



OAK-8 Update

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

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Principal's Message

Can't think of a more uplifting way to start this week's newsletter than to share this photo of "The Voice" star Pryor Baird with our own Jill Mott. Without any fanfare, Pryor sent Jill some video messages during his recent campaign to win "The Voice. He is a wonderful singer and a great guy -- makes me proud that he is from Orcutt!

Meantime, I have some important items as we enter the school year's final stretch.

We have two performances this week. Monday night brings a Springtime Variety Show directed by music teacher Susan McGarity, and Thursday night brings two plays performed by Mrs. Cole's TK/K students. Come on down to see these performances!

Thursday morning brings our PTSA's annual fund-raiser at the AIDS Life Cycle Ride. This year's rest stop concession will be on our old campus in Casmalia, and we are in need of baked goods and other tasty treats. For more information, please see the flyer below. If you have questions, please text Kenneth Cardona at 598-1079.

Finally, I would like to let everyone know that three members of the OAK-8 teaching team will be departing after this school year. Ms. Carricaburu, who teaches our 5/6 combination, is leaving to pursue other opportunities. Ms. Hart, our full-time Resource Specialist, is retiring. And Mrs. Carmichael, our part-time Resource Specialist, is moving out of state. We have loved having Ms. Carricaburu, Ms. Hart, and Mrs. Carmichael at OAK-8, and we wish them the very, very best. As for replacements, we will have some news at the end of the school year.

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal



Town Tour



OAK-8 enjoyed a very successful Open House Night this past Thursday! The evening included exciting makerspace activities in the library (above), innovative applications of technology (right), amazing classroom displays (below), and a taste test of honey in the school garden (far below). Thanks to all of the families who came to Open House Night!







AIDS Life Cycle Ride



AIDS Lifecycle 2018

Orcutt Academy Fundraiser

**Thursday
June 7th**

It's that time again! Help us celebrate 10 years of providing awesome refreshment and homemade goodies as we take our Spartan hospitality to the rider's rest stop. We are asking for all you awesome families to share your amazing kindness and donate baked goods and homemade snacks for us to provide as a concession to these amazing people. This year's rest stop will be stationed at our very own Casmalia campus and we want to show our spirit by bringing the party to all participants.

Every year these riders look forward to your **TASTY TREATS**. Some of their favorites include the following:

Everything is welcome!



- *Sweet and savory snacks
- *Classic Chocolate Chip Cookies
- *Gluten/Sugar Free goods are welcome
- *Fresh Fruit and healthy snacks
- *Vegan and vegetarian snacks
- *Peanut Brittle
- *Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
- *Rice Crispy treats
- *Cupcakes and muffins
- *Breakfast goodies

Parent Volunteers will collect donations at both Los Alamos and Casmalia campuses, and the Kmart bus stop, starting Monday June 4th.

Please have all donations turned in to parent volunteers by 7pm on Wed June 6th.

Want to Help or Have Questions?

Text Kenny Cardona @ 598-1079



Monday

Hot lunch: BBQ Turkey Sandwich

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

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Today is a **Statewide Election**, and our gym will be used for voting all day.

Wednesday

Hot lunch: BBQ Pork Sandwich

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 school **Field Day** this morning.

We have a school **Wax Museum** at 1:00 this afternoon in the gym.

Thursday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tenders & Brown 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.

Our PTSA will hold a bake sale fund-raiser at the **AIDS Life Cycle Ride rest stop** in Casmalia this morning.

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

Friday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tenders & Oven Fries

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

Eighth graders have **Community Interviews** today.

Our annual **Graduation Dance** takes place tonight in the gym.

Spartan Pride



Congratulations to all of the students recognized in our awards assembly on Wednesday! Those honored included Noah Diaz, Alexandria Flores, Ximena Flores, Brayden Frankhauser, Bridget Gallas, Jackson Landine, Jose Joel Martinez, Nicholas Matautia, Shiloh Nattell, Manuel Paulino, Marilyn Serafin, Logan Southern, Jake Torres, Isaiah Westbay, and Annie Youngquist.

Coming Up

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.

The first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be **Thursday, August 16**. For the rest of the 2018-2019 school calendar, please click [here](#).

School News

Happy to report that lettuce from our **school garden** was included in our cafeteria salad bar this past week! Special thanks to district Director of Child Nutrition Bethany Markee and garden educator Christina Fenske for collaborating on this.

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.

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)