
March 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.

I would like to congratulate our Spelling Bee winners Doenia Hallaji (5th gr.) 1st place winner, Kaden Ulrich (3rd gr.) 2nd place winner and Jacob Porter (6th gr.) 3rd place winner. Their hard work and efforts were a wonderful representation of being an Olinda scholar.

"Mix It Up Lunch Day" was a great opportunity for students to meet a new friend while supporting an inclusive school culture. Students appreciated having a chance to participate in this activity and interact with people outside their normal social circles.

Thursday March 2nd is National Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday. 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 our School Resource Officer Santana who will be reading to various classes as well. 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.

I am excited to share that we are currently working on our school website. You may access the school website from the district website or by visiting www.wccusd.net/olinda. Our Teacher Tech Lead Teacher Mrs. Burtch will be supporting the website, along with parent volunteers. Currently on the school site, we will include the monthly newsletter, calendar and PTA link. We will encourage teachers to create websites to provide information pertaining to their classrooms. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work through this process.

School Plan for Student Achievement: English Language Arts Goal: By May 2017, all students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade will move up one proficiency level as measured by the Renaissance Learning Star and Early Literacy Reading Assessment. Currently we have 144 students in grades K-6th that have demonstrated +1% or +.5% increase in their IRL with an additional 59 students scoring @ or above benchmark. Students that have made growth and that are working towards this goal will receive a star to display in the MPR.



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.

Thank you to the families that attended the Principal's Coffee Chat. To address the attendance questions, the school does not receive ADA for students that are absent, even if it is excused. Therefore, we encourage parents to make appointments after school whenever possible.

The class with the most correct answers for our February African American "Who Am I," game were 2nd graders from room 7 with 15 correct guesses out of a total of 15. Well done!!!

Upcoming Events:

- Read Across America; 3/2
- ELA, Math, Writing & ELD BMKs end; 3/3
- 2nd Trimester Ends; 3/3
- Physical FT, Gr. 5 begins; 3/6
- Trimester 2 Awards Ceremony; 3/10
- Spring Picture Day; 3/15
- Report Cards go home; 3/17
- PTA General Association Mtg.; 3/30

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

Room 1 – exceeded goal by 403,312 words

Room 16 – exceeded goal by 428, 240 words

Additional school events this month:

- The California Health Kids Survey (CHKS), has been extended to 3/30 and is currently ongoing. We appreciate your participation with this survey. Please note the link to complete the survey is: bit.ly/csps-wccusd, please enter the access code ZH94PR. Paper surveys will be available in the office.
- Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association through Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart. These community service programs teach our students the importance of heart health (exercise, nutrition and living tobacco free) while engaging in fun, physical activity. Students also have the opportunity to raise funds for the American Heart Association to fund research and educational materials as well as earn money for the school. There will be a school assembly on Friday March 17th and the activity/fundraiser weeks will begin on March 20th and end March 31st. Teachers will discuss living a healthy lifestyle with students and promoting physical activity as part of our Alliance for a Healthier Generation initiative. We appreciate your support with the American Heart Association's Mission: to build healthier lives from cardiovascular disease and stroke.
- During the week of February 27, your student will bring home a quick survey about flu vaccination. It will be on orange paper. The survey will help us learn how we can keep our students healthy. While the survey is optional, our school will receive money for each survey returned. You or your student can return the survey to the box in the school office, or to your student's teacher. If you wish to complete the survey, please return it by **Tuesday March 14, 2017**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact McHale at 408-247-8319 or mchale@appliedsurveyresearch.org.
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Olinda's February Students of the Month

Rm. 5: Sophia Johnson & Maki Thompson

Rm. 20: Gracie Eng & Nelannah Dayco

Rm. 8: Gurman Badh & Sophie Sayyed

Rm. 17: Esmeralda Garcia & Harkirith Singh

Rm. 15: Leila Bonavente & Rodolfo Peralta Solorio

Rm. 7: Hailey Stallworth & Scarlett Pinkston

Rm. 1: Miki Masui & Dominic Vera

Rm. 4: Andrea Melchor & Joseph Santos

Rm. 2: Catelyn King & Christopher Madrigal Caceres

Rm. 18: Ahmad Williamson & Amy Orozco

Rm. 13: Diego Pimentel & Sofia Riley Mendoza

Rm. 16: Dante Bonavente & Heidi Clarke

Rm 6: Enrique Jimenez & Ryan Pinkins

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!