



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

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Principal's Message

Greetings, everyone! Hope you and your family have had a nice Winter Break and that your New Year is off to a good start!

As we prepare to resume school, there are a couple of things for me to mention.

First, I would like to express heartfelt thanks to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and to the other firefighting agencies who helped quickly put out a vegetation fire just south of Los Alamos on December 16. On that day I heard from both school parents and Los Alamos community members who expressed concerns about the fire and its proximity to our campus. Thankfully, our region is blessed with the best firefighters around!

Second, we are excited to start our basketball season in mid-January. Mr. Cole is coaching our boys and Mr. Rojo our girls, and both teams have been working hard to get ready for the season. We do not yet have a league schedule, but we will be sure to include the schedule in this newsletter so everyone knows what it is.

Have a great week, everyone!

Joe Dana, Principal



Spartan Pride



Congratulations to all of the students honored with Spartan Pride awards at our student recognition assembly December 15! Those honored included Ashton Andreadakis, Sapphire Callis, Morgan Carlson, Ashley Cervantes, Sujeili Cervantes, Annie Guerrero, Isa Hastings, Alexandria Herrera, Wyatt Jenkins, Xochitl Rubalcava, Diego Santos, and Kayleigh Serafin. Well done, everyone!

Weekly Planner

Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken & Rice Burritos

Students will be attending **assemblies on school rules and policies** this morning. It will be good to revisit our expectations as we begin the "2018" part of the school year.

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Chicken Taco 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: All-American Hamburger

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: Meatball Sub

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.

Proud Band



Members of the combined OAK-8/Olga Reed Band are all smiles following a brief concert on December 14. Our music teacher, Ms. McGarrity, has done a terrific job with the kids!

Coming Up

Monday, January 15: We have no school today, as it is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Wednesday, January 17: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18: Grades 3-6 will attend an assembly featuring local author Farah Shaw (author of the Sherlock Academy series of children's books) this morning. Students will have the opportunity to order books by Shaw and have her deliver and sign them on Friday, January 19.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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)