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March 2018

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# Olinda Elementary

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## Mission Statement

Olinda provides a safe and supportive environment where all students can develop to their fullest academically, emotionally and socially. Our goal is to partner with parents and the community to ensure that all students are college and career ready.

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I would like to congratulate our Spelling Bee winners Kaden Ulrich (4<sup>th</sup> gr.) 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Doenia Hallaji (6<sup>th</sup> gr.) 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner and Merist Phillips (2<sup>nd</sup> gr.) 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner. Their hard work and efforts were a wonderful representation of being an Olinda scholar. Kaden will represent Olinda at the District Spelling Bee on March 10<sup>th</sup> at De Anza High School, good luck Kaden!

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Read Across America Day. Classes will be participating in various activities and it will be a fun filled morning of reading. Teachers have invited parent volunteers to come read to students, classes will be paired up with buddy classes to read together and we will have a police officer come read to our TK and K students. Students may come to school wearing their cozy pajamas and are encouraged to bring a favorite book of their choice to share with their peers.

Lawrence Hall of Science will host a science festival, Wizard's Lab, at the site on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>. All students will have an opportunity to engage as wizard apprentices and have fun discovering the many areas of physics. Students will move from the various exhibits exploring and discussing with a partner. Any parents that are interested in supporting the event and volunteering between the hours of 8:00-11:40, please let the office know. We appreciate your consideration and assistance.

Beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>, through the support of the Olinda PTA, our TK- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will participate in a music program, offered by Music in Schools Today. The program will run for 8 weeks and we look forward to having this opportunity for our primary learners.

Family Literacy Night will be on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm in the MPR. Please come join us as we celebrate reading with a night of games and activities to improve literacy.

The California Health Kids Survey (CHKS) is ongoing until April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We appreciate your participation with this survey. Please note the link to complete the survey is: [bit.ly/olindaparent18](http://bit.ly/olindaparent18). Paper surveys were distributed home and are also available in the office.

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This month's social skill is Equity, fairness or justice in the way people are treated. Please continue the discussion at home with your child regarding the importance of practicing this skill.

The classes with the most correct answers for our February African American "Who Am I," activity were rooms 1, 2, 4 & 7. Well done!!!

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## Upcoming Events:

- Read Across America; 3/2
- Lawrence Hall of Science Festival; 3/5
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends; 3/3
- Physical FT, Gr. 5 begins; 3/5-3/16
- Trimester 2 Awards Ceremony; 3/7
- SSC Meeting; 3/15
- PTA Parent's Night Out; 3/17
- Report Cards go home; 3/16
- Spring Picture Day; 3/20
  
- PTA Casual Coffee; 3/23
- Family Literacy Night; 3/23
- ASEP begins; 3/26

Classes that successfully met their Accelerated Reader Word Count and Reading Minute Goals are:

Room 17 – exceeded goal by 438,404 words

Room 7 – exceeded goal by 100,842 words

### **Olinda's February Students of the Month**

Rm. 5: Omari Means & Leila Stimson

Rm. 20: Alannah De Paula & Hao Yi Ma

Rm. 8: Enrique Argueta & Philip Feng

Rm. 17: Geneva Metz & Luis Pero Solis

Rm. 15: Avery Vila & Freya Edwards

Rm. 7: Moises Cervantes & Nicholas Sem

Rm. 1: Carl Sullivan & Aydria Palencia

Rm. 4: Miracle Pak & Caden Clements

Rm. 2: Yuexuan Ma & Amreen Sandhu

Rm. 18: Sophia Tsui & Magnolia Nelson

Rm. 13: Huck Casillas & Makiko Ferdinand Parker

Rm. 16: Jalen youngston & Eien Laset

Rm 6: Conner Kirkland & Raxy Bradford

Rm. 3: Vihann Virk & Manveer Kaur

#### Criteria for being Student of the Month:

- ❖ Completes assignments
- ❖ Always does his/her best
- ❖ Honors classroom learning agreements
  - ❖ Follows school rules
- ❖ Is responsible, respectful, truthful and helpful

**Congratulations on your achievement!**

