

Oquirrh Hills Happenings

Oquirrh Hills Middle School - Michael Glenn, Principal

August - October 2017

Big Calendar Items (Be sure to check the website):

Mon.-Fri. Sept. 11-15th, Hello Week

Thur. Sept. 28th, Eagle of the Month Breakfast (8:40-9:15a)

Thur. Sept. 28th, Netzsart (Internet Safety) Assembly

Fri. Sept. 29th, Midterms

Mon.-Fri. Oct. 9-13th, Book Fair in Media Center

Tue. Oct. 10th, Vision Screening

Wed./Thur. Oct. 11-12th, Parent Teacher Conferences

Fri. Oct. 13th, No School



Mon. Oct. 16th, Picture Re-takes will happen after the Eagle of the Quarter Assembly

Mon. Oct. 16th, Eagle of the Quarter Assembly 7th grade (8:41-9:15a)

Tue. Oct. 17th, Eagle of the Quarter Assembly 8th grade (8:41-9:15a)

Wed. Oct. 18th, Eagle of the Quarter Assembly 9th grade (8:41-9:15a)

Thur./Fri. Oct. 19-20th, Fall Recess (No School)

Tue. Oct. 24th, Band/Orchestra/Choir Concert 5:30p

Thur. Oct. 26th, Eagle of the Month Breakfast (8:40-9:15a)

Thur. Oct. 26th, LAST DAY OF 1ST QUARTER

Fri. Oct. 27th, NO SCHOOL – Grade Transmittal Day for teachers

Mon. Oct. 30th, 1st day of 2nd Quarter

Tue. Oct. 31st, Halloween (student are welcome to dress up for this holiday. Details will be sent out in a Skylert as it gets closer)

Wed. Nov. 1st – 3rd, Auditions for the school Musical (after school in the auditorium)

Note from the Administration:

Dear Community,

We are off to a great start this year and look forward to continued greatness throughout our time together here in the Oquirrh Hills nest. Our SBO officers and advisor kicked off the year with our Hello Week and Assembly. The theme was kindness. We also just enjoyed a full week of fun activities for Blue Ribbon Week. Blue Ribbon represents our Anti-bully campaign. The PTSA spun this message into kindness efforts each day. Thank you Beth Kunz and our PTSA Advisor (Andrea Hogan) and the PTSA leadership team for adding positivity to our school culture.

We truly want every parent, student and faculty member to feel welcome and included in our community. We want kindness to resonate in everything we think, do and say during our experiences here at OHMS. We know that it takes effort on everyone's part to make this happen.

As part of our professional development with our teachers, the faculty recently read the book *Mindset* by Carol Dweck which in summary is: *Dweck and her colleagues' research has found a very simple belief about ourselves that guides and permeates nearly every part of our lives.*

This belief limits our potential or enables our success. It often marks the difference between excellence and mediocrity. It influences our self-awareness, our self-esteem, our creativity, our ability to face challenges, our resilience to setbacks, our levels of depression, and our tendency to stereotype, among other things.

What is this powerful, yet simple belief?

The Fixed and Growth Mindsets

Much of who you are on a day-to-day basis comes from your mindset. Your mindset is the view you have of your qualities and characteristics – where they come from and whether they can change.

These following two mindsets represent the extreme ends on either side of a spectrum.

A fixed mindset comes from the belief that your qualities are carved in stone – who you are is who you are, period. Characteristics such as intelligence, personality, and creativity are fixed traits, rather than something that can be developed.

A growth mindset comes from the belief that your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through effort. Yes, people differ greatly – in aptitude, talents, interests, or temperaments – but everyone can change and grow through application and experience.

It is our desire for each of our students, as well as faculty members, to work towards having a growth mindset about their potential. We will be encouraging all individuals in our building to not give up, stay resilient, and keep to the task. We can continue to grow and learn throughout our lives.

We look forward to working with each of you this year as we grow together. Let's keep the communication lines open and make this one of the best year's yet at Oquirrh Hills.

Sincerely,

OHMS Administration

STEM NEWS:

The after school STEM Academy & FFL (First Lego League) programs will begin the second week of October. Applications are attached to this newsletter and can be filled out and turn in to the OHMS Main Office by Friday, Oct. 6 , 2017. STEM Academy will be accepting 30 applicants per session and FFL will be accepting 20 applicants total. Get those applications in ASAP.

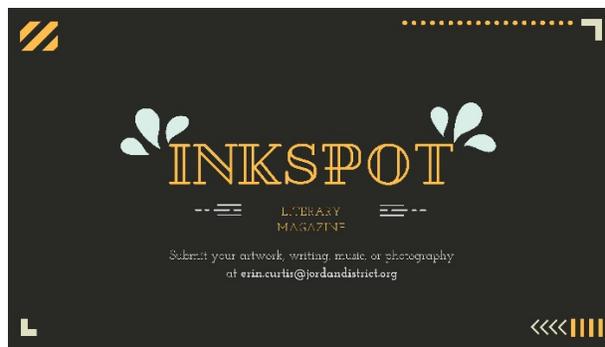
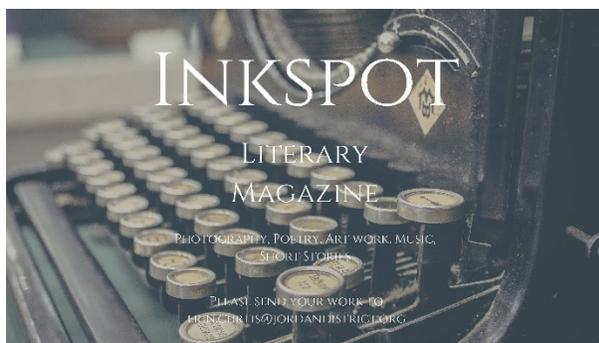
School News:

DEBATE – The OHMS Debate Team will be announced next week. They will be working closely with Mrs. Nicole Patty in preparing for their competitions that take place during the winter. We will list the team members in the next OHMS Happenings Issue.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT - Our band and orchestra students are doing great! We are all busy preparing for our first performance on October 24. We are doing a Halloween themed performance in both areas, so be prepared for the macabre! Also, don't forget to check us out our facebook page OHMS Band and Orchestra Page and Instagram at ohmsbandorch.

BOOK CLUB - The OHMS Book Club will begin this year on Wednesday October 4th with Gary Paulsen's Revolutionary War historical fiction. Woods Runner.

Literary Magazine- Hills Middle School is now offering a literary magazine titled "Inkspot." This online publication will be made up of student poetry, short stories, artwork, photography, and music submissions. This is a great way for students to get publishing experience before high school/college. The Literary Magazine will also be publishing monthly "staff picks" of their favorite submissions as well as awarding prizes. Please encourage your student to submit their creative works! You can email erin.curtis@jordandistrict.org if you have further questions.



WE WANT YOU



LUNCH SCHOOL – Is an opportunity for students to work on missing assignments, make up quizzes or tests while they eat their lunch. It is offered daily in room 208.

MATH TUTORING - Friday mornings in room 206, 9:00-9:45

Counselor News:

The beginning of the school year has been busy here in the counseling office. In August, we met with all 7th grade classes to discuss middle school “Survival Skills”. During these presentations, we discussed study skills, time management, enrichment programs, homework strategies, and communication with teachers.

In September, we held the first of a three-part series called “Parent University”. Parent University is an evening presentation for parents of students new to OHMS. The first meeting of Parent University discussed the topics of: study skills, time management, enrichment programs, homework strategies, and communication with teachers.

The counseling office also has a new counseling intern, Mr. Humpherys. He is a part-time counseling intern who is completing his Masters degree in counseling at the University of Utah. In addition, Mrs. Garrard is out on maternity leave so Mr. Parker is substituting for her. Mr. Parker is currently completing his Masters degree in counseling from Utah State University.

PTSA News:

We're excited for another great year at OHMS. Our new president is Shannon Smith. She has had five students attend Oquirrh Hills Middle School, and her youngest is in 9th grade. She brings a wealth of experience. Our president-elect is Maxine Conrad, and she has an 8th grader. We have many great activities planned, including Reflections, Blue Ribbon Week, Red Ribbon Week, Book Fair, and the Memory Book. Please join in the office today, it is only \$6.00, and it helps us to sponsor these many activities. Check out our blog on the OHMS website.

This is a short message from our Book Fair. During the week of October 9-12th we will be holding a Fall book fair. Scholastic has put together a montage of book previews for you to enjoy. The video in its entire length is 15 minutes but each book highlight is only a minute or two. We are just trying to get more of the students excited about the fair, books, and reading.
<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/2017-fall-ms-video>

Next PTSA Meeting:

PTSA meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 12:30p in the OHMS Board Room near the main office. Please feel free to join us for any of our upcoming meetings.