



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

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Principal's Message

We can be proud of Mrs. Wilson's class, which won two honors for educational videos at Thursday night's district **EMI (Educational Media Innovation) Awards**. Mrs. Wilson has worked to empower her students to create and edit iMovies using iPads, and in the past couple of years some of her students have become downright masterful at multimedia presentations. The students have done most of the work, but Mrs. Wilson deserves lots of credit for harnessing their creativity. Impressive!



Meantime, I would like to make one last request 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

EMI Awards



Congratulations to Mrs. Wilson's class, which came away from the Orcutt Union School District's EMI (Educational Media Innovation) Awards Thursday with two trophies! The class (shown above) won an award in the Mathematics category for a video called "There's More Than One Way to Skin a Cat," which showed how math problems can be solved in multiple ways. The class also won an award in the "Social Studies - Primary" category for a poignant video saluting the contributions of America's veterans. Meantime, a highlight at the EMI Awards was that first grader Jill Mott (shown at right with Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Dana) was able to join her class for the event!



Weekly Planner

Monday

Hot lunch: Pancakes and Sausages

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

The **Orcutt Academy School Advisory Council** meets at 5:00 this afternoon in the Orcutt Academy High School staff room.

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: 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: Orange Chicken and Brown Rice

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

The **Righetti High School Marimba Band & Ballet Folklorico** will perform for students courtesy of the Olga Reed PTSA this morning.

Spartan Pride



Congratulations to all the students who received Spartan Pride awards at our student recognition assembly on Wednesday! Those honored included (above) Frank Azevedo, Jasmine Azevedo, Jonathan Diego, Alina Fanshier, Gabriel Fenske, Maritza Flores, Caleb Gasper, Colson Graef, Lily Hamer, Siena Hernandez, Jack Krebs, Jill Mott, Lauren Picek, Nisa Rogers, and Jackson Westbay. In addition, some of Mrs. Clayton's students took time to recognize our office manager, Reyes, on the occasion of National Administrative Professionals' Day!



Coming Up

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.

Week of May 21: This is Classified Employees Appreciation Week.

Monday, May 21: Alyssa Antoci, author of the book The Purple Marble, will speak to students in grades 3-6 this afternoon in the gym.

Wednesday, May 23: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 26: OAK-8 eighth graders will have an end-of-year outing today. The outing will include an orientation at Orcutt Academy High School.

Monday, May 28: We have no school today, as it is the Memorial Day holiday.

Tuesday, May 29: OAK-8 will have its annual Open House Night tonight. A PTSA meeting and school update in the cafeteria at 6:00 will be followed by classroom visitations from 6:30-7:30.

Wednesday, May 30: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30: We have a student awards assembly this morning.

School News

Congratulations to the OAK-8 grades 7 and 8 Battle of the Books team! Our squad (shown at right) finished third in a Battle of the Books event for local junior high schools last week. Well done, Spartan Readers!

Students in grades 3-8 will be participating in **state testing** during the weeks of May 7, 14, and 21. Testing will take place in the morning, and students will take two tests in English/language arts and two tests in mathematics. Because we know that students do their best when they can take their tests with the rest of the class, we very much want to make

sure that all students in grades 3-8 are present during testing. To this end, we ask that parents work to avoid any appointments or events that would take your child out of school during this time. Thank you in advance!

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)