



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

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Principal's Message

A couple of items as we head out for a three-day Memorial Day Weekend:

First, I would like to issue an invitation to all OAK-8 families to attend our annual **Open House Night** this coming Thursday. The evening will begin with a PTSA general membership meeting at 6:00 in the gym and continue with classroom visitations from 6:30-7:30. As a special treat, our makerspace area in the library and our school garden also will be open. Please come to Open House Night -- it is a wonderful way to celebrate the accomplishments of the school year!

Second, I am wondering if anyone in our school community might have a used recent-model **refrigerator** to donate to OAK-8. Our staff room refrigerator died this past week. If you have a refrigerator to contribute to our school, please let either Reyes or me know at 960-1000.

Enjoy the weekend ... but also take time to remember those who have given their lives for our country.

Joe Dana, Principal



Town Tour



Mrs. Lovell's class walked into the town of Los Alamos on Friday to see the Union Hotel as part of its unit on the Westward Movement and Gold Rush. En route to the hotel, the class stopped by a lifesize replica of a stagecoach to talk about it. The owner came out and invited the students to see it firsthand. It was an awesome opportunity to "climb inside" history!





Weekly Planner

Monday

We have **no school** today, as it is the Memorial Day holiday.

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Chili with Tortilla Chips

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.

We have a **student awards assembly** this morning.

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.

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.

Friday

Hot lunch: Teriyaki Chicken with 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!

Today is the **last day for garden instruction** for the school year.

Students as Tech Teachers



During a campus tour on Thursday morning, Santa Barbara County Supervisor Joan Hartmann (left) and her assistant Elizabeth Farnum (second from right) got to learn about technology from OAK-8 second graders Morgan, Charlotte, and Kian. The students showed their guests how iPad applications enhanced animal reports the students had written. Supervisor Hartmann and Ms. Farnum were very impressed!

Coming Up

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.

Thursday, June 7: Mrs. Cole's class will put on a performance at 6:00 this evening in the gym.

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.

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)