



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

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Principal's Message

A few items as we head into another busy week:

- **Parent-teacher conferences** are coming up March 14, 15, and 16. This is the time of year when conferences are done only at teacher or parent request. So ... if you would like to conference with your child's teacher, please let her know.
- So everyone knows, we are planning a **parent education night** for the evening of Tuesday, March 20. The topic will be social media, which is especially pertinent to parents of intermediate- and junior high-age students and older. The night will begin at 6:00 and will include pizza and beverages for attendees. Please save the date -- more details will be coming.
- Continuing thanks to our garden educator, **Christina Fenske**, for doing a terrific job with our students. I learn something from Mrs. Fenske every time I visit the garden -- and I imagine our students are learning more. Thank you, Mrs. Fenske!



Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal

Spartan Pride



Congratulations to all of the students honored with Spartan Pride awards at our assembly on Friday! Those recognized included Jensen Ayala, Luke Buentiempo, Kaitlyn Calleja, Makenna Cardenas, Kathryn Cardona, Kristie Chen, Sebastian Cruz, Luis De La Rocha, Starr Funkhouser, Trevor Glynn, Logan Landress, Ethan Maestas, Zack McCurdy, Jackson Osmonson, Saul Paz, Chelsea Rojo, Cara Mia Shalhoob, and Zane Waffle. Well done, everyone!

Weekly Planner

Monday

Hot lunch: Tamales with Salsa

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.

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Mexican Food Bar/Pozole

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.

The **Nipomo High School Dance Company** will be putting on a dance performance this morning for grades 4-8.

Thursday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tenders and 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: Cheese Quesadilla and Fresh Salsa

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.

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

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

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

Coming Up

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, through Friday, March 16: The Olga Reed PTSA is organizing a Scholastic Book Fair in the library on these three days. Students and families from both schools are invited to purchase books from 12:30-4:00 p.m. each day.

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.

Monday, March 19: We have no school for students today. It is a district staff development day.

Monday, March 19; Tuesday, March 20; and Thursday, March 22: The OAK-8 girls' basketball team will be playing in a postseason league tournament at Valley Christian Academy on these days.

Tuesday, March 20: Mrs. Cole's and Mrs. Wilson's classes will be taking a field trip to the Santa Barbara Zoo today.

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

Friday March 23: We have a student awards assembly this morning.

Monday, March 26: We have a P.E./Dance performance by OAK-8 students directed by P.E. teacher Tracy Levey this evening. The performance will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Monday, March 26; Tuesday, March 27; and Thursday, March 29: The OAK-8 boys' basketball team will be playing in a postseason league tournament at Valley Christian Academy on these days.

Tuesday, March 27: Spring Pictures are today.

Wednesday, March 28: The PTSA Jog-A-Thon takes place this morning.

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

Thursday, March 29: Today marks the end of the Third Quarter for grades 7 and 8. Third Quarter report cards will go home on Friday, April 13.

Friday, March 30, through Friday, April 6: We have no school during this time. This is our Spring Break. School resumes on Monday, April 9.

School News

Special thanks to OAK-8 parent **Melanie Waffle** for helping create new signs (one is shown at right) for our school garden! Mrs. Waffle owns Next Day Signs of Santa Maria. We appreciate you, Mrs. Waffle!

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.

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)