



# DAK-8 Update

2019-2020 School Year, Edition 25 | Week of February 24, 2020

## Principal's Message

Unfortunately, the **cold/flu bug** has hit our campus, and we have suffered higher-than-usual absences this past week. Since we are in the middle of cold/flu season, we want to work to minimize the spread of illness, and parents can do that by keeping children home if they are not well. In general, children need to stay at home if they have:

- A fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Excessive cough or nasal discharge
- Sore throat
- Earache
- Any rash not normal for your child
- Appear obviously unwell

Children should remain at home until they have been free of the above symptoms for at least 24 hours or have been cleared for return to school by a physician. Additionally, children with known or suspected contagious conditions should remain home until cleared for return to school by a physician.

Here's hoping the cold/flu bug subsides quickly. Meantime, have a great week!

Joe Dana, Principal

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**MAKERSPACE FUN:** Mrs. Carrier, our librarian/media specialist, does a wonderful job of planning makerspace activities for students to enjoy at lunch recess. Options include high-tech challenges such as programming robots and printing objects on a 3D printer, but they also include low-tech fun such as Lego blocks, puzzles, and working with yarn. Here Mrs. Carrier is shown with students who have been making some yarn creations!

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## The Week

Winter 2020 **NWEA testing** for grades 1-8 continues this week. Students take online tests in reading and math.

### Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken Burrito

### Tuesday

Hot lunch: Cheese-filled Breadstick & Marinara Meat Sauce

### Wednesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

We have a **student awards assembly** this morning.

Our **basketball teams** host St. Louis de Montfort this evening at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

## Thursday

Hot lunch: Orange Popcorn Chicken

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

OAK-8 hosts St. Mary's in **basketball** tonight at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

## Friday

Hot lunch: Cheesy Beef Nachos

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

Today marks the **end of the Second Trimester for grades TK-6**. Second Trimester report cards will go home on Friday, March 13.

The **OAK-8 basketball teams** visit Valley Christian tonight at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

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## Coming Up

**Monday, March 2:** OAK-8 will travel to Blochman for basketball tonight at 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys).

**Tuesday, March 3:** Today is Election Day. Our gym will be used for voting all day.

**Wednesday, March 4:** Fifth graders have an Orcutt Lions Club flag assembly this morning.

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

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## School News

Thanks to all the families who came to our PTSA's **Klondike Pizza fund-raiser** this past Wednesday night! We enjoyed a fantastic turnout!

**Lice** is an annoying condition that can affect children. As a resource for parents, our district Health Services Department has a web page with information about lice, including treatment. To access the page, please click [here](#).

**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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