



OAK-8 Update

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

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Principal's Message

This past Monday's "Hedgehogs and Haircuts" event in support of OAK-8 student Jill Mott already has become one of my most heartwarming memories of this school. As the photo at right shows, I was among those who got a head shave or haircut in honor of Jill (although I didn't have much hair to lose). It was incredibly touching to see so much "Jill Squad" spirit. Well done, everyone!

Meantime, I have a couple of items on a windy weekend:

First, we would like to invite and encourage all OAK-8 families to come to our PTSA's **Family Trivia Night** this coming Friday (April 27). Games will run from 6:00 to 7:30 in the gym, with prizes available for the winning teams. A brief PTSA general membership meeting will be held after the first game. Please come -- our emcee, Mrs. Fenske, has some great trivia questions for all ages, and a good time will be had by all!

Second, I would like to once again ask for your help with the **latest survey** for our Orcutt Academy Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). This survey is on parent engagement, and we will appreciate a few minutes of your time to provide input. The link to the survey is [here](#).

Have a great week!



Joe Dana, Principal

Outdoor School



Sixth graders from OAK-8 have had a sensational time at Outdoor School this past week. Set at Rancho El Chorro near San Luis Obispo, the camp included hikes, hands-on science lessons, and a visit to the tidepools. Special thanks to Ms. Carricaburu for sending along these photos!



Weekly Planner

Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken & Rice Burrito

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Mexican Food Bar/Nachos

We have a **student awards assembly** this morning. Due to conflicts with other programs, we will be having awards assemblies on Wednesdays for the remainder of the year.

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: Sweet & Sour Chicken with Brown Rice

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: Tomato Soup & Cheese Sandwich

Today and every Friday students and staff are invited to **wear school colors** -- navy blue and silver -- to school to show Spartan spirit!

The OAK-8 PTSA is planning a **Family Trivia Night** and **general membership PTSA meeting** this evening. For more information, please see "Principal's Message" above.

Coming Up

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

Friday, May 4: The Righetti High School Marimba Band & Ballet Folklorico will perform for students courtesy of the Olga Reed PTSA this morning.

Monday, May 7: State SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) testing for grades 3-8 begins today. Testing will continue until the Memorial Day weekend.

Wednesday, May 9: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9: Today is the California Day of the Teacher.

Thursday, May 10: Mrs. Clayton's class will take a field trip to the Wildling Museum in Solvang today.

Friday, May 11: A Springtime Talent Show by OAK-8 students will take place at 6:00 tonight under the direction of our music teacher, Susan McGarity. The performance will be in the gym.

Saturday, May 12: A benefit barbecue for the family of OAK-8 student Jill Mott will be held today at Orcutt Burger. For \$10 on presale only, one will receive a tri-tip sandwich, chips, and beverage. Please see Mrs. Wilson for tickets.

Tuesday, May 15: The North County Math Super Bowl is today.

Wednesday, May 16: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 18: Our track team, which consists of students in grades 6-8 from both OAK-8 and Olga Reed, will participate in the All-Valley Track Meet at Santa Ynez High School today.

School News

Reminder for parents: When your child misses a day of school, you have three days to clear his/her absence. After that, the absence will be entered as "unexcused" and truant. To clear absences, please phone Reyes in our office at 960-1000.

The Orcutt Union School District has rolled out its **calendars for the next two school years**. This will help all of us to plan our lives ... to access the calendars, click [here](#).

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)