



# Oquirrh Elementary Happenings

Great things are happening at Oquirrh Elementary!



## Monthly newsletters are on the horizon!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that your family is enjoying the new year. Our team at Oquirrh Elementary School has been hard at work, focusing on maintaining a safe and positive school environment for all students. We would like to keep you

informed of all the things we are working on here that benefit our students, so we are starting a monthly newsletter. We hope you tune in each month to learn more about our awesome school!

## Schoolwide Expectations

We are committed to fostering a culture of respect and good behavior in our school. To this end, we have created school-wide expectations that extend to classrooms, hallways, and other common areas. These expectations encourage our young learners to make positive choices, and we make it a point to recognize and reward such behavior individually and as classes and grade levels. As part of these efforts, we are also taking steps to ensure that all students understand the consequences of misbehavior.



## Addressing Misbehavior

While we strive to encourage positive behavior, we also understand the need to address any instances of misbehavior appropriately. Our policy now includes clearer consequences for minor acts of misbehavior, as well as for more serious violation like acts of violence and the use of racial slurs. We believe these measures will help maintain a safe and respectful environment for all.



## Bullying Awareness and Prevention

In line with our commitment to creating a safe learning environment, we are focusing on teaching students about bullying behavior. These educational sessions are conducted one grade at a time, and aim to help students identify bullying behavior in themselves and others. Our goal is to equip our students with the knowledge and tools they need to stand up against bullying, and to foster an atmosphere of kindness and respect.

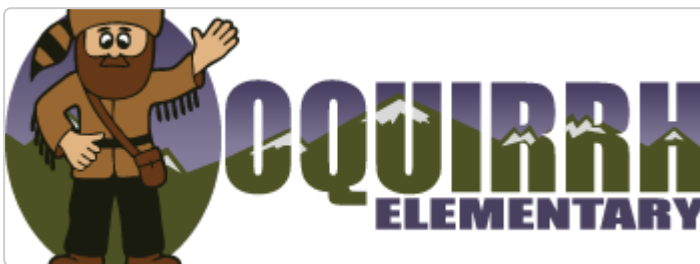


## We can all work together to keep our school safe

We believe that everyone has a role to play in ensuring our school is a place where all students feel safe, happy, and eager to learn. We appreciate your continued support in reinforcing these values at home. Together, we can shape our school into a place where everyone thrives. Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead!

Best Regards, Jennifer Ludlow, Principal and Carletta Taylor, Assistant Principal

**For more info about our school-wide plan, please visit our school website.**



## Code of Conduct

[oquirrh.jordandistrict.org](https://oquirrh.jordandistrict.org)

## Parking Update

Thank you for your quick response to our request to save our parking lot for parking, not pickup and drop-off. You are also doing great about pulling up in the pickup line before letting students into your car and listening to teacher's requests to pull forward! When street parking, please make

sure you have left several feet of space around the exit and entrances to the parking lot so that the bus and other larger vehicles have adequate space to turn in or out. We have also had a request to not block entrances to the side streets around the school and leave space open for families who live on those roads to be able to turn in and out of their street. Thanks!

## Our gym has an awesome new mural that celebrates kindness!

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Recent Jordan District graduate and Sterling Scholar Chelsah Thomas donated her time and talents to Oquirrh Elementary by designing this beautiful mountain themed mural for our school. Some members of our student council gave up part of their long weekend to come in and help with painting on the wall, and making beautiful posters. We could not be more thrilled! Thanks to everyone that was a part of this project!





## Get to know your office staff!



### Jennifer Ludlow- Principal

Ms. Ludlow is loving it here at Oquirrh Elementary. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind. This is her 28th year in education. In addition to being a principal for 12 years, she has been a teacher, an instructional coach, and an assistant principal. Her favorite part of being a principal is having the chance to be a positive influence on adults AND children, and finding ways to help both groups be happy, safe, and successful. When she isn't working, she enjoys reading, listening to music, playing games on her i-pad, watching TV, cooking, going out to



### Carletta Taylor- Assistant Principal

This is Mrs. Taylor's second year at Oquirrh and we are so lucky to have her. She is popular with students and with adults because of her cheerful personality and her listening ear. When she isn't working, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and watching movies.



### Maren Day- Administrative Assistant

Maren Day has worked at Oquirrh Elementary for almost 3 years. She loves assisting the students, parents, community and school staff. Maren is a single mom of two girls (11 and 7) and loves supporting them in the things they love to do - cheer, dance, swim and art. Maren enjoys cooking, being outdoors, reading, spending time with her family and running marathons.

dinner with friends, and spending time with family.



### **Jamie Parry- Front Desk Assistant**

Jamie Parry has worked at Oquirrh Elementary for 12 years. She helped out in the Family Learning Center child care for 8 years while also working as the crossing guard in front of the school. This is her 4th year in the Office. She loves working with the students and gaining friendships with our staff. She is married and a mother of 5 kids, ranging from 8 to 21. Her favorite thing to do is watch her kids do things they love, especially their sports. They are a soccer family. She loves to cook and try new recipes. She's mastered her Thanksgiving meal! She enjoys playing games with her family, laughing, dates with her husband, eating really good desserts, and having fun and not taking life too seriously.



### **Emilee Thomas- Front Desk Assistant**

Emilee Thomas is a born and raised Idahoan who has worked at Oquirrh Elementary for 2 years now and is loving it. She comes from a family of educators so she was destined to work at a school eventually. Her favorite part about Oquirrh is the friendly staff and awesome kids. She has been married for 4 years and her spouse is pretty cool. In her free time, she listens to music (mostly 60s and 70s rock, but she loves everything), plays with the West Jordan Symphony, and reads. Her favorite book is Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë. She also just learned how to make the "ë" on the computer.



### **Alejandra Duenas- Spanish Translation/ Front Desk - AM**

Alejandra is one of our newest employees. She is from Guadalajara, Mexico. She came to the US when she was 10 years old. She has been happily married for almost 10 years and she has 3 children at Oquirrh. They keep her very busy! AT Oquirrh she translates and runs small student groups. She likes to cook, and watch action movies, and novellas. She also loves to eat, hike, and sleep on her time off.



### **Anya Briscoe- Spanish Translation/ Front Desk PM**

Anya is a brand new employee at Oquirrh. She came to work with us because she speaks Spanish and wanted to be able to use it everyday and help kids. She translates and runs small student groups. In her free time she likes to ski, and read.



### **David Cha- Head Custodian**

David has been at Oquirrh for 5 years. His favorite part of his job is being with the kids n having fun with them. He love to dress up as the Kool Aid man. He also loves pickleball and even organizes staff pickleball games on Friday afternoons. He is a great custodian who keeps our building looking clean and new!



### **Leslie Naylor- McKinney Vento Assistant**

This is my 15th year at Oquirrh. I have been a literacy aide, a math aide, and aide in the 6th grade and also helped with WTR. This is my first year as the McKinney Vento Liaison. Along with working at Oquirrh I am also studying to teach math. When I am not working or studying, my favorite thing to do is spend time with family. I love to play games, visit with friends, read and knit. During the summer I try to grow a garden and enjoy being outside. I love being at Oquirrh because I love the people I work with and I love to help the students have what they need to be successful.

## **Some Final Thoughts...**

A calendar for the month will now be going home on the back of your lunch menus. This will help keep you informed on what is happening at the school. We have included a copy with this newsletter. Hope it helps!



Have a great month. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help make Oquirrh Elementary a great place for your child to learn and grow!

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