundraiser (4-8 pm)



## Message from Principal Bailey

Dear Oakwood Family,

I want to wish all our owls and their loved ones a Happy New Year. I have learned that the best New Year's Resolutions are those that we write down and look at each day. As we try to improve at least 1% each day, our goals may become a reality.

This month we continue to hold Open Enrollment and Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-23 school year. Please encourage those you know to visit the main office if they need to complete those items. We look forward to welcoming new students to our Oakwood Family.

Happy New Year!

Mr. Bailey  
Principal  
#OwlsSOAR

- Tatum C. and Maya C.
- Noah A., James T., and Cash M.
- Jane C., Reese S., and Ruby H.
- Payton J. and Mia L.
- Joel M. and Lewis P.
- Deacon D. and Jackson S.

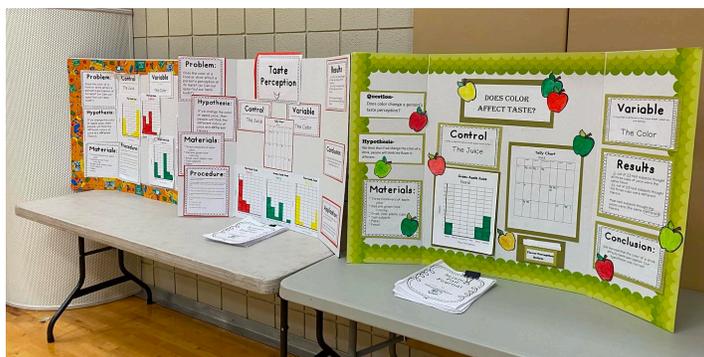
## Owl Chorale

What a wonderful Owl Chorale Concert in December! Thanks to our students for sharing some of their family's holiday traditions, their love of music, and their enthusiasm for this time of year. Thank you to all who helped make this event so special.



## STEM Fair

Congratulations to our 5th Graders who will advance to the district competition!



- Davin B.
- Maya F.
- June C.
- Emme H.
- Jet C.



## Chess Club

The Oakwood Chess Club has been going strong for over 25 years. This year we have 95 students who participate. It is popular with the students because it's a great way to connect with others in a fun, safe environment while participating in a "sport" that's exciting and challenging.



Playing chess improves memory and increases focus, develops problem solving skills, helps students do better on multiple choice questions, connects students with others, and teaches them sportsmanship. I love being part of chess club. Seeing the excitement and fun the students get from chess is very rewarding. "... because I made a difference in the life of a child ..."

-Janice Worley

## January Adventure Club! ❄️

*Keep on reading!*

For the December club activity: Oakwood Families are invited to Mountview Park (1651 Fort Union Blvd, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121) for a park day this Saturday, January 8th from 1 to 3 pm. Dress for snow and bring your snow toys!



Mark your calendars for a GetAir school fundraiser for Oakwood on January 27th from 4-8 pm. More details to come!



For this month you can also receive a free book from your local library by submitting your reading minutes! <—Find more details here.

## Kid Stage

The production of Lion King in December was fantastic! Bravo to all of the actors.

There are still a few spaces available in the KidStage Moana production.



Sign up now!



## Meet Our 4th Grade Teachers

Fourth grade has been my favorite and almost only grade I've taught for the last 16 years! I love everything about fourth grade starting with the amazing students who love learning and taking part in our learning activities!

I'm from North Carolina, and a Duke graduate. Summer favorites for me and my family have been raising our new puppy, "Diggy," camping, swimming, mountain biking, and hiking. My husband and I are empty nesters with frequent visits from our two grown kids.

The kids are what make my year really fun! I can't wait to see them every August!

Mrs. Oliver has served the Oakwood Community since 2015. She earned the following degrees: Duke University, B.A. Management Science; University of Phoenix – M.A. Ed.; Weber State University-ESL endorsement; UVU-Math Endorsement; Utah State University-Utah Master Naturalist.

**Mrs. Oliver**



**Mrs. Brusa**

I come from a long line of educators and love teaching here at Oakwood Elementary! I first taught in Huntington Beach, California before having my three fabulous kids (Laney, Zoe, & Tate.) I have taught students in Nakuru, Kenya three separate times. I have a wonderful husband who loves to make homemade Sicilian pizza, and I have a small dog named Auggie Blue and a huge dog named Luna Mae Lovegood.

I have a new granddaughter who I love to pieces, and I can't wait to teach her to read Harry Potter books, Where the Red Fern Grows, and The Giving Tree!

Mrs. Brusa has served the Oakwood Community since 2014. She earned the following degrees: University of Utah- Bachelors in Org. Communications; WGU Masters in Math Education; WGU Masters in Curriculum & Instruction.



## Meet our PTA Leaders: Treasurer Michelle Cannon

Hi! My name is Michelle Cannon. I am the treasurer for Oakwood Elementary's PTA and I also serve on our school's Community Council. My husband, George, and I have 4 boys. My triplets are in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Bonneville Jr. High and my youngest son is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Oakwood. When I am not volunteering, I enjoy reading, cooking, hiking, and skiing. My favorite pastime, though, is going on an adventure with my family.

Education has always been important to me. I have an undergraduate degree in Biochemistry and a PhD in Chemistry. My passion for learning extends to my children as a desire for them to receive a quality education. Because of this, I have wanted to be involved at Oakwood to support teachers, be involved in making decisions for our school, and help others to create a fun and enriching environment for our students. My family opted to come to Oakwood as out of boundary enrollment students when my older boys were in kindergarten. We have not regretted that decision! I am grateful for the education and opportunities that my children have received at Oakwood. We love the teachers, staff, students and our Oakwood Community.

