



## News from Orcutt Academy's K-8 Campus in Los Alamos

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### Principal's Message

I'm pleased to report that we enjoyed a smooth first week back from Winter Break. Although some took a couple of days to get reaccustomed to our schedule, students were happy to return to school and see their friends and teachers again.

Meantime, we have a lot going on this week and next.

Thanks to hard work by classroom and intervention teachers as well as Teacher on Special Assignment Cher Manich, this week we are restarting our SIPPS (Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words) Program for students in grades 1-8 who need extra teaching and practice in reading. This is our second year doing the program, and our assessment results show that SIPPS is making a difference. What is especially gratifying is that we are seeing students make so much progress that they are able to graduate out of SIPPS. Good stuff!

Next week, we are excited to start our basketball season. Our boys and girls have been practicing diligently, and they can't wait to take the court for some official games. The first game night is Wednesday, January 24, at home vs. Blochman School. For the rest of our games, please refer to the 2018 Basketball Schedule below.

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal



## Meaningful Murals



Thanks to a generous parent and a community partner, our campus has two new murals.

First, OAK-8 parent Elesa Carlson worked over Winter Break to complete a "Spartan Pride" mural in our school gathering area. The mural, which is showcased by ASB officers above, looks beautiful -- THANK YOU, MRS. CARLSON!

Second, due to grant funding obtained by the County Department of Public Health, we received a mural in the cafeteria with the message of "Rethink Your Drink." The mural supports the theme of an assembly earlier in the year that encouraged students to forego sodas and sugary beverages in favor of water.

We are very thankful for these meaningful murals!!!



# 2018 Basketball Schedule

**Admission to Games**  
 \$3.00 for adults  
 \$2.00 for students  
 \$1.00 for students ages 6-11  
 Free for children 5 and under

**Girls' Tournament**  
 March 19, 20, 22  
 @ Valley Christian

**Boys' Tournament**  
 March 26, 27, 29  
 @ Valley Christian

Orcutt Academy			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Wednesday, January 24	5:30	Blochman	@ OA (in Los Alamos)
Monday, January 29	5:30	St. Mary's	@ St. Mary's
Wednesday, January 31	5:30	Olga Reed	@ OA (in Los Alamos)
Wednesday, February 7	5:30	St. Louis	@ OA (in Los Alamos)
Thursday, February 22	5:30	St. Louis	@ Arellano JHS
Thursday, March 1	5:30	Valley Christian	@ Valley Christian
Friday, March 2	5:30	Valley Christian	@ OA (in Los Alamos)
Tuesday, March 6	5:30	Blochman	@ Blochman
Thursday, March 8	5:30	Olga Reed	@ Olga Reed (in Los Alamos)
Friday, March 9	5:30	St. Mary's	@ OA (in Los Alamos)

## Weekly Planner

### Monday

We have **no school** today, as it is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Enjoy the three-day weekend, everyone!

### Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

### Wednesday

Hot lunch: Mexican Food Bar/Pozole or Gourmet Salad

Today is a **teacher collaboration day**, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Students and staff are **wearing orange**, the color of leukemia, on Wednesdays to show support for OAK-8 student Jill Mott.

## Thursday

Hot lunch: Popcorn Chicken & Oven Fries

Today and every Thursday is "**College Day**" at OAK-8. Students and staff are invited to wear college apparel to school to reflect a college-going culture.

## Friday

Hot lunch: Orange Chicken with Rice

Today and each Friday is a "**Blue and Silver Day**" at OAK-8. Students and staff are invited to wear school colors to show school spirit.

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## Coming Up

**Monday, January 22:** OAK-8 hosts a campus tour for prospective parents this morning at 9:15. The tour will begin in the cafeteria.

**Tuesday, January 23:** The Orcutt Academy School Advisory Council meets this afternoon at 5:00 at Orcutt Academy High School.

**Wednesday, January 24:** Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 24:** Our basketball teams open their season this evening at home vs. Blochman School. Game times are 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys). For more information, please refer to the 2018 Basketball Schedule above.

**Friday January 26:** We have a student awards assembly this morning.

**Friday, January 26:** Today marks the end of the Second Quarter for grades 7 and 8. Second Quarter report cards go home on Friday, February 2.

**Wednesday, January 31:** Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 31:** Today at 4:00 p.m. is the deadline to submit online enrollment applications for the Orcutt Academy for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have children not attending OA whom you wish to enroll, please be sure to meet this deadline.

**Friday, February 2:** Second Quarter report cards for grades 7 and 8 go home today.

**Wednesday, February 7:** Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 7:** The Orcutt Academy Enrollment Lottery for 2018-2019 takes place tonight at 6:00 at Orcutt Academy High School.

**Friday, February 9:** Mrs. Lovell's and Ms. Carricaburu's classes will be attending a Bulldog Bound event at Allan Hancock College this morning.

**Friday, February 9:** The OAK-8 PTSA is organizing a Family Fun Night at Chuck E. Cheese in Santa Maria this evening from 3:00-9:00. A PTSA general membership meeting will take place at the restaurant.

**Monday, February 12:** We have no school today. It is the Lincoln's Birthday holiday.

**Wednesday, February 14:** Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, February 19:** We have no school today. It is the Presidents' Day holiday.

**Wednesday, February 21:** Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 23:** We have a student awards assembly this morning.

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## School News

**Reminder for families:** If your child will be out of school for a predetermined reason and you are requesting an independent study packet, please be sure to give Reyes and your child's teacher at least one week's notice and preferably two week's notice. Teachers need adequate time to put together work for a packet. If not enough notice is given, we may not be able to issue a packet and the absences may be termed unexcused.

The Orcutt Academy has begun taking **enrollment applications for the 2018-2019 school year**. The application is online, and can be accessed via the Orcutt Union School District website [here](#). If you have other children whom you would like to enroll at OAK-8 or Orcutt Academy High School, please note that you will need to fill out an enrollment application for each child.

**Everyone is invited to subscribe to this email newsletter, the "OAK-8 Update."** Parents can subscribe at multiple email addresses, and grandparents and other family members also are invited to subscribe. The newsletter will come out each weekend during the school year. To subscribe, please email Mr. Dana at [jdana@orcutt-schools.net](mailto:jdana@orcutt-schools.net).

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## OAK-8 Bus Schedule

Following is the OAK-8 bus schedule for 2017-2018, as revised in October 2017 to include a new morning stop at the Lakeview Junior High School Gym. Parents of Transitional Kindergarten and kindergarten students are requested to let Mrs. Cole know which bus/bus stop their children will be using in the afternoon; that way, Mrs. Cole can make sure the students get on the correct bus. Our complete schedule follows:

### Morning

- 7:40 - Pine Grove School (front of school on Bradley Road)
- 7:50 - Alice Shaw School (on Dahlia Place by side parking lot)
- 8:00 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
- 8:05 - Lakeview Junior High School Gym (in front of gym doors)
- 8:25 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)

**Afternoon (3:00 Dismissal - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)**

- 3:00 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)
- 3:25 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
- 3:25 - Alice Shaw School (on Dahlia Place by side parking lot)
- 3:35 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

**Afternoon (2:00 Dismissal - Wednesdays)**

- 2:00 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)
- 2:25 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
- 2:25 - Alice Shaw School (on Dahlia Place by side parking lot)
- 2:35 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

**Afternoon (1:30 Dismissal - First Day of School, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Last Day of School)**

- 1:30 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)
- 1:55 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
- 1:55 - Alice Shaw School (on Dahlia Place by side parking lot)
- 2:05 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)