



DAK-8 Update

2018-2019 School Year, Edition 2 | Week of August 20, 2018

Principal's Message

I'm pleased to report that our first two days of school have gone smoothly. Students and staff have been happy to be back on campus, and everyone (including parents) seems relieved to get back into a regular routine.

We had School Rules/Expectations talks with students in grades 1-8 this morning, and I wanted to share a theme for the year that I outlined for the kids. The theme is "**Words Matter.**" What it means is that the words we say or write have a huge impact on those around us. I described how negative comments we say to others -- as examples, I mentioned insults known as "trash talk," comments about other people's ethnicity or gender, and threats -- can hurt people's feelings as much as physical harm hurts them. I challenged students to reflect on their own treatment of others especially with regard to what they say to them. And I asked all students to work to keep the words they speak while on campus positive, respectful, and nice.

If at all possible, I would appreciate your reinforcing this message with your children. Please ask them to be consistently POSITIVE in what they say to their peers. In the words of Mother Teresa, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal



NEW TEACHER'S FIRST DAY: Veronica Leach, back, poses for a First Day of School picture with her third/fourth grade combination class on Thursday. Mrs. Leach is an experienced teacher and wonderful person who is very excited to be teaching at OAK-8. We are equally excited to have her on our team!

The Week

Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tamales with Salsa

Tryouts for our campus **volleyball teams** (boys' and girls' teams) will take place after school from 3:15-4:30 p.m. in the gym today, Thursday, and Friday. Tryouts are open to students in grades 5-8. Mrs. Clayton will be coaching.

The OAK-8 PTSA kicks off its **membership drive** today. Dues are \$7.00 per member. Everyone associated with OAK-8 is encouraged to join!

Tuesday

Hot lunch: House Baked Calzone

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Chili with Tortilla Chips

Thursday

Hot lunch: French Toast & Sausages

Friday

Hot lunch: Hamburger & Tater Tots

Coming Up

Wednesday, August 29: OAK-8 has its Back to School Night tonight. Classroom sessions at 6:00 and 7:15 will wrap around a PTSA general membership meeting at 6:30 in the gym.

Friday, August 31: Our garden educator, Christina Fenske, will begin working with OAK-8 students today.

Monday, September 3: We have no school today. It is the Labor Day holiday.

Tuesday, September 4: We have no school for students today, as it is a district staff development day.

New Bus Schedule

Following is the OAK-8 bus schedule for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. 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

7:37 - Pine Grove School (front of school on Bradley Road)
8:00 - Lakeview Junior High School Gym (in front of gym doors)
8:05 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
8:30 - 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)
3:35 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
3:40 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

Afternoon (2:00 Dismissal - Wednesdays)

2:00 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)
2:35 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
2:40 - 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)
2:05 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
2:10 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)