
October 2017

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.

We have had a successful first month of school, with all stakeholders working alongside one another to establish the momentum of the school year. Students are working hard at acclimating back to school and focusing on their academics and learning. I appreciate the wonderful turnout for Back to School Night and the teachers sharing their classroom presentations. We had a successful beginning implementation of our continued initiative for No Place for Hate, with all classes discussing the important message about being an ally and signing the Resolution of Respect pledges, which are displayed in the MPR.

The month of October includes many activities that students will participate and engage in. Friday October 6th is Digital Learning Day. The day will consist of all classes participating in lessons that will focus on building digital citizenship in our students. The three main areas of focus will consist of appropriate online behavior, safety and privacy, and cyberbullying. Please visit <http://www.commonssensemedia.org/> to receive family tip sheets and more information on continuing this important discussion with your child at home.

Wednesday, October 11th is College Day at Olinda. Our students will be working on various college related projects in their classrooms and engage students in discussions about colleges, universities and various careers. Projects may include interviews of family members about their college experience or other college related writing activities. Our students are encouraged to wear t-shirts of their favorite colleges and bring in family college/university memorabilia to share with their peers. Our goal is to empower all our students to start thinking and working towards going to college and being career ready. We appreciate all of your support and encouragement in sharing this important message with our students.



This month's social skill is Attentive Listening, which means thinking and acting in ways that connects you with the speaker. Please continue the discussion at home with your child regarding the importance of practicing this skill.

Upcoming Events:

- ASEP Begins; 10/4
- Digital Learning Day; 10/6
- No School; 10/9
- College and Career Day; 10/11
- Progress Reports go Home; 10/13
- The Great California Shake Out; 10/19
- Parent Night: Technology (gr. 3-6); 10/19
- Picture Day; 10/20
- Fall Fun Fest 11am - 4pm; 10/21
- Red Ribbon Week; 10/23 – 10/31
- SBAC Math Assessment (gr. 3-6) Begins, 10/23
- My Math Assessment (gr. K-2), 10/25
- SSC Meeting; 10/26
- Halloween Parade, 10/31 minimum day
- Parent/Teacher Conferences; 11/1 – 11/8

Red Ribbon Week begins Friday 10/23 and students are requested to wear red that day in acknowledgement. The school and classes will be participating in discussions about substance abuse prevention and will provide awareness and social norms around alcohol and drug use. This year's theme is "Your Future is Key: Drug Free." Please continue the conversation about this important message at home with your child. We want our students to learn how to make smart choices for their future.

Thank you for voting for our School Site Council members. We currently have one more nomination and election ballots have been sent home for parents and community members to vote for. The 2017-2018 new SSC parent/community member representatives are: Ruth Horton and Lori Thompson. We will be finalizing the election results for additional parent/community member representatives and teacher representatives in the coming weeks and results will be published. Our first Olinda SSC meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10/25 at 4:30pm in room 19.

As part of our SPSA Math SMART Goal, the assessment Olinda will utilize to measure our student's progress is STAR Math. We recently received our subscription and the month of October will serve as our testing window. Teachers in grades K through 6th will administer the STAR Math assessment to their students. You may connect with your child's teacher to find out the specific testing dates as they pertain to your child's classroom. These results will be available to families during Parent Teacher conferences, which take place in November. In addition, teachers will be sharing our ELA and Math SMART goals to students in grade level kid-friendly language, so they are aware of the school wide expectations we have for our scholars.

ELA SMART Goal: By May 2018, 70% of students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade will move up one Instructional Reading proficiency level and 75% will be at or above grade level, as measured by the Renaissance Learning STAR and Early Literacy Reading Assessment.

Math SMART Goal: By May 2018, all students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade will move up one proficiency level as measured by the STAR Math assessment.

Tablet deployment will take place by the end of this month for students in grades 3rd through 6th. To support this endeavor our ILT will be hosting a Parent Night around technology, for families of students in grades 3rd through 6th, on Thursday 10/19 in the MPR from 6-7pm. Topics covered will include tablet care, troubleshooting, online learning and more. Please RSVP by 10/12. In addition, all students in grades 3rd-6th will need to provide the following items to in order to take the tablets home: 1. Student acceptable use policy, 2. Electronic mobile device agreement and 3. Technology agreement. Please submit these forms to your child's teacher or the office.

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

Room 15 – exceeded goal by 802,092 words

Room 7 – exceeded goal by 13,173 words

Room 17 – exceeded goal by 431,793 words

Room 16 – exceeded goal by 534,023 words

Room 1 – exceeded goal by 201,693 words

Room 13 – exceeded goal by 2,209,267 words

Room 5 – exceeded goal by 2,365 minutes

These classes have earned a beach ball party!

Olinda's September Students of the Month

Rm. 5: Emery Alexander & Enzo Addiego

Rm. 8: Quileon Cooper & Anabelle Jin

Rm. 15: Jazaria Youngston & Jesse Pinkston

Rm. 1: Kirk Bacay & Mya Hargraves

Rm. 2: Ashwin Kalarickattu & Andrea Melchor

Rm. 13: Ashton Nguyen & Maya Flack

Rm. 6: Audrey Calahong Zamora & Danny Svensson

Rm. 20: Temi Bello & Davi Fideles

Rm. 17: Age Bojesco & Samuel Hsu

Rm. 7: Divina Bonavente & Riley Naraja

Rm. 4: Quaylon Cooper & Hajeer Mohammed

Rm. 18: Olive Vila & Julianna Calahong Zamora

Rm. 16: Kasey Swenson & Elias Whitemon

Rm. 3: Agam Mahal & Aameek Mahal

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!