



OAK-8 Update

2018-2019 School Year, Edition 13 | Week of November 5, 2018

Principal's Message

We have a strong crop of future leaders on our campus. This past week, ASB students from OAK-8 and neighboring Olga Reed participated in a three-day Students Leading Education (SLED) Institute hosted by our district for junior high school and high school students. During the institute, our students learned about leadership, collaboration, and marketing from a group of facilitators from the nationally known iSchool Initiative.

The most important part of the institute involved students, teachers, and administrators (including me) in a discussion of problems they collectively face on our school sites. After hearing about a range of issues, the students were challenged to select a problem to solve, then develop a solution and action plan for addressing the problem.

OAK-8 and Olga Reed students were divided into three groups, and each group took on a very worthwhile issue. One group discussed how to bring OAK-8 and Olga Reed students closer together, a second group generated a plan for preparing students better for high school, and a third group thought of ways to incorporate more field trips into the curriculum. These groups presented their ideas with eloquence and passion, and we all were quite impressed.

The next step is to have our students present to the staffs of OAK-8 and Olga Reed. These students are future leaders and problem solvers, and I look forward to working with them to make our campus a better place.

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal



STUDENTS LEADING

EDUCATION: ASB students from OAK-8 and Olga Reed are shown here making their culminating presentations to teachers and administrators at the district's Students Leading Education (SLED) Institute this past week. For more, please read "Principal's Message" above.





The Week

NWEA testing for grades 1-8 concludes this week. Students in these grades take a reading test and a mathematics test.

Monday

Hot lunch: French Toast & Sausages

The Orcutt Academy will be hosting an accreditation committee from the **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)** today, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This is an opportunity for OAK-8 to share with visitors the many strengths and accomplishments of our school.

Tuesday

Hot lunch: House Baked Pepperoni Calzone

Today is **Election Day**. We will host voting in the gym today.

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Mexican Beefy Nachos with Tortilla Chips

District **Health Screenings** are today. Students in grades K, 2, 5, and 8 will be screened for hearing and vision.

The district Culinary Arts Program has a special **Brick Oven Pizza Dinner fundraiser** this evening from 5:30-6:30 at Full of Life Flatbread in Los Alamos. Tickets are still available; for more information, please phone Reyes at 805-960-1000.

Thursday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tamales with Salsa

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

The **OAK-8 boys' basketball team** will hold tryouts today and Friday from 3:15-4:45 p.m. in the gym. Chris Cole will be our boys' basketball coach this season.

Friday

Hot lunch: Hamburger and Tater Tots

Our school's annual **Salute to Veterans assembly** will take place this morning at 9:00 in the gym. All veterans are invited; to RSVP, please phone Reyes at school at 805-960-1000.

Today marks the **end of the First Trimester for grades TK-6**. First Trimester report cards go home on Friday, December 7.

Saturday

The **OAK-8 Lego League robotics team** participates in a qualifying tournament today at Lakeview Junior High School. Go, team!



FIELD TRIP FOR YOUNG CHEFS: District Director of Child Nutrition Bethany Markee and Chef Clark Staub of Full of Life Flatbread field questions from students during a field trip by Markee's culinary class to Staub's restaurant this past Wednesday afternoon. Students got to learn how pizza is cooked in Staub's brick oven and then were able to try the pizza themselves. Full of Life Flatbread will host a dinner fundraiser for the class this coming Wednesday night. Special thanks to Chef Clark Staub for his support for our schools!

OAK-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](#).



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Oct 29 - Nov 2
will be the
largest bonus donation
promotion to date!

Help our school by going to
smile.amazon.com
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Orcutt Academy PTSA
before making your
amazon purchases!

Coming Up

Monday, November 12: We have no school today, as it is the Veteran's Day holiday.

Tuesday, November 13, and Wednesday, November 14: The OAK-8 girls' basketball team will have tryouts on these two afternoons: Monday from 3:15-4:45 and Tuesday from 2:15-3:45. Jewelee Matautia will be our girls' basketball coach this season.

Monday, November 19, through Friday, November 23: We have no school this week, as this is our Thanksgiving Break.

[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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