



OAK-8 Update

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Principal's Message

As we head off to our one-week Thanksgiving Break, I wanted to mention how thankful I feel to be serving the students, families, and staff of the Orcutt Academy's K-8 campus. It truly is great to be at OAK-8, and I am honored to be here.

Meantime, I also would like to wish all of you the happiest of Thanksgivings. May all of you have the precious family time that we all desire at this time of yera. And may an attitude of gratitude carry the day in your home. As Oprah Winfrey says, "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

Take good care, everyone. Once again, Happy Thanksgiving.

Joe Dana, Principal



STUDENTS LEADING EDUCATION: ASB officers from OAK-8 and Olga Reed present to the two schools' teachers during a staff meeting this past Wednesday. As mentioned in a previous edition of this newsletter, the students recently participated in a Students Leading Education (SLED) institute during which they brainstormed solutions to problems and challenges faced by their schools. At the staff meeting, the students shared ideas for bringing OAK-8 and Olga Reed closer together, for preparing students better for high school, and for providing more field trips. Their presentation was extremely well received by the teachers! The next step is for the students to develop an action plan for their ideas.

The Week

Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken Burrito

The Orcutt Academy has an **information night** for prospective parents this evening at 6:00 at Orcutt Academy High School.

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Chicken Pozole

We have an **awards assembly** this morning.

The OAK-8 PTSA has a fundraiser at **Blaze Pizza** in Santa Maria this evening.

Thursday

Hot lunch: Bean & Cheese Burrito

Thursdays are "College Day" for our school. Students and staff are invited to wear college apparel to campus.

Friday

Hot lunch: Hot Dog with Oven Fries



SPECIAL THANKS: Orcutt Union School District trustees (from left) Rob Buchanan, Dr. Jim Peterson, and Bob Hatch pose with student art they were given this past Wednesday night at their final school board meeting. Mr. Buchanan, Dr. Peterson, and Mr. Hatch are stepping off the board after many years of service. They have been very supportive of our school and we thank them for all of their hard work and leadership over the years!

School News

The Orcutt Academy is **now accepting applications for enrollment** for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have children to enroll, please be sure to fill out an enrollment application for each child. And if you know people interested in OA, please encourage them to attend an information night/meeting, as they will receive valuable information on school programming as well as our lottery and admissions procedures. For a schedule of information nights/meetings as well as the online enrollment application, please click [here](#).

AK-8 families are asked to take note of an upcoming **AmazonSmile** promotion by which the OAK-8 PTSA will benefit if purchases on amazon.com are done through AmazonSmile. For more information, see the flyer below. Special thanks to OAK-8 parent Melanie Waffle for setting up this opportunity for our PTSA!

OAK-8 families are encouraged to become members of the **Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation**. Membership is just \$10 for individuals. Envelopes are available in the school office, and members also can sign up at the OCAF website [here](#).

Coming Up

Friday, December 7: First Trimester report cards for grades TK-6 go home today.

[Click here](#) to see the entire **school year calendar for OAK-8**.

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)
3:30 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
3:30 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

Afternoon (2:00 Dismissal - Wednesdays)

2:00 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)
2:30 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
2:30 - 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)
2:00 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)
2:00 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

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