



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

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Principal's Message

Hope everyone had a nice Spring Break! As a positive note to start this newsletter, I'm sharing the photo at right of OAK-8 student Zane Waffle, who shaved his head last week as a tribute to fellow student Jill Mott, who is going through treatments for cancer. We are inspired by your gesture, Zane!

Meantime, I have a couple of important items to mention this week.

On Monday at 7:00 p.m., OAK-8 parent Hannah Rubalcava is presenting an **Arts Attack Information Night** for parents interested in helping implement the visual arts lessons at our school. Mrs. Rubalcava will share more about Arts



Attend and show parents how they can help with classroom lessons. The meeting will be at the Orcutt Union School District Instructional Media Center, which is Building H on the district office complex at 500 Dyer Street in Old Orcutt. No RSVP is required -- just come on by to learn more.

This coming Friday night (April 13) is a big evening for both schools in Los Alamos. To raise funds for the purchase and installation of a water filtration system for student use, Olga Reed's Parents in Action group has planned a delicious **Mexican dinner** that will be available from 4:00-8:00. Burritos, tacos, nachos and more will be sold. Meantime, the OAK-8 PTSA will be offering a free **Family Movie Night** from 6:00-8:00 in the gym. The bottom line about Friday night is that you have the opportunity to enjoy dinner and a movie -- all for a most worthwhile cause!

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal

Dance Performance





Students in grades TK-6 put on a terrific dance performance for parents and family members last Monday night. P.E. teacher Tracy Levey, who has been infusing dance into P.E. instruction, did a wonderful job organizing the event. The best part was when parents and students danced together in the finale!



Colorful Jog-A-Thon



Students gave their all during our school's annual Jog-A-Thon last Wednesday morning. The Jog-A-Thon is a PTSA fund-raiser, and students are asked to get pledges for our PTSA. In addition, the Jog-A-Thon raises school spirit, as students, parents, and staff cheer for and encourage each other. Special thanks to PTSA Jog-A-Thon Chair Jewelee Matautia and to all of the parents who helped with the event!





Weekly Planner

Monday

Hot lunch: Tamales with Salsa

School resumes today following Spring Break.

OAK-8 parent Hannah Rubalcava is hosting an **Arts Attack parent information meeting** this evening at 7:00 at the Orcutt Union School District Instructional Media Center at 500 Dyer Street in Old Orcutt. All parents interested in supporting the Arts Attack visual arts curriculum are invited -- information about the program will be shared.

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Orange Chicken with Brown Rice

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.

Mrs. Lovell's class will be taking a field trip to **Mission La Purisima** today.

Friday

Hot lunch: Macaroni & Cheese with Chicken Tenders

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

Third Quarter report cards for grades 7 and 8 go home today.

The Olga Reed Parents in Action group is planning a **Mexican dinner fund-raiser** this evening from 4:00-8:00. Proceeds will go toward a new water filtration system for our campus that will be available to students from both schools. Meantime, the OAK-8 PTSA will run a free **Family Movie Night** in the gym. For more information, please see "Principal's Message" above.

Battle of the Books



Congratulations to all the OAK-8 and Olga Reed students who combined for one team in the Orcutt Union School District Battle of the Books last week! OAK-8 students participating were Kristie Chen, Sebastian Cruz, Ximena Flores, Peyton Miya, Nalani Nattell, Kareena Patel, Ashley Roepke, Nisa Rogers, Sofia Rubalcava, Mia Shalhoob, and Elise Youngquist. Olga

Reed students participating were Kaden Carr, Aide Garcia, James McNamara, and Daniel Valdez. Special thanks to Mrs. Carrier and Mrs. Lovell for organizing the team. Good going, everyone!!!

Flag Essay Winner



We all can be proud of Peyton Miya, who won the Orcutt Lions Club's annual fifth-grade essay contest on the topic of "What the American Flag Means to Me." Above, Peyton is shown with (from left) her mother, Sheri Hughes of the Lions, and Ms. Carricaburu.

Coming Up

Tuesday, April 17, through Friday, April 20: Sixth graders from OAK-8 will be attending Outdoor School at Rancho El Chorro during this time period.

Wednesday, April 18: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25: 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.

Wednesday, April 25: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, April 27: The OAK-8 PTSA is planning a Family Trivia Night and general membership PTSA meeting this evening. Details will be coming ...

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.

Garden Art



Our school garden is looking beautiful, thanks to the addition of rock art painted by OAK-8 students under the direction of our garden educator, Mrs. Fenske. The rocks are being used to line plant and flower beds.



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School News

Congratulations to OAK-8 eighth grader **Grace Howard** (shown in picture above, third from right in front row) for receiving a special award for citizenship from the Altrusa Club of Santa Maria. We are proud of you, Grace!

We couldn't be more proud of our **boys' basketball team**, which finished third in a postseason league tournament last week. Special thanks to Mr. Cole, who did an amazing job of coaching our boys!

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)