



## Oakdale Roadrunner Dash

April, 2022

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

**Shawn Ancher**

Springtime is such a wonderful time of year with everything starting fresh; flowers, trees, and one of my favorite pastimes, a new Baseball seasons begins. My grandfather had a saying which might help us put the next few weeks of school into perspective; “Keep your eye on the ball”. In baseball, while hitting you keep your eye on the ball to help focus your attention when at the plate, while if done well, you can create opportunities for your team to score runs and be successful. The last few weeks of school will be no different - we need to look forward to finishing the year with a big home run.

**RISE Assessment** - This month we will begin our end of year State and District Assessments with RISE for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, k, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, along with Acadience Benchmark assessment for All grades. See dates below.

**Career Day** – We need your help. Oakdale Career Day is on April 15, 2022 from 8:30am – 10:15am. We are looking for parents, guardians, grandparents, friends, etc. to volunteer to share their career with our students. Volunteers will speak to four (4) classes for 15 minutes each.

Sign-up at <https://forms.gle/DavUSugQ1XL36cZQ8>.  
Volunteers will be accepted until spots are filled. We look forward to an amazing Career Day!



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Deirdre Walbeck, Principal



March 2022

Dear Parents,

It is time to start our scheduling process for the coming school year. In order for us to fill our staffing needs, we need an accurate count of the students who will be attending Oakdale next year. The information below will help us obtain this important count.

Please help us obtain this accurate student count for next year by completing the information below and returning it to Oakdale by **April 15, 2022**.

Thank you,

Deirdre Walbeck  
Principal  
Oakdale Elementary  
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Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Students Attending Oakdale	Grade of Student for 2022-2023

Our students will attend Oakdale Elementary for the 2022-2023 school year.

Our students will NOT attend Oakdale next year and will be at \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTENT TO RETURN** - It is time to start our scheduling process for the coming school year. In order for us to fill our staffing needs, we need an accurate count of the students who will be attending Oakdale next year. The information will help us obtain this important count. Last week a form was sent home. Please help us obtain this accurate student count for next year by completing the form sent home last week and return it to Oakdale by April 15, 2022. If you need an additional form or have any questions, please contact the office.

Oakdale Elementary has received an accreditation through Utah State Board of Education-endorsed agency Cognia. Historically, our High Schools have been fully accredited which means any college and or employer can confidently accept the diplomas they've been awarded. This year Canyons has taken it one step further and sought a district wide accreditation. Oakdale has participated and has meet nationwide standards of excellence. Congratulations to all our students and teachers! For more information please see the following link, [CSD Accreditation](#).



**DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP NIGHT** It's the parenting dilemma of the digital age: How do we encourage our kids to take advantage of all that technology affords while protecting them from the hazards of too much screen time? How do we model the healthy use of technology when we, too, fight the allure of smart phones and social media?

At Canyons District, good digital citizenship is promoted every day in our classrooms. We empower students to appropriately use technology — and we invite parents to participate.

Protecting your students online is one of the topics to be addressed at a parent information night that Canyons is sponsoring as part of an ongoing Canyoneering Academy lecture series. The event is free and open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 6-8:30 p.m. at the District Office, 9361 S. 300 East in Sandy. For more information visit the following link: [Digital Citizenship Parent Information Night](#).

**Oakdale Teacher of the Year.** Oakdale Elementary is proud to announce Danielle Wheeler as our Teacher of the Year. Danielle is one of a kind in her ability to create a culture for the love of learning. One step into her classroom



and you will feel excitement and energy. All are welcome and feel safe upon entering her doors. Students who have struggled with confidence or ability are willing to “jump off ” and take a chance, and they are shining. There are several class mottos the students will repeat or reference daily to encourage and lift each other up. You will

see students cheering each other on and supporting each other in their learning. It is not uncommon for you to see standing ovations for those who took a leap of faith and tried something new.

Parents are happy to feel included as part of the class. Danielle is an excellent communicator and is continually reaching out to parents to ask how she can support them. She truly believes she is one part of a village helping to support students and families in the lifelong pursuit of learning. We feel very fortunate to have her as part of our Oakdale family.

**Message from Ms. Lloyd** - Hello Oakdale Families! Testing season is upon us. Just a few reminders to help your students be prepared and ready to do their best.

- Make sure your students go to bed on time and get plenty of rest.
- Make sure your students get breakfast. We serve breakfast starting at 8:15 and its free.
- Discuss testing strategies that work for you and your family.
- Sometimes students put so much pressure on themselves that they get anxiety before and during the test. A little anxiety is normal, but it is important that your student can regulate the anxiety and have a clear mind for the tests.

I will be in the classroom this month teaching lessons on testing and ways your student can prepare themselves for the testing season. I will also be teaching coping skills to help your students regulate the anxiety. Somethings we will cover are:

- Counting while taking deep breaths
- Techniques on how to calm the body
- Positive Self Talk

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for all the support! I love being a part of the Oakdale family and community

Miss Gina Lloyd  
School Counselor

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **Apr 13** - Spring Pictures 9:15
- **Apr 14** – Mental Math Bee Grade 3-5
- **Apr 15** - Career Day- TBD
- **Apr 19** - 3rd Grade Field Trip
- **Apr 19** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rise Assessment Begin
- **Apr 21** - 4th Grade Field Trip
- **Apr 21**-SCC 4:00PM
- **Apr 22**-Remote Learning Day
- **Apr 26** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rise Assessment Begin
- **Apr 27** - K-2 Acadience Assessment
- **Apr 28** - 3-5 Acadience Assessment
- **Apr 29** - CEO Awards Assembly
- **Apr 29** – Kindergarten Orientation
- **May 3** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Rise Assessment Begin
- **May 4** – 5th Grade Field Trip