



OQUIRRH  
ELEMENTARY

# Oquirrh Elementary Happenings

Great things are happening at Oquirrh Elementary!

## Welcome Back to School!



Greetings Oquirrh Elementary Families,  
Welcome to our September newsletter. We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to school! It's been a fantastic start to the year, and we truly appreciate your continued support in making this school year a success. We were so happy with the Back to School Night participation and hope you enjoyed our extended hours. Your

involvement and enthusiasm are invaluable to our community.

## Principal's Update

Starting this Thursday, I will be out of school for the next two weeks as I embark on a long-awaited dream trip to Spain. As a long time Spanish speaker, visiting Spain has been a dream of mine since I was a teenager, and I am so grateful for this opportunity. While I wish the timing could be better, I am confident that the school will be in excellent hands during my absence.

Many of you know Mrs. Taylor, our outstanding Assistant Principal. She is deeply committed to our students and families and is an excellent resource if you need assistance. Additionally, we are fortunate to have Nancy Ward, a former principal of Oquirrh Elementary, stepping in as my substitute. Nancy is well-acquainted with our community and its needs, ensuring a seamless transition. Please feel free to reach out to



these ladies, as well as your child's teacher, should an issue arise in my absence. I will be returning on October 1st and will be available during Parent Teacher conferences if needed.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I look forward to seeing everyone upon my return. Let's continue to make this year an incredible journey of learning and growth for our students!

## Race to Kindness

Our theme this year is Race to Kindness and we will be working as a school on ways to be more kind and help and serve others. It is based on a cute book called Race to Kindness and it was written by a 12 year old boy. In the book the letters K.I.N D. stand for

K- Keep your eyes open (for ways to use kind words and help others)

I-include others

N-Nothing is too small (All acts of kindness are great, big or small)

D- Do something about it (The best time to be kind is right now, so do something, say something, and make a positive difference for others).

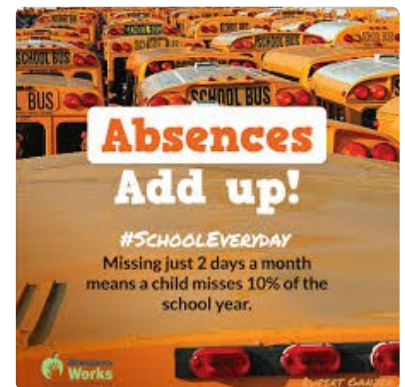


"Come join our great race, where kindness begins, where everyone's welcome, and everyone wins!"

Looking forward to a great year of kindness at Oquirrh Elementary.

## Attendance Matters

A key component of student success is regular attendance. We kindly remind you that attendance matters significantly, and we need all students at school every day to maximize their learning opportunities. Let's work together to ensure our students are present and ready to learn



## Afternoon Pick-up

We've received several requests from community members regarding the afternoon pickup process. Please be mindful and leave a gap in front of streets and cul-de-sacs to allow families that live on that street to exit and enter safely. Your cooperation helps to keep our school community safe and happy and traffic flowing smoothly.



## Lunch Money Reminder

This is a friendly reminder regarding the cost associated with school breakfast and lunch. Unless your family qualifies for free or reduced lunch, there is a fee for these meals. The price for full cost



meals is \$1.05 for breakfast and \$2.00 for lunch. Reduced lunch prices are .30 cents for breakfast and .40 cents for lunch.

**Important Details:**

- **Free or Reduced Lunch Applications:** These were included in your registration packets and are also available at the office. We encourage all families to apply to see if they qualify. Remember, you must reapply every year, even if you qualified previously.
- **Balances:** Any balances from previous years will carry over into the new school year. If there is an outstanding balance, please ensure it is paid alongside the cost of meals your child will be consuming this year.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. Ensuring all children have access to nutritious meals is a priority for us, and we thank you for your part in making this possible.

## PTA Fundraiser- Color Fun Run for families!

We are thrilled to invite you to our exciting **PTA Fundraiser - Color Fun Run** happening on **September 20th at 6 PM**. This event promises to be a blast for the entire family!



**What to Expect:**

- **Colorful Fun:** Run through clouds of vibrant colored chalk.
- **Delicious Dining:** Enjoy a hot dog dinner, available for purchase.
- **Live DJ:** Groove to some fantastic tunes and commentary with your family and friends.
- **Community Spirit:** Spend an unforgettable evening with our school community.

**Why Your Support Matters:** The funds raised will be crucial in supporting various school activities and resources, such as:

- Field trips (including transportation costs covered by the PTA)
- Kindergarten t-shirts
- Parent Teacher Conference dinners for our dedicated teachers
- Teacher Appreciation Week events
- Battle of the Books incentives and prizes
- Other incentives and activities throughout the year

**Join the Fun:** We need your help to make this event successful! Please share the QR code with neighbors, friends, and family far and wide.

**Special Surprises:** As donations roll in, our brave teachers have volunteered for some hilarious antics:

- Kissing a chicken
- Nail painting
- Pies in the face
- Getting dunked in a reverse dunk tank

**Everyone's Welcome:** All families are welcome to join us, regardless of donations. Let's come together to support our school and create lasting memories!

We look forward to seeing you there and making this Color Fun Run a spectacular success!

**Remember:** The success of our school events relies on the support and enthusiasm of our wonderful community. Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity.



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## School Community Council Update

We are excited to announce the upcoming election for our School Community Council. At Oquirrh, the council is a vital committee that is comprised of 4 parents, 1 teacher, and the school principal, that meets four times a year to discuss some of the needs of the school. By law, there must be 2 more parent members than school staff. Our purpose is to review school data, make essential decisions about safe walking routes, allocate School Land Trust funds, and discuss other crucial school-related issues. Council member terms are 2 years, and they must re-apply for their seats at the end of the time period, so half the parent seats are up for re-election each year. Teachers are also voted by their peers and serve for 2 years as well. School community members that have students in the school may nominate themselves or others for open seats. If we have more candidates than we have open seats, we must hold an election, with members being voted on by the school community. We sent the papers home asking for nominees in the Back to School packets and we have 3 candidates who wish to occupy 2 open seats, therefore we will be holding an election next week (Sept 16-19) in the main office. There will be a ballot box in the office near our visitor log. All votes must happen in person.

### Election Details:

- **Seats Available:** 2
- **Candidates:** 3
- **Voting Period:** Monday to Thursday, next week
- **Location:** Ballot box in the main office

If you are in the school, we encourage you to participate in the voting process by turning in your ballot. The results will be announced on Friday, and the first meeting with the new council will be held on **September 24th at 4:30 PM** in the media center.

### Meet the Candidates

#### **Shanna Anderson (current committee member- 7 years)**

I like to be on the School Community Council so that I can be involved in my child's education. I love getting to know the administration and the teachers. I love finding ways to help our school. I understand the Land Trust program and I enjoy finding ways to stretch the money we receive and help out the school in innovative ways.

#### **Mindy Van Dyke (current member- 2 years)**

#### **Alicia Abbott- (New candidate)**

We look forward to your participation and support in this important process. Your involvement is crucial in shaping the future of our school and ensuring a collaborative environment for our students, staff, and community.

## Principal's Pride



Starting in October, we will be inviting selected parents to a weekly student celebration called Principal's Pride. It will be in the media center most Friday mornings that we have school and will celebrate a recent success your child has achieved in our school. Each child will get a chance to participate at some point during the year because every child in our school has something they are doing amazing at! On the week your child has been selected,

letters will go home with students on Monday inviting parents to that Friday's event at 9:15 in the media center. Students will get a certificate, a brag tag, and a token for the token tower and have their accomplishment read to the group and posted to a bulletin board in the media center all week. Parents will be our cheering squad and help us celebrate each student. We will take a group photo and each student also takes a picture with Ms. Ludlow or Ms Taylor! We know many parents have to get to work so it is fast but fun and usually lasts about 15-20 minutes depending on the number of students participating that week.

## School Picture Day

Picture Day is Sept 26th. Ordering info will be coming home next week!



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent /Teacher Conferences are coming up October 2nd and 3rd. They will be held 4-7:45 on Wednesday and 3-6:45 on Thursday.

You should get information in Dojo next week telling you how to sign up. Although there is no report card attached to this conference, our teachers are excited to talk to you about your students' accomplishments and the progress they are making. We can't wait to collaborate with each of you in October.

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## Some Final Thoughts...

Thank you for reading this newsletter and staying informed! We appreciate your continued support and engagement! If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at the school office.



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