



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

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Principal's Message

This is the busiest time of the school year, and it is no surprise that I have several items this weekend:

First, we are continuing to promote a **parent education night** we are hosting on Tuesday, March 20. Entitled "Introduction to Parenting Kids on Social Media," the night will provide parents with helpful information on social media and how to parent kids who are online. The whole family is invited to this event. We will serve pizza for dinner, and after dinner the kids can play (we will have playground supervision) while parents participate in the presentation. For more information, please see the flyer below. We will send home a flyer with RSVP this coming week so we know how many of you are coming. Note no school on Monday, 3/19



We are asking OAK-8 parents to fill out a parent survey on budget priorities that will be provide input for the Orcutt Academy's **Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**. The survey takes only a few minutes, and you can access it [here](#). Thanks in advance for your time -- we value your feedback!

Three OAK-8 students are working very hard as members of the cast of the latest Orcutt Union School District theatrical production, **The King and I**. We all can be proud of Alina Fanshier, Cozette Hamer, and Isaiah Poe -- it will be great to see them in this play! **The King and I** will be staged at Lakeview Junior High School on Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, March 24, at noon (understudy performance) and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$25 for the first two rows, and can be purchased at the door.

I want to remind you that we have **no school for students on Monday, March 19**. It is a district staff development day. Please put this on the calendar -- most parents aren't expecting the day off.

Finally, we would like to express our sadness about the recent passing of **June Kiger**. June and her husband Irvin have been proprietors of Klondike Pizza for over 20 years, and our school has run numerous "Klondike Night" fund-raisers there. June was friendly, funny, and helpful, and she always spoke highly of our school. She will be missed ... and we certainly send our condolences to Irvin, the Kiger Family, and everyone at Klondike.

Joe Dana, Principal

Friends of Our Library



We are so grateful to our friends at Pacific Christian School in Santa Maria. Under the leadership of Pacific Christian librarian Jeanna Kufferath, the school chose Los Alamos as the beneficiary for a book drive by its students. The end result was a donation of a whopping 560 books, which were presented to our library in a ceremony attended by students from both schools this past Monday. Thank you, Pacific Christian friends!



Parent Education Night

Introduction to Parenting Kids on Social Media



... & more!

Talking with your kids about social media use and how to be good digital citizens is a crucial part of parenting.

Learn about digital footprints on social media and rules for parenting kids online. Discover how to set boundaries and begin to create a family plan and/or contract for your kids on social media. Gain exposure to platforms, learn ways to talk to your kids about expectations for social media use, and connect with other parents for support.

All in ONE CLASS?! You bet!

Tuesday, March 20, 6:00-8:00pm

Olga Reed School Cafeteria

(Childcare will be provided for school age children.)



Where Social Media
& Knowledge Connect

Instructor: Eileen Calandro of Calandro Consulting

Eileen taught first grade for four years, stayed at home with her three sons for ten years, then worked in social media for a leading international social media marketing agency for over six years. She brings her knowledge of social media and passion for teaching to this class to help parents create an important dialogue for their families.

Weekly Planner

Monday

Hot lunch: Taquitos and Fresh Salsa

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Pozole with Chips

To accommodate parent-teacher conferences, today, Thursday, and Friday are **minimum days**, with dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Students will be able to participate in a districtwide **Day of Safety and Kindness** this morning. Students can choose from 17 Acts of Kindness to accomplish today.

The Olga Reed PTSA is organizing a **Scholastic Book Fair** in the library today, Thursday, and Friday. Students and families from both schools are invited to purchase books from 12:30-4:00 p.m. each day.

Students in grades 5 and 7 have **state fitness testing** today, Thursday, and Friday..

Students and staff are **wearing orange**, the color of leukemia, on Wednesdays to show support for OAK-8 student Jill Mott.

Thursday

Hot lunch: Meatball Subs

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: Macaroni & Cheese

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 Trimester report cards for grades TK-6 go home today.

Cross-Campus Competition



The cross-campus competition between OAK-8 and Olga Reed resumed this past Thursday night with a pair of well played basketball games. Both teams exhibit good teamwork and good sportsmanship, and we can be proud of the way our schools conduct themselves on the basketball court!



Coming Up

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

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.

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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)