



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

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### Principal's Message

As we embark on a three-day weekend, I have just a few items to mention:

- At this past week's Orcutt Academy Enrollment Lottery, we had an all-time high number of applicants for OAK-8. We received 238 applications -- which in my mind provides tremendous validation for our school and what we are doing here. Amazing!
- Special thanks to Allan Hancock College for hosting Ms. Carricaburu's class at a "Bulldog Bound" event on Friday. The students learned about college and got to experience a bit of what happens in a selection of Hancock classes. What a terrific way to expose students to college!
- Continuing kudos to our basketball coaches, Mr. Cole and Mr. Rojo, and their basketball players for the teamwork and good sportsmanship they consistently display during basketball games. We all can be proud of the way our basketball teams show Spartan Pride!



Have a great three-day weekend, and a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal

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## SIPPS Smiles



Mrs. Cole and four of her students are all smiles during a SIPPS phonics lesson this past week. SIPPS -- short for Systematic Instruction in Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words -- gives kindergartners instruction that provides a foundation for reading.

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## About Valentine's Day ...

Valentine's Day is coming up on Wednesday, February 14. It's a fun day, and we certainly encourage students to bring Valentine's Day cards with positive messages for classmates (so long as cards are brought for everyone and no one is excluded).

That said, in keeping with the new federal guidelines on child nutrition, we are requesting that students not bring candy, cupcakes, or other sweet treats for Valentine's Day. Let's make Valentine's Day about love and harmony, not candy!

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## Weekly Planner

### Monday

We have **no school** today. It is the Lincoln's Birthday 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.

Today is **Valentine's Day**. Please see red box above for guidelines for students. Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

### Thursday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tenders and Macaroni & Cheese

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.

Local author **Farah Shaw** (writer of the Sherlock Academy series of children's books) will present to grades 3-6 from both schools this morning. Students also will have the opportunity to purchase a book from Shaw and have it signed by the author.

### Friday

Hot lunch: Orange Chicken & Rice 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.

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## Coming Up

**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.

**Saturday, February 24:** The Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation (OCAF) Gala takes place tonight at the Santa Maria Country Club. The Gala is a dinner/dance with both silent and live auctions, and it is the biggest fund-raiser for OCAF. Admission is \$100 per person. To purchase tickets, or for more information, please go to [www.orcuttarts.com](http://www.orcuttarts.com) and click on "Gala 2018."

**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).

**Tuesday, March 6:** Our basketball teams visit Blochman this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

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

**Thursday, March 8:** Our basketball teams play Olga Reed tonight at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys). Olga Reed plays host.

**Friday, March 9:** Our basketball teams host St. Mary's this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

**Wednesday, March 14:** Thursday, March 15; and Friday, March 16: To accommodate parent-teacher conferences, these three days are minimum days, with dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 14:** Thursday, March 15; and Friday, March 16: Students in grades 5 and 7 have state fitness testing on these days.

**Friday, March 16:** Second Trimester report cards for grades TK-6 go home today.

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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)