



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

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Principal's Message

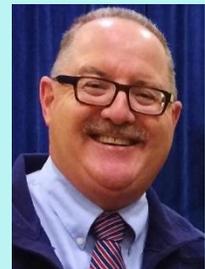
A couple of very important items on the first weekend of May:

First, **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing** for grades 3-8 will begin this week and continue over the next few weeks leading up to Memorial Day Weekend. Students will be taking two tests in English/language arts and two tests in math. The tests are given online, they are quite rigorous, and they demand critical thinking and good explanations from our students. Please do what you can do make sure your students are energized for testing - a good night's sleep and a solid breakfast will help tremendously. Meanwhile, more than anything else, I ask that you send your children to school with an "I'm going to do my BEST!" attitude. Testing can be a grind, but if our students come to school with a mindset of tenacity and toughness, they will be in the best position to show what they know.

Second, this coming Wednesday is the official **Day of the Teacher** in California, and on behalf of our students and families I would like to express humble gratitude to the dedicated teachers of OAK-8. We are blessed with five terrific classroom teachers -- Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Lovell, Ms. Carricaburu, and Mrs. Clayton - and a cadre of other amazing teachers -- Mrs. Levey, Ms. McGarity, Ms. Hart, Mrs. Carmichael, Ms. Perales, Mrs. Matautia, Mrs. Yamaichi, and Mrs. Fenske - who work with our students. Without exception, our teachers give their ALL for their students and our school. Here's thanking them for all they do.

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal



Cinco de Mayo Show



Members of the Righetti High School Marimba Band & Ballet Folklorico put on a mesmerizing show for students from both schools on Friday morning. The Cinco de Mayo performance was culminated by a dance that involved many students. Here's thanking teacher Ricardo Gabaldon and his students for coming to Los Alamos to entertain our students!





Weekly Planner

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

Monday

Hot lunch: Pancakes & Sausages

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Pozole with Chips

Today is the **California Day of the Teacher**.

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. Clayton's class will take a field trip to the **Wildling Museum** in Solvang today.

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!

The Springtime Variety Show by OAK-8 students that was to have taken place tonight has been rescheduled for Monday, January 4.

Coming Up

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

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)