



# OAK-8 Update

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

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## Principal's Message

With February just around the corner, I would like to make my annual appeal to OAK-8 parents and community members to consider attending the **Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation (OCAF) Gala** on Saturday, February 24.



The Gala is the biggest fund-raiser of the year for OCAF, which provides substantial funding for the arts in Orcutt Union School District classrooms. As an example of what OCAF does, in September it financed the purchase of our campus' new gym sound system, video/movie screen, and projector. As you can predict, we are very thankful for OCAF!

As for the Gala itself, it is a dinner/dance with both silent and live auctions. It takes place at the Santa Maria Country Club, and admission is \$100 per person. If you would like to purchase tickets or are interested in more information, please go to [www.orcuttarts.com](http://www.orcuttarts.com) and click on "Gala 2018." My wife and I will be attending, and we would love to see some OAK-8 friends at the event!

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal

## Dance, P.E. Go Together



Students have been learning dance routines in P.E. courtesy of our P.E. teacher, Tracy Levey. These photos show Mrs. Levey leading third, fourth, and fifth graders from both schools through the dance steps for the song "Echa Pa'lla." Dance works well during P.E. Students get a good physical workout while learning rhythm, dance moves, new vocabulary, arts appreciation, and cultural awareness.



**Basketball Teams Back in Action**



The OAK-8 basketball teams launched their season with a pair of home games vs. Blochman School this past Wednesday night. The game schedule will be included in the Weekly Planner and Coming Up sections below -- please consider coming to a game to root on our Spartans!

## Weekly Planner

### Monday

Hot lunch: Pancakes & Sausages

The **OAK-8 basketball teams** visit St. Mary's this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

### Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza



## Wednesday

Hot lunch: Mexican Food Bar/Nachos 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.

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.

OAK-8 hosts Olga Reed in **basketball** this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

## Thursday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tenders & 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: Baked Ham and Oven Fries or Gourmet Salad

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.

**Second Quarter report cards for grades 7 and 8** go home today.

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**Spartan Pride**



Congratulations to all the students honored with Spartan Pride awards at our student recognition assembly on Friday! Those honored included Reagan Bauer, Sebastian Callis, Paris Cervantes, Nani De La Cruz, Uriel De La Cruz, Genesis Hastings, Nicholas Link, Sophia Mills, Hudson Ming, Jaida Nunn, Anthony Orozco, Ashley Roepke, Gabriel Rubalcava, and Maisie Wineman.

## Coming Up

**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.

**Wednesday, February 7:** The OAK-8 basketball teams host St. Louis this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

**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.

**Thursday, February 22:** The OAK-8 basketball teams visit St. Louis this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys). The games will be played at Arellanes Junior High School in Santa Maria.

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

**Monday, February 26:** Parents of sixth graders are invited to an Outdoor School Parent Night tonight at 6:00 at Joe Nightingale School, 255 Winter Road in Orcutt. OAK-8 sixth graders will be going to Outdoor School at Rancho El Chorro outside of San Luis Obispo April 17-20.

**Wednesday, February 28:** Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 1:** Our basketball teams play at Valley Christian this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

**Friday, March 2:** PCPA Outreach will be on campus this morning at 9:15 to perform the play The Purple Marble.

**Friday, March 2:** Today marks the end of the Second Trimester for grades TK-6. Second Trimester report cards will go home on Friday, March 16.

**Friday, March 2:** Our basketball teams host Valley Christian tonight at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

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**Author-Go-Round**



Our librarian/media specialist, Mrs. Carrier, this past week took a group of fifth graders from both schools to the County Author-Go-Round, a forum where students can meet and visit with several authors of children's books. Needless to say, our young readers had a great time! Those going on the trip were as follows:

OAK-8 - Peyton Miya, Nalani Nattell, and Sofia Rubalcava  
Olga Reed - Iliana De La Cruz, Martin Diaz, and Sabian Lewis



As a special happening, Sofia Rubalcava (shown at right) won an art contest organized by author Frans Vischer, who wrote the book Fuddles but also is an animator for Disney. Congratulations, Sofia!

## 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).

## 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)