

OAK-8 Update



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

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Principal's Message

We sent out a text earlier this week, but I want to make sure everyone knows that due to schedule conflicts we have changed the date of our **Open House Night** to Thursday, May 31. Please make note of this.

Meanwhile, this is **Classified Employees Appreciation Week!** Here's thanking our office manager, custodians, instructional assistants, cooks, community liaison, bus drivers, maintenance workers, grounds crew, childcare staff, technology staff, and all of the other Classified Employees who help and support our students and school. There's no other way to say it -- we LOVE, LOVE, LOVE our Classified Employees!!!

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal



North County Math Super Bowl



Our team of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders had a wonderful time at the North County Math Super Bowl this past Tuesday morning. Congratulations to our fourth graders (shown at right), who finished second in the build challenge -- pretty impressive considering there were over 25 schools participating! Special thanks to Ms. Carricaburu for coaching our young mathematicians!



State **SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) testing** for grades 3-8 continues this week. Testing will continue until the Memorial Day weekend.

Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken, Rice, and Cheese Burritos

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

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Mexican Food Bar/Tacos

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 and 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: Pancakes & Sausages

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

OAK-8 eighth graders will have an **end-of-year outing** today. The outing will include an orientation at Orcutt Academy High School.

Showcase of Innovation





Kudos to Mrs. Cole and her students Maisy and Jackson whom she took to the Orcutt Union School District's Showcase of Innovation this past Wednesday afternoon! The students impressed attendees with their knowledge of how to use numerous applications on their iPads. The event is held each year as a culminating activity for the district's iPad Academy. Well done, everyone!

Junior High Track Meet



A track team consisting of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from both schools took part in the annual All-Valley Track Meet at Santa Ynez High School on Friday. We have no results as of this writing but hope to report results in a future newsletter. Special thanks to Mrs. Clayton (shown below right), who helped coach the team on Friday!



Coming Up

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

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.

Thursday, May 31: 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. (This event previously had been scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, but was moved due to schedule conflicts.)

Friday, June 1: Today is the last day for garden instruction for the school year.

Monday, June 4: OAK-8 will host a Springtime Musical and Talent Show at 6:00 this evening in the gym.

Tuesday, June 5: Today is a Statewide Election, and our gym will be used for voting all day.

Wednesday, June 6: Today is a teacher collaboration day, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6: We have a school Field Day today.

Wednesday, June 6: We have a school Wax Museum this afternoon in the gym.

Thursday, June 7: Our PTSA will hold a bake sale fund-raiser at the AIDS Life Cycle Ride rest stop in Casmalia this morning.

Friday, June 8: Eighth graders have Community Interviews today.

Friday, June 8: Our annual Graduation Dance takes place tonight in the gym.

Monday, June 11: The PTSA will hold an Incentive Store today.

Monday, June 11: Our Eighth Grade Graduation will take place this afternoon at 5:00 in the gym.

Tuesday, June 12: We have a schoolwide day at Los Alamos County Park today.

Wednesday, June 13: Today is our Last Day of School. It is a minimum day, with dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13: Third Trimester report cards for grades TK-6 and Fourth Quarter report cards for grades 7 and 8 go home today.

School News

Help wanted! We are in need of **noon duty supervisors** for the 2018-2019 school year. Employees in this position supervise students at lunchtime in the cafeteria and at lunch recess on the playground. It is an enjoyable job and provides plenty of interaction with our awesome students! For more information on being a noon duty supervisor, please contact Mr. Dana at jdana@orcutt-schools.net or 960-1000.

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)