



Dates to Remember:

MONDAY'S ARE MINIMUM DAYS – DISMISSAL AT 1:45 PM

Tuesday 12/17/19 – Holiday Concert 5:30-7:00 PM

12/20/19 thru 1/06/20 – Christmas Break **NO SCHOOL**

Monday 1/20/20 – Martin Luther King Day **NO SCHOOL**

Every Friday is **SPirit DAY!** Wear school **teal** and grey or Oak Run T-Shirts



Oak Run Elementary School

~ A Public Montessori School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents and Students of Oak Run Elementary School, a public Montessori school!

Holiday Concert and Dinner: Mark your calendars for our 1st Annual Holiday Concert and Dinner, Tuesday, December 17 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The Oak Run Montessori School student choir and band will perform their Holiday repertoire. All families and community members are welcome to attend. Deck the Halls! (Please see the attached flyer for more details.)

Winter Break: Oak Run School will be on winter break starting Friday, December 20 through Monday, January 6. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 7. We wish you all a happy holiday and new year.

Dress Code: The weather has changed and many students are coming to the office to get sweatshirts and dry shoes/socks. Please make sure to send your child to school with warm clothes and shoes appropriate for the winter weather. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Lost and Found: Please check the lost and found area by the student bathrooms for your child(ren)'s hats, sweatshirts, and jackets. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to the Oak Run Library/Thrift Store if not claimed by, Thursday, December 19.

Parent Involvement: All parents and community members are welcome to attend our monthly Board Meetings and School Site Council/District Advisory Committee meetings. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the ORESD Office. Our next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8 and our School Site Council/District Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, December 18 at 3:00 PM. Both meetings are held in the ORESD Office.

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Preschool News

Week of December 9, 2019

The rain has finally arrived and so have the puddles and mud. Please help your child dress for wet weather so we can play outside and investigate the changes in our natural environment.

As we ease into the holiday season, our preschool class is going to make apple-spice ornaments to bring home. Here's the recipe:

- 1 cup ground cinnamon
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1/4 cup white school glue (Elmer's® works very well)

Preparing the Dough

1. Mix ground cinnamon with applesauce and white glue in a large mixing bowl.
2. If the mixture feels too stiff, add a drop of water.
3. Knead the clump together and wrap it in some plastic wrap, allowing it to sit for about an hour.

Working with the Dough

1. Take some dough and flatten it between two sheets of wax paper using your hands, or a rolling pin.
2. Make sure the dough isn't too thin — you're best bet is to flatten it to 1/2" or so thick.
3. Use your cookie cutters to create fun shapes in the dough.
4. Be sure to punch a hole in the top of each shape with a pencil, or press a paperclip in the back of the ornament while still wet to act as a hanger.

Drying or Baking the Ornaments

1. Once you have a few ornaments ready, place them on a cookie sheet.
2. You can either let them dry naturally over a period of 3 to 5 days, or you can bake them in an oven (adult assistance required!) at 200 degrees for about 2 hours (making sure you flip them halfway through).



Mr. Adam's TK- 2nd Grade Class

**MONTESSORI**
FOR ALL

Greetings,

When you walk in the rain, you make all kinds of discoveries. You can see animal prints in the mud, discover insects coming to the surface, and quietly view the creatures that emerge from the woods when the world is quiet. Please make sure students have the appropriate attire: boots and a rain jacket with a hood, to keep us warm and dry!

~Mr. Adam



Ms. Anne's 3rd-5th Grade Class

Upper Elementary



Hello from Upper EI!

Guess what? We've set a class-wide goal to know all of our multiplication facts from 1-12 by the Winter Break. We figured out that we had 14 days between when we got back from Thanksgiving and when we went away again, so if each student studied roughly one number per day, we'd have all twelve sets—the Twelve Multiples of Christmas, if you will.

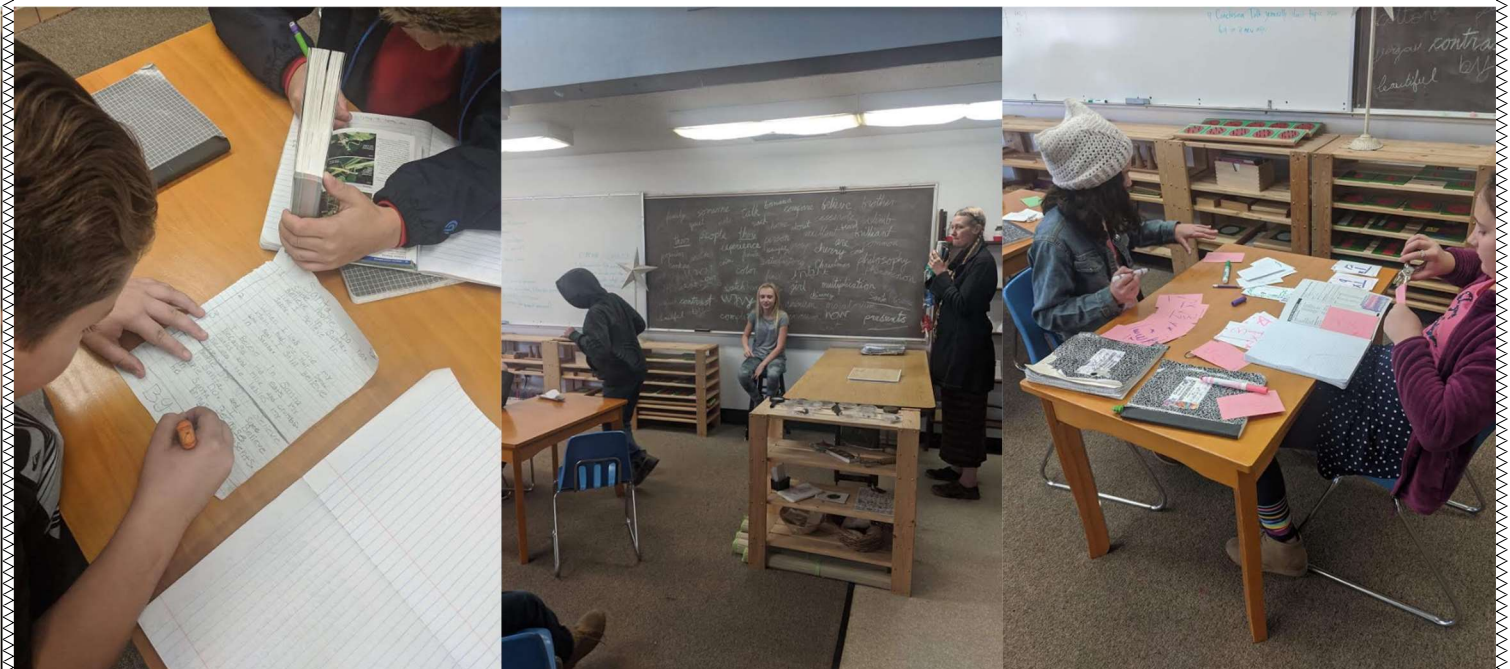
We've also begun to write in special formats! We wrote a compare/contrast essay about details from our Thanksgiving break, and we did an opinion essay about our varying beliefs in Santa. We're also starting to raise our rhyming awareness and vocabulary with a new thesaurus, so that with much time and thought, we can improve our poetry.

Ask your child:

"Which numbers do you know?," and then ask "What's __ times __?"

Ask them if they'd like to clap through a set of numbers with you.

"Can you sing the song Dona Nobis Pacem [DOE-nah NO-beese PAW-chem]? What language is it in [Latin] and what does it mean [Bring us peace]?"



Ms. Zollars' 6th-8th Grade Class



Middle School CLASSROOM NEWS



Dear Families,

You should have received the following note:

December 17, as part of our Holiday Concert 5:30-7:30pm, my class will be hosting the potato bar dinner (with coffee/cocoa/cookies dessert) as a fundraiser for our 8th grade trip. The cost is \$5 per potato or \$20 for a family; donation jar for dessert. I am looking for people to commit to the following (add names and return!):
Serving/staffing food: _____ Helping clean up: _____
PLEASE let us know if you can help. Parent Club is helping front groceries for the meal, but we'll accept donations of homemade chili, cookies, cocoa mix and coffee.

On a different note, students voted to do a class Secret Santa gift exchange, in which they bring 1 gift for 1 student (max \$5; can be homemade!) next week.

In class, we are wrapping up our unit on the solar system, reflecting on balancing technology in our lives, writing compare-contrast essays, continuing our study of Rome, and bringing home 1 sheet of math Monday through Thursday. Don't forget to keep reading your book report book for the "book tree" assignment due **January 17!** We enjoyed finding differences between the book and the 2004 movie version of *Wrinkle in Time*, and considered aspects that give us mood, tone, character traits, et cetera. Before break, we'll examine similar things about *Raisin in the Sun*.

We made an ornament this week, decorated the class tree, and look forward to our Holiday Concert and spending extra time with family soon.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns!

Blessings,
Michele Zollars
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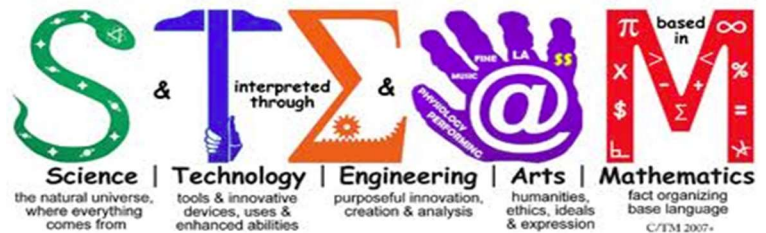


Hello Oak Run families!

It's almost Christmas and we have been busy crafting this week in share! Making gifts, ornaments, and decorations!

Have a great weekend.

~ Ms. Leah





After-school programs

Academic Tutoring - Ms. Zollars in Room # 5 and Ms. Lisa in Room #4

Wednesdays 2:45 -3:15 and Thursdays 2:45 -3:15

Garden Club - Mr. Adam Room in Oak Run School Garden or Room # 1

Wednesdays 2:45 -4:00 and Thursdays 2:45 -4:00

Music Lessons - Ms. Becky in Room # 3

Tuesdays - Keyboard 2:30 -3:00 or Ukulele 3:00 -3:30, 3:30 -4:00

Fridays - Ukulele 2:30 -3:00 or Keyboard 3:00 -3:30, 3:30 -4:00

Theatre Club – Ms. Anne in Room # 6

Thursdays 2:45-4:00

Permission slips are available in the main office or by the activity instructor.

Please feel free contact the instructors with any questions or concerns.

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GARDEN CLUB

Greetings,

This month in Garden Club, we're putting our beds to bed for the winter. Fall leaves make greasy mulch and when they break down, essential nutrients for our Spring garden.

We are also celebrating our first harvest from the greenhouse: lettuce and baby bok choy that our school chef, Diana, will use in soups, salads and stir fry's.

~ Mr. Adam



OAK RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY

CONCERT

SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

DECEMBER 17TH 5:30-7:00 PM

27635 OAK RUN TO FERN ROAD | OAK RUN

ALL PROCEEDS TO 8TH GRADE TRIP

\$5/PERSON or \$20/FAMILY POTATO & CHILI BAR
COFFEE/DESSERT/COCOA DONATION



Week of Dec 16th - Dec 19th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
B: Avacado Toast or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	B: Eggs & Potatoes or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	B: Breakfast Sandwich or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	B: Chocolate Chip - Oatmeal Muffins or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break
L: Pasta Fagioli Soup, Green Salad with Fruit & Milk	L: Chicken Stir fry and Peanut Sauce with Fruit & Milk	L: Philly Cheese Steak Sloppy Joe's with Fruit & Milk	L: Pork Roast, Potatoes, Carrots and Onions with Fruit & Milk	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break
*Breakfast is served with 1 cup of fresh fruit, lunch is served with ½ cup of fresh fruit and all meals are served with 8 oz. 1% or fat-free milk.				



OAK RUN ELEMENTARY

A Public Montessori School

Our preschool is under Title V regulations with the state pre-school program code of education

Oak Seed Preschool

Currently - must be 3 on or before September, 2018

Next year - must be 3 on or before December 2, 2019

Is now accepting

Private pay - must fill out paperwork, but not income eligibility info - can start as soon as age 3-

Enrollment applications

Title 22 - sliding scale/Full pay Student must be 3 to start/can start any time during the school year as long as they are 3 and potty independent

for the 2019-2020

school year!

Apply online at

www.shastacoe.org

or

43 Hilltop Dr, Redding

(530) 225-2999

PreK-8th Grade

Come Join Us!



OAK RUN
ELEMENTARY
A Public Montessori School

OAK SEED PRESCHOOL FOR AGES 3-5

Our students appreciate the traditions and pride of the community. Come and visit our school where students are safe, respectful, responsible and productive. We always have room for you!

Our new preschool director's years of experience combined with Mr Adam's expertise in designing an AMI primary Montessori environment have created an outstanding program for children aged 3-6.

Application information:
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ATTENTION 4th GRADE PARENTS



HOME

HOW IT WORKS

GET YOUR PASS

PLAN A TRIP

Rules and instructions

Official rules

- The pass is for U.S. fourth-grade (or home-school equivalent) students.
- The pass is for the 2019 to 2020 school year. It expires August 31, 2020.
- Students can't transfer the pass to anyone else.
- We can't accept electronic versions of this paper for access or to exchange for a pass.
- No refunds are given for previously purchased passes, or if you forget your pass when you visit.
- If you lose your pass, get a new one by visiting the website and signing up again.
- Educators can get one paper pass for each of their fourth-grade students.
- This program only provides passes for fourth graders.

How it works

- Show your pass to a ranger when you enter. If there is no ranger, leave it on the dashboard of your car.
- If you visit a site that charges entrance fees per person— The pass admits all children under 16 and up to three adults for free.
- If your group visits a site that charges vehicle entrance fees - The pass admits all children under 16 and all adults in up to one passenger vehicle. Commercial vehicles can't use a pass to get in.
- If you arrive at a site on bicycle— The pass admits all children under 16 and up to three adults on bicycles.
- The pass doesn't cover things like parking fees, camping, boats, and special tours. Also, some sites are managed by private operators. They may not honor the pass. Check with the site ahead of time to find out.
- The pass doesn't cover fees for local, city, or state parks and recreation areas unless they say that they accept this pass.
- Paper passes can be exchanged for plastic passes at certain sites.

Did you know that fourth graders, who participate in the Every Kid Outdoors program, are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit? The Every Kid Outdoors program introduces 4th graders to the public lands in their own backyards and beyond. To receive a free Christmas tree permit, 4th graders with the help of their parents, need to visit the website www.everykidoutdoors.gov and follow the steps to obtain their pass. Once complete, they can download and print their pass.

Teachers may also visit the website and download lesson plans to complete with their 4th grade students and print passes for them. Fourth graders must then accompany a parent to any Shasta-Trinity National Forest office in order to receive their free Christmas Tree permit.

Permits may be purchased through mail or by going to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters off of Avtech Parkway, Shasta Lake Ranger Station in Mountain Gate, Mt. Shasta Ranger Station, McCloud Ranger Station Weaverville Ranger Station, Harrison Gulch Ranger Station, and Hayfork Ranger Station.

Please go to www.fs.usda.gov/stnf for more information or call (530) 226-2500.

INTERESTING FACT: Did you know that the Christmas Tree that will be placed at the Sacramento Capitol came out of the Shasta County from the Latour Mountain Demonstration Forest (located between Shingletown and Whitmore). [Article link](#)

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

ABSENCES ADD UP



Did You Know?

Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.

Missing 10% (18 days) can make it harder to learn key skills, like reading.

Absences can affect the whole classroom.



What You Can Do

Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind that complaints of tummy aches may be a sign of anxiety; talk to your child's teacher or counselor.

Avoid extended trips when school is in session; consult the school calendar to see when breaks occur.

Set up a regular bedtime as well as morning and evening routines.



When Do Absences Become a Problem?

Chronic absence: Two or more days per month (excused and unexcused)

Warning Signs: One-two days per month or more than three days in a row.

Satisfactory: One or fewer absences per month.



"EVERY STUDENT, EVERY OPTION"



New CDE Mobile App Helps Families Find Summer and Afterschool Meal Program Locations

THE CDE'S CA MEALS FOR KIDS HAS JUST RELEASED A MOBILE APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO FIND THE CALIFORNIA'S SUMMER AND AFTERSCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS SITES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THESE PROGRAMS PROVIDE NO-COST MEALS TO CHILDREN AGED EIGHTEEN AND UNDER. FAMILIES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL CAN USE LOCATION-BASED SEARCHES TO FIND MEAL SITES, DATES, AND TIMES. THE APP ALSO ALLOWS FOR SEARCHES BY SITE NAME, ZIP CODE, AND CITY.

The CA Meals for Kids mobile app is available for free download through Apple's [App Store](#), Google's [Play Store](#), and Microsoft's [App Store](#) Web pages. More information is available on the CDE [CA Meals for Kids Mobile Application](#) support Web page.

QUESTIONS: CDE MOBILE APPS | CDEMOBILE@CDE.CA.GOV

ATTENDANCE in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?



Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10 low-income kids miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.²

2.5 in 10 homeless kids are chronically absent.³

4 in 10 transient kids miss too much school when families move.³

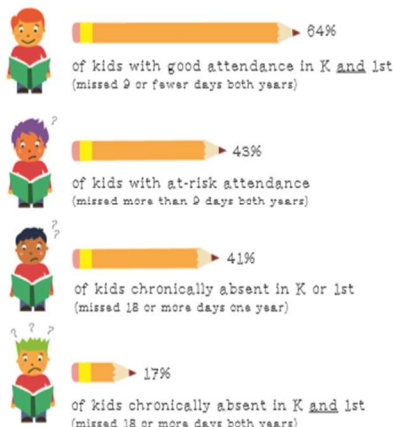


Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

¹ Cheng, Hedy; Romero, Mariajose. *Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*. National Center for Children in Poverty. NY: NY, September 2008.

² *Chronic Absence in Utah*. Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

³ *Absenteeism in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*. Applied Survey Research. May 2011.

Oak Run Elementary School Bus Schedule

2019-2020 School Year

Redding and Palo Cedro

<u>Stop</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
#RR Redding @ Rare Air	6:55	3:45
#PC Palo Cedro @ Dahl Mortuary	7:05	3:35

Oak Run

<u>Stop</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
#1 Leave Oak Run School	7:35	2:30
#2 28225 Oak Run to Fern Rd.	7:38	2:33
#3 28757 Oak Run to Fern Rd.	7:41	2:36
#4 14825 Phillips Rd.	7:45	2:40
#5 Thomas Rd. @ Phillips Rd.	7:46	2:41
#6 Frontier Rd. @ Phillips Rd.	7:52	2:47
#7 Cool Creek Lane	7:54	2:52
#8 Arrowpoint Rd.	8:03	2:58
#9 Oak Run Quarry on Oak Run Rd.	8:60	3:01
#10 Volbrecht Rd.	8:14	3:09
#11 School	8:16	3:10

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