



DAK-8 Update

2018-2019 School Year, Edition 5 | Week of September 10, 2018

Principal's Message

This weekend, I want to highlight the importance of **strong school attendance** for our students. Simply put, every school day and every hour of instruction matters for your child ... and consequently we want to stress that your child be at school and on time for school as often as possible.

As you probably know, we have strong accountability for student attendance. The state has strict guidelines for what constitutes an excused absence, and we are required to track attendance and issue notices of truancy if children tally a combination of three or more unexcused absences and/or unexcused tardies of more than 30 minutes. We also issue letters for chronic absenteeism (which we define as being absent 10 percent or more of the time).

To be sure, we don't want your child to come to school if he/she is ill. That said, we respectfully ask that you do everything you can to make sure your child comes to school every day. Absences add up ... if your child misses just two days of school per month, that means he/she is missing a full 10 percent of the school year. Don't let this happen. Keep your child in school -- and learning -- to the fullest extent possible.

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

DAY: Above, OAK-8 teachers Mrs. Lovell, Mrs. Clayton, and Mrs. Leach team up with Olga Reed teacher Mr. Luis to solve a math problem at a district staff development day this past Tuesday. During the inservice Dr. Jo Boaler, a professor at Stanford University, detailed for teachers new approaches to math education. At right, Dr. Boaler does a "Number Talk" with assembled teachers.



The Week

Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken Tamales with Salsa

DARE for sixth graders begins today. DARE is provided by the County Sheriff's Department and is taught by Sheriff's Deputy Leslie Avila.

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Housed Baked Calzones

Our **volleyball teams** visit Orcutt Junior High School today at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Chili with Tortilla Chips

Thursday

Hot lunch: French Toast & Sausages

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.

Our **volleyball teams** visit Lakeview Junior High School today at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

Friday

Hot lunch: Hamburger & Tater Tots

School News

Reminder from the OUSD Child Nutrition Department: If your child qualified last year for free or reduced school lunch and breakfast, he/she automatically qualifies for that same meal plan until September 28. That said, please remember to fill out a new application every year. A letter will be sent to your address on file updating you of your new qualifications for this school year. Thank you!

Coming Up

Tuesday, September 18: Transitional Kindergarten and kindergarten students will receive fluoride varnish treatments courtesy of the County Education Office today. These treatments are intended to promote dental health and prevent cavities.

Tuesday, September 18: Our volleyball teams host St. Mary's School today at 5:30 p.m. (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

Wednesday, September 19: The OAK-8 PTSA has a Klondike Pizza Night fund-raiser this evening from 5:00-8:00.

Wednesday, September 19: Our volleyball teams visit Tommie Kunst Junior High School in Santa Maria today at 5:30 p.m. (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

Friday, September 21: The OAK-8 PTSA will be hosting a Family Movie Night in the gym tonight. Details are coming ...

[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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