



# OAK-8 Update

2019-2020 School Year, Edition 21 | Week of January 27, 2020

## Principal's Message

As you may know, the cafeteria on our campus is scheduled for major modernization work starting in March. The work, which will include revamping our kitchen, eating area, and restrooms, will be funded by Measure G, the school bond measure that Orcutt Union School District voters approved in November 2016.

With the cafeteria work beginning soon, I would like to invite OAK-8 parents to attend a **town hall meeting** on the project on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 11. Dr. Deborah Blow, our superintendent, and Bill Young, our assistant superintendent of business services, will be presenting. They will go over the specific plans for the cafeteria, discuss plans for interim food service, and answer any questions that attendees may have.

If you are interested in this project, please plan to attend this meeting on the evening of February 4. Hope to see you there.

Have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal

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**SPARKING INTEREST IN WELDING:** Seventh and eighth graders from OAK-8 and Olga Reed were delighted to try their hands at welding on Friday morning. Thanks to local manufacturing firm Melfred Borzall and the welding program at Allan Hancock College, a welding trailer and several welding stations were set up on our campus, and students were able to weld their own "rocketship" pen/pencil holder! Dick Melsheimer of Melfred Borzall (shown at right) also spoke to students about careers in engineering and manufacturing. A big THANK YOU to Melfred Borzall and Allan Hancock College for making this special learning experience possible!



## The Week

### Monday

Hot lunch: Bean & Cheese Burrito

Our **basketball teams** host Valley Christian this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

## Tuesday

Hot lunch: Cheese-filled Breadstick with Chicken Tenders

Mrs. Birdsall takes her class to a performance of "Fly Me to the Moon" by the **Santa Maria Philharmonic** in Santa Maria this morning.

## Wednesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

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

Today at 4:00 p.m. is the **deadline for enrollment applications for the Orcutt Academy for 2020-2021** to be included in our Enrollment Lottery.

## Thursday

Hot lunch: Orange Popcorn Chicken with 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.

At 7:30 this evening, our **boys' basketball team** plays at Valley Christian.

## Friday

Hot lunch: House-made Chili with Tostitos

Today is a "**school spirit**" day for OAK-8. Wear those Spartan colors (blue and silver)!

Our basketball teams will hold a **Shoot-A-Thon fund-raiser** after school today.

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## Coming Up

**Tuesday, February 4:** Tonight at 6:00 in Room 11, we host a town hall meeting regarding the upcoming cafeteria modernization project funded by Measure G. Everyone is invited to come. For more information, please see "Principal's Message" above.

**Wednesday, February 5:** OAK-8 and Olga Reed play in basketball in our gym tonight at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys). OAK-8 will be the host team.

**Wednesday, February 5:** The Orcutt Academy Enrollment Lottery for the 2020-2021 school year takes place this evening at 6:00 at Orcutt Academy High School.

**Friday, February 7:** Second Quarter report cards for grades 7 and 8 go home today.

**Monday, February 10:** We have no school today, as it is the Lincoln's Birthday holiday.

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

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**BUILD CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS:** These five students were the winning team in a "build challenge" organized by Mrs. Lovell this past week. Using only newspaper and a foot of tape, this team built a 14-inch tower that could hold a basketball. Well done, students!

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## School News

**Nice opportunity for students:** Allan Hancock College math professor Anna Kopcrak is offering drop-in math support to local students on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Los Alamos Community Library. It isn't every day that kids can get free help from someone who teaches college math!

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## Latest Bus Schedule

Following is the OAK-8 bus schedule for the 2019-2020 school year, as revised to add a morning bus stop at Ralph Dunlap School. 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)
- 7:45 - Ralph Dunlap School (bus zone on Oak Knoll 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:



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