



OAK-8 Update

2019-2020 School Year, Edition 12 | Week of October 28, 2019

Principal's Message

I am writing this in the hours prior to our big **Harvest Festival**. On behalf of the students and families from both OAK-8 and Olga Reed, I would like to express thanks to everyone -- too many to mention -- who has helped organize this big event. Our Harvest Festival is a time when parents, staff, community, and schools come together for an amazing TEAM effort. Our kids are looking forward to it ... and we will have photos to share in the next newsletter.

Meanwhile, I also would like to invite any veterans associated with OAK-8 to our annual **Salute to Veterans assembly** on Thursday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Parents, grandparents, family members, neighbors, community members -- any veteran with a connection to our school is invited to be honored at this assembly. To RSVP, please email me at jdana@orcutt-schools.net.

Have a great week, everyone!

Joe Dana, Principal



STUDENT LEADERS: A group of seventh and eighth graders from OAK-8 and Olga Reed presented their ideas and plans for campus improvements at a staff meeting for the two schools this past Wednesday afternoon. Among the focus areas were board games as an option for older students at lunch recess, improving the outdoor basketball court, and improving the condition of the soccer field. The students work on their ideas and plans at a district Students Leading Education (SLED) Institute a few weeks ago.

The Week

Monday

Hot lunch: Bean & Cheese Burrito

Tuesday

Hot lunch: Meatball Pasta with Marinara Sauce

Picture Make-ups are scheduled for today.

Wednesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

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

Our **culinary arts enrichment class** continues this afternoon.

Thursday

Hot lunch: Orange Chicken & Brown Rice

Thursdays are "**College Days**" for our school. Students and staff are invited to show a college-going mindset by wearing college attire to school.

Today is Halloween, and our annual **Halloween Parade** will take place at 1:15 this afternoon adjacent to Rooms 4-14. As in past years, no masks, weapons, blood, and gore will be allowed. Parents are invited to watch the parade; they will need to check in with our office first.

Friday

We have **no school for students** today, as it is a **district staff development day**.



KINDER PATCH

FUN: Students in Mrs. Cole's TK/K class had a great time on Friday at a Kinder Patch event organized by the Righetti High School Future Farmers of America (FFA). The kids participated in an array of activities and even got to bring home a pumpkin. The pictures here show our kids selecting pumpkins for themselves. Lots of fun!



Coming Up

Wednesday, November 6: Grades K, 2, 5, and 8 have health screenings today.

Thursday, November 7: OAK-8 has its annual Salute to Veterans assembly in the gym this morning at 9:00. All veterans are invited to be honored. OAK-8 families are invited to attend as well.

Friday, November 8: Mrs. Lovell and Mrs. Clayton will take their classes to Hearst Castle today.

Friday, November 8: Today marks the end of the First Trimester for grades TK-6. First Trimester report cards go home on Friday, December 6.

Saturday, November 9: Our Lego League robotics team participating in a FIRST Lego League qualifying tournament today at Lakeview Junior High School.

Monday, November 11: We have no school today, as it is the Veteran's Day holiday.

For a look at the remainder of this year's school calendar, please click [here](#).

School News

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our **Paper Ream Drive!** The extra reams will help us greatly in the months to come!

Reminder for parents who drive their students to/from school: When dropping off or picking up your students, please be sure to follow the 25 mph speed limit on Centennial Street. We have had some issues with speeding in recent days and have asked the California Highway Patrol to have a presence on Centennial Street.

As everyone knows, we have had **new fencing and gates** installed on the perimeter of the campus. If you need to pick up or drop off your child during school hours, you will need to report to the school office on the Centennial Street side of the campus. Gates will be opened at 3:00 p.m. following the OAK-8 school dismissal.

New Bus Schedule

Following is the OAK-8 bus schedule for the start of the 2019-2020 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

- 7:40 - Pine Grove School (front of school on Bradley Road)
- 8:05 - Lakeview Junior High School Gym (in front of gym doors)
- 8:10 - Behind older Regal Edwards Theater, 1521 South Bradley Road (off Hancock and Shepard streets)
- 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 - Behind older Regal Edwards Theater
- 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 - Behind older Regal Edwards Theater
- 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 - Behind older Regal Edwards Theater
- 2:00 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

A note about the older Regal Edwards Theater bus stop: Parents are requested to park in the area shown in light green in the satellite photo below:



