



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

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Principal's Message

Happy December, everyone. I'm sure you will agree -- it is amazing how quickly the school year rockets by.

This weekend, I would like to let everyone know that one of the members of our school family, first grader Jill Mott, recently was diagnosed with leukemia. We all can be very hopeful for Jill, as she is getting the best care and has incredible parents, family, and friends. That being said, it will help Jill and her family to have support from all of us at OAK-8. Some fund-raisers are being organized that will help with family expenses during this challenging time. Also, we are asking OAK-8 students and staff to wear orange, the color of leukemia, on Wednesdays as a gesture of support for Jill.

We'll keep everyone posted on what is being done for Jill ... in the meantime, let's all be rooting for this beautiful girl and sending our most positive thoughts her way.



Have a great week.

Joe Dana, Principal

DARE Graduation



Congratulations to all of the sixth graders from both schools who graduated from the DARE Program this past Thursday! DARE teaches students about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; it provides a model for making decisions when confronted with peer or societal pressure to make bad choices; and it gives students self-worth. A big THANK YOU to our DARE officer, County Sheriff's Deputy Leslie Avila, for once again doing a great job with our kids! Meantime, congratulations to Sebastian Callis (shown at left), who won the DARE Essay Award; Maritza Flores, DARE Citizen Award; Aiden Orozco, DARE Conscientious Attention Award!

Weekly Planner

Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tamales with Salsa

All unsold **SOS (Support Our Schools) Car Raffle tickets** for the SOAAR Foundation are due today. We need to return all unsold tickets -- thanks for the help!

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.

Thursday

Hot lunch: Meatball Sub or Gourmet Salad

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.

Mrs. Lovell's and Mrs. Carricaburu's classes will attend a PCPA performance of **Freaky Friday** today. OAK-8 student Isaiah Westbay has a role in the play, and the classes are excited to see him. Thanks to the Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation for providing some funding to help defray the expense of seeing the play!

Friday

Hot lunch: All-American Hamburger 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.

The OAK-8 PTSA is holding a fund-raiser at **Menchie's Frozen Yogurt** in Santa Maria today from 12:00 p.m. to midnight. Menchie's is located in the Crossroads Shopping Center at 2202 South Bradley Road. The OAK-8 PTSA will receive a portion of the proceeds from all desserts ordered during this time.

Autumn Fun



You can't help but smile to see some of our students having some fun with fallen leaves this past week. Good times!

Coming Up

Monday, December 11, through Thursday, December 14: The PTSA Holiday Store will be open in Room 20 on these four days.

Wednesday, December 13: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 15: We have a student awards assembly this morning.

Friday, December 15: The OAK-8 PTSA runs an Incentive Store for students today.

Monday, December 18, through Friday, January 5: We have no school these three weeks, as this is our Winter Break. School resumes on Monday, January 8, 2018.

School News

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)