



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

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Principal's Message

It's been a busy week, and time is flying by so quickly that we can't believe it is *March* already! Anyway, I have a couple of items to mention this weekend:



As you may know, California requires school districts and charter schools to develop their own **Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**. The plan aligns a school district or charter school's mission and educational goals with the financial resources it receives. School districts and charter schools are asked to seek input from stakeholders for their plan. Accordingly, we at the Orcutt Academy once again are inviting you, as members of our school community, to give input on your own priorities for educating children at the Orcutt Academy. We have done a similar survey in each of the past four years, and we will be comparing your feedback this year to what our stakeholders told us then. The survey takes only a few minutes, and you can access it [here](#). Thanks in advance for your time!

Second, we are excited 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.

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal

School Advisory Council



OAK-8 parent Kenneth Cardona and OAK-8 teacher Mrs. Clayton collaborate on a task during a meeting of the Orcutt Academy School Advisory Council this past Tuesday night. The Council was reviewing the Orcutt Academy Charter document in association with charter renewal. Mr. Cardona serves as council chair.

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.)



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: Tamales with Salsa

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

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

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Mexican Food Bar/Nachos

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.

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

Friday

Hot lunch: Bean & Cheese Burrito

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.

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

Coming Up

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

On Friday **PCPA Outreach** came to our campus and presented a wonderful play, *The Purple Marble*, to grades 1-8 (see photo at right). The play's anti-bullying theme was well received by students. Special thanks to the Olga Reed PTSA, which provided funding for the play!



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)