



OAK-8 Update

2018-2019 School Year, Edition 11 | Week of October 22, 2018

Principal's Message

Happy Weekend, everyone! Thanks to everyone who helped out at Friday night's Harvest festival. We had a nice turnout, the weather was beautiful, and everyone had fun. Good times!

This week, I would like to talk about something we have been doing for years at OAK-8. To make students more aware of college and to highlight the value of a college degree, every Thursday is **College Day**. On these days, students and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing college shirts, college sweatshirts, and/or other college apparel. Orcutt Academy High School does this each Thursday, and we have enjoyed being able to show a college-going spirit on Thursdays!

This year, we have some other activities planned to encourage college awareness. We soon will be posting in classroom windows mini-posters that show where the teacher graduated from college and what degrees she holds. We also intend to bring to school some current college students to talk to our kids about what it's like to go to college.

We are sure you will agree that the elementary and junior high school grades are not too soon for kids to start thinking about college and seeing themselves as future college students. College Days are part of our plan to do that.

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal



HARVEST FESTIVAL FUN: OAK-8 and Olga Reed families had lots of fun at our campus Harvest Festival on Friday night. Among the activities were carnival games, the Haunted Garden, a cake walk, a silent auction, and even a popcorn concession run by the OAK-8 basketball team. The Harvest Festival was a big success, and we thank the OAK-8 and Olga Reed PTSA's for their hard work!!!





The Week

This is **Red Ribbon Week** -- our annual occasion to encourage and celebrate the importance of a drug-free lifestyle. We will have some **spirit days** promoted by our ASBs. They are as follows:

- Monday - Pajama Day
- Tuesday - Twin Day
- Wednesday - Nerd Day
- Thursday - Sports Day
- Friday - Meme/Emoji Day

NWEA testing for grades 1-8 has begun and will continue this week. Students in these grades take a reading test and a mathematics test.

Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken Burrito

The **Orcutt Academy School Advisory Council** meets at 5:00 this afternoon in the Orcutt Academy High School staff lounge.

Tuesday

Hot lunch: House Baked Pepperoni Calzone

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Chicken Pozole

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

Thursday

Hot lunch: Bean & Cheese Burrito

Each Thursday at OAK-8 is "**College Day**." Students and staff are invited to show a college-going mindset by coming to school in college or university sportswear.

The OAK-8 PTSA has a fund-raiser at **Doc Bernstein's Ice Cream** in Santa Maria this evening from 6:00-9:00.

Friday

Hot lunch: Hot Dog with Oven Fries

Saturday

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

School News

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!

Huge thanks to **Mrs. Clayton** for all of her hard work coaching our campus volleyball teams! The season ended this past week, and everyone came away feeling our teams had given a terrific effort and had a great time. Good stuff!

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
and selecting
Orcutt Academy PTSA
before making your
amazon purchases!

Coming Up

Wednesday, October 31: We have our annual Halloween Parade this afternoon at 1:15 adjacent to Rooms 4-14. Students are invited to wear a costume (no masks, weapons, blood, and gore are allowed) and walk in the parade.

Thursday, November 1: We have no school for students today, as it is a district staff development day.

[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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