



NEWS FROM THE NEST

January 2023

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Message from Principal Bailey

Hello Oakwood Family and Happy New Year!

I love this time of year when I take time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward with hope to the future. I hope all our Owls and their loved ones may find more peace and joy in 2023!

Kindergarten Registration is now open! Oakwood is currently enrolling all students who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2023. Please visit the main office to enroll a student. Kindergarten Orientation will be Thursday, May 18th.

This month we will be holding our Chinese DLI Parent Night on Tuesday, January 10th from 6pm – 7pm. This night is for all students and parents interested in joining the Chinese program at Oakwood Elementary starting in the 2023-24 school year. The program is available to all students currently enrolled in another Chinese DLI program (grades 1-5) and any new students going into 1st or 2nd grade next year. Here students and parents will be able to visit with District/State Chinese DLI representatives, current elementary students participating in the program at Spring Lane, and current DLI teachers.

This month your students will be bringing home a Student Questionnaire for you to complete. Information from this questionnaire will help Oakwood to determine class sizes and teacher assignments, plan school financial budgets to best fit our school's needs, and to give our teachers information to plan for their next year's students. This is not a teacher request form and class rosters will become available in August 2023.

I love our Owls and I am excited for what they will accomplish in 2023!

-Mr. Bailey
Principal
#OwlsSOAR



Reminder: No School January 12, 13 & 16

With Early out on January 11

Bonneville Jr High 6th Grade Registration

Tue 1/10/2023 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Oakwood; Downstairs Large Instruction Room



Chinese DLI Program

Parent Information Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 10th at 6pm

Where: Oakwood Elementary School

Applications due by February 3rd

Who: Parents of current kindergarten and 1st grade students interested in DLI, as well as students interested in transferring to Oakwood's program next year.

What: Hear from District/State Specialists, application process, and talk to current students about the amazing experiences when you participate in the DLI program.

Kindergarten Spotlight

There are so many wonderful things that happen in our kindergarten classes in Oakwood.

Some of our favorite activities include:

- Alphabet Bootcamp
- Thanksgiving Pie Palooza
- Holidays Around the World
- Gingerbread Houses
- Chinese New Year
- Valentine's Day
- 100s Day
- Dr. Seuss Day
- Reading For All Learners
- Activity Stations



Mrs. Hurd: At the end of this year, I will have been teaching for over 38 years, 28 of those years have been in the Granite School District! This year I had the opportunity to move to kindergarten and teach our littlest Owls. I am having a wonderful experience working with Mrs. Jenkins, planning fun, engaging, educational activities as these little ones are just beginning their educational journey.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy cooking, reading, the ocean, painting rocks, watching Jazz Basketball, and spending time with my family. I have a husband, Steve, three daughters and five gorgeous grandchildren.

I graduated from BYU, with a degree in Early Childhood Education, so my veins run blue. I also have a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Chapman University in Orange, California. I have teaching endorsements in Gifted and Talented Learners, English Language Learners, and well as a National Board Certification.

I am thrilled to be at Oakwood. It has been a wonderful place to learn and grow for many years now. I love how supportive and involved the parents are, and the students...they are the best! I will truly miss Oakwood, as I will be retiring at the end of this year.

Mrs. Jenkins: I graduated with a bachelor's degree from Utah State University and a master's degree in Education from the University of Phoenix. I have taught Kindergarten for 14 years. Before that, I was a lead teacher for 7 years in the district Preschool department. I have a husband, Bruce, and one son, Parker, who is in 4th grade at Oakwood. Teaching young children is my passion. I love teaching Kindergarten and filling my classroom with reading, math, and lots of fun, hands-on activities.

When I am not at school, you can find me, at home remodeling and decorating my house, and spending time with my family. I enjoy outdoor movie nights year-round, around the fire pit with hot cocoa and making s'mores. Last, but not least, I enjoy attending University of Utah Football Games, as well as Jazz basketball games.

When school is out for the summer, I enjoy traveling to California to watch Angels Baseball, and spend time with my extended family in Santa Barbara.



Yearbook Photos!

Please share your Oakwood photos so they can be included in the yearbook.
Email: nicole-kirkland@hotmail.com

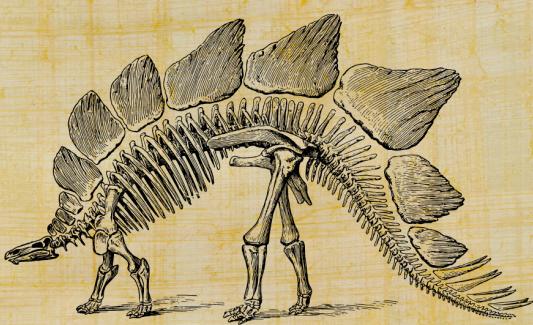
Oakwood Open Enrollment

Granite School District's Early Open Enrollment **continues through February 3**. Applications are submitted electronically. Annual reapplication is not required.



Adventure Club

January 27 | 2:30-4:00
Natural History Museum



Use your 2023 Adventure Passes through PBS Kids to get free entry for students with the pass. Check the fine print on the pass.

Supervision not provided. Bring your families on this adventure!



Link to nomination form. Submit yourself or someone you think would do a great job!



More info

PTA NOMINATIONS

POSITIONS OPEN FOR NOMINATION:

PRESIDENT - ELECT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
VP LEADERSHIP
VP LEGISLATIVE
VP MEMBERSHIP



NOMINATIONS DUE JAN 31 2023
SUBMIT ONLINE OR ON FORM

