



Dates to Remember:

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

12/20/19 thru 1/06/20 – Winter 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: Thank you for joining us for our 1st annual Holiday Dinner and Concert. The staff of Oak Run Elementary School was so happy to see our Oak Run Families and share music and dinner with you all. Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

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 need your help: Please make sure to make and communicate after school arrangements with your child(ren) before the start of the school day. At dismissal time, there are too many students in the office who do not know where they are supposed to go after school. We understand that all families will have emergencies from time to time, but we ask for your help in reducing the impact of after school phone calls and confusion. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Bus: Please make sure to review the bus schedule and arrive to pick up locations on time. We continue to have families who are late to pick up their child(ren) from the bus stops. Thank you for your help with this matter.

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 ORES D Office. Our next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8 and our School Site Council/District Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, January 15 at 3:00 PM. Both meetings are held in the ORES D Office.

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Preschool News

Week of December 16, 2019

Dear Preschool families,

Prior to Thanksgiving I introduced the concept of gratitude to our preschoolers. We read books about gratitude and thankfulness and appreciation. We discussed people, things and experiences that we were grateful for. For the past few weeks we made it a point to recognize and thank others for helpfulness and sharing. Then I wrote each child's own special messages of gratitude on a slip of paper and placed it in our gratitude jar.

Here are some quotes from our Oak Seed Preschool gratitude jar...

"Thank you unicorns for making rainbows!" – Aurora

"Thank you for the birds for making nests." – Mimi

"Thank you Mommy for taking me to school to see my friends." – Silvan

"Thank you Gary for bringing oranges for us!" – Jack

"Thank you LeeAnn for making banana bread." – Thomas

"Thank you for making our lunch, Miss Diana." – Gary

Whether your family celebrates Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Yule or one of the many other winter holidays...or if you simply enjoy cozy, quiet family time together...I think we can all agree to be grateful for what we have and for those who share their gifts with us. I am especially grateful for your gifts of parent donations and volunteering. Oak Seed Preschool is very fortunate to have your involvement. Thank you, one and all!

Here's to Rejoicing with family and friends, Reading and Relaxing, and Renewing our energy with walks outdoors!



Mr. Adam's TK- 2nd Grade Class

**MONTESSORI**
FOR ALL

Greetings,

“Peace is what every human being is craving, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child.” -
Maria Montessori

This quote by Maria Montessori is something that I strive to emulate in my classroom. I firmly believe, as
Montessori did, that if children are allowed to realize their true selves and learn to appreciate one another,
that the result will be a peaceful world.

So, as we break for winter, I wish you love, happiness and peace. Have a great break. I will see you in the next
decade!

~Mr. Adam



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

Upper Elementary

M O N T E S S O R I

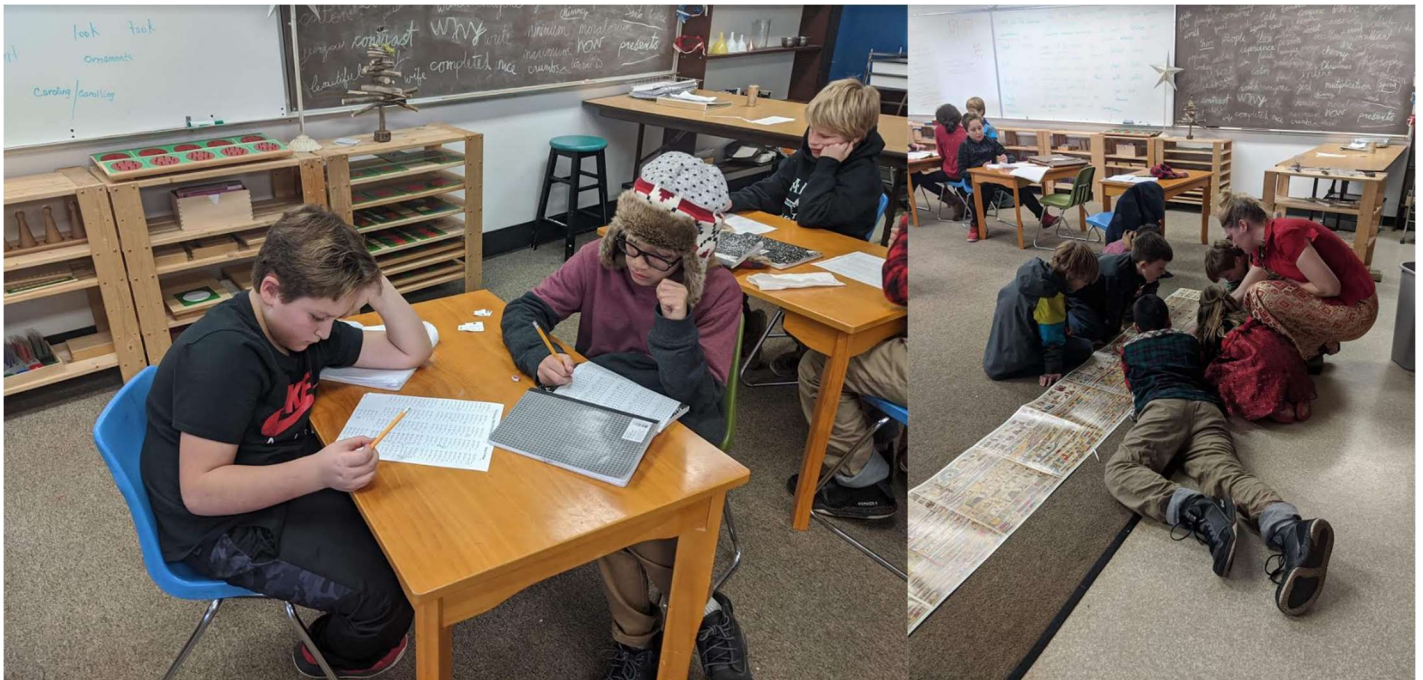
Holiday Greetings from Upper EI!

We've hung our flashcards on the Oak Run Store Christmas tree, we've watched flowers and fairies dance to the Nutcracker in Fantasia, and we've written some convincing essays making the case for--and against--the existence of Santa.

Let's all look forward to a new year rich with personal growth and epiphany.

With warm regards,

Miss Anne



Ms. Zollars' 6th-8th Grade Class



Middle School CLASSROOM NEWS



Merry Christmas families!

Thank you for your support at our Christmas Concert and potato bar Tuesday night! Our eighth graders appreciate you, especially Tina Pollycutt and our Parent Club, including Rosey for cleaning, and all who made desserts, Mr. Adam and Ms. Sue for cooking and serving, Ms. Anne for decorating, and Lisa for pitch-hitting.

This week we've wrapped up our compare-contrast essays in MLA format, our unit on the solar system, the 2 movies based on books, and 3 of our 8 Roman history pockets. We've also worked hard on cursive writing, answering comprehension questions, and practiced math skills. We enjoyed our Secret Santa exchange Thursday.

Over break, students should "Interview an Elder" (per instructions), and finish reading their book report book. Students' interviews are due Jan. 10, at which time we can write an essay based on the interview. Their book report Tree is due January 17. Also in January, we'll take reading and math assessments, set new goals, and change seats.

Best wishes to Braydon on your move and new school. We'll miss you. Thank you for sharing your precious student with me, and have a lovely holiday break.

Please let me know any concerns you have.

Blessings,

Michele Zollars

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Hello Oak Run families!

Project share has been very busy this week! With such a short week, we have been preparing for the holidays still! We did take some time off of projects so we could play outside before the weather changes too much! We finished our stocking crafts and watched Christmas movies when it was too cold for outside. Thank you to all the parents and family's for making these festivities possible for our students!

Have a wonderful Winter Break!

~ 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





Week of Jan. 7th-10th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	B: Denver Scramble or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	B: Muffins or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	B: Eggs & Potatoes or Cereal with Fruit & Milk	B: French Toast or Cereal with Fruit & Milk
	L: Beef Burritos with Fruit & Milk	L: Chicken Alfredo with Fruit & Milk	L: Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes with Fruit & Milk	L: Chicken Pot Pie Soup and Garlic Bread with Fruit & Milk

*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 preschool 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?

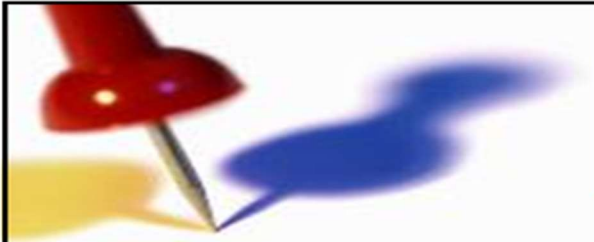
Chronic absence: Two or more days per month (excused and unexcused)

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

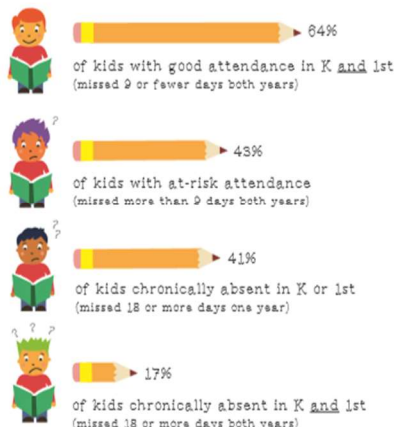


Why It Matters

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 Chang, 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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