



Oakdale Roadrunner Dash

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"Happiness is not all about yellow smiley faces and rainbows. For me, happiness is the joy we feel striving after our potential."

Shawn Ancher

We had a great week at Oakdale - Our 5th-grade students had a fantastic experience last week performing as part of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program & Arts Works for Kids Legislative Dinner.



The event was hosted by: Jim and Krista Sorenson, Joe & Kathleen Sorenson, and Tim & Joan Fenton.

Our BTS music teacher, Marie Smith, did a fantastic job integrating singing, dancing, and playing instruments into our students' American history knowledge. Mrs. Cline's class presented a musical version of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride. Mrs. Bishop's class sang about an Irish immigrant's experience building the railway in the 1840s. Ms. Yates' class created a drum circle inspired by an all-Black regiment that defended the Union in the Civil War. All three classes closed the evening with the patriotic song, "America" (My Country, 'Tis of Thee), which ended with a standing ovation.



Oakdale 5th graders have had an experience they will be speaking about for years to come.

5th Grade Middle School Orientation – This week our 5th grade students will be meeting counselors from their respective middle schools. The counselors will visit Oakdale on Tuesday, Feb 1st to provide a brief orientation for students. On Wednesday, Feb 2nd information will be made available for parents; information will be emailed to parents via skyward emails.

Teacher of the Year - It has been said that teachers change the world, one child at a time. Even in an era of tumult, teachers serve as stabilizing forces in the lives of students. Indeed, throughout the recent storms of uncertainty and upheaval, educators have been the familiar faces in the classroom, the guiding voices in online classroom discussions, and the inspiring influences behind a student's drive to do hard things.

Following a proud tradition that hearkens to CSD's guiding tenet of engaging the community, the Canyons Board of Education and Administration invite parents, students, patrons, and employees to submit nominations for CSD's 2022 Teacher of the Year. Nominations will be accepted via the online nomination tool **until 5 p.m. on Feb. 4.**

Criteria: The Teacher of the Year must have taught at least one year. The teacher must have a demonstrated ability to reach students at all levels, establish and maintain positive learning environments, use a variety of evidence-based instructional techniques to provide students with a high-quality education, and be responsive to parents and patrons.

Visit the Canyons District website for additional information.

Submit nominations via the following link: [nomination form](#)

Your Course: Apply for our Supplemental Kindergarten Program - The countdown to kindergarten has begun. Canyons District's Supplemental Hours of Kindergarten Instruction program sets students up for a successful school launch — and 20 schools are offering the popular, tuition-based program next year. Those interested in enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year can apply [online](#) starting Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m.

Students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2022 to participate. Space is limited and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Computers are available at participating schools for families who do not have Internet connectivity at home.

The Power of Play: Apply for Preschool in Canyons District - Jumpstart your child's education by participating in Canyons District's preschool program. The application window for spots in Canyons' tuition-based preschools in the 2022-2023 school year has opened.

Families with children who will be age 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2022 and who live within Canyons District's boundaries can apply to participate in the first-come, first-served tuition-based preschool program via [this link](#). Next year, CSD plans to have 16 preschool programs at [seven schools](#) throughout the District.

Character Trait of the Month – Kindness can make a huge difference in someone's day. There is a lot of hurt and pain in the world and the staff and students at Oakdale can have a great impact just by choosing to smile, saying hello, helping others, or by performing a kind act. When we are kind, we have a deep concern for the welfare of others. Empathy, compassion, gratitude, and generosity are all the marks of a kind person.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — Maya Angelou.

Message from Ms. Lloyd our School Counselor: Hello Oakdale Parents! I just want to thank everyone who donated time and money for our families for the holidays. I also wanted to thank those who have supported our school in our efforts for weekend food bags. I am so thankful to work in such a great community.

As we are rolling towards May, just a friendly reminder how important attendance is. Routine and consistency is so important for students to succeed in school. Good attendance helps students build a good foundation for academics for now and when they move on to middle and high school. If you need help and ideas on how to set up a good routine let me know and I can help!

Thank you again for all you do to support our students and faculty.

Digital Citizenship - Message from Ms. Bailey

It may seem obvious that eating dinner with your family is a good thing. Research provides plenty of support for the importance of family dinner for kids: Learning vocabulary, fewer behavior problems, less substance abuse, and healthier eating are some of the positive outcomes.

So, when you have a family dinner, commit to putting devices away for those 30 minutes (or, if you have small children, the six minutes of dinner!). Learn more about device-free dinners at commonsensemedia.org/device-free-dinner.



Important Date to Remember:

- **Feb 1** - 5th Grade Middle School Orientation
- **Feb 2** - 5th Grade Middle Orientation for Parents (Letter and Emails send to parents from the middle school.
- **Feb 4** - Remote Learning Day - No Students
- **Feb 11** - Remote Learning Day - No Students
- **Feb 14** -Valentines Day
- **Feb 15 - Feb 25** - PTA fundraiser begins.
- **Feb 21**- Presidents Day-No School
- **Feb 25** - CEO Awards
- **Feb 25**-End of 2nd Term K-5
- **Mar 2, 3** - Parent Teacher Conferences