
February 2018

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.

February is African American History Month. Classes will learn about famous African Americans who have made great contributions to our society. Throughout the month of February, student council will engage students in a school wide "Who's Who" game by providing clues of accomplishments made by African Americans. Teachers will facilitate class conversations throughout the day and encourage students to guess the famous African American being recognized. AAPAC will launch our African American Book Club (AALBC) by encouraging parents to read books to their child's class written by African American authors about African American lives.

On Wednesday January 31st, teachers on our social committee hosted a Multi-Cultural Potluck event, which recognized the wonderful diversity of our school community. It was a wonderful event and we had many families whom attended and participated. It was a true testament of the Olinda community coming together and demonstrating our team effort and dedication in serving our students.

On Wednesday February 28th, Olinda students will participate in a No Place for Hate activity for the 2nd trimester: "Identity Link." The activity will consist of students making a link that contains phrases about their character identity. They will be connecting this link with other students to form a chain that represents the positive characteristics of our students and community.

I would like to welcome new staff members to our Olinda community. Please welcome Charlotte Whitemon, our school tutor who will be supporting some of our students during small group instruction and Lee Gorton who will be serving as Olinda's School Community Outreach Worker (SCOW) and supporting family engagement events as she did for the Multi-Cultural Potluck event.



Thank you to the PTA for coordinating and facilitating the class and schoolwide Spelling Bees.

This month's social skill is Love, an intense feeling of deep affection. Please continue the discussion at home with your child regarding the importance of practicing this skill.

Upcoming Events:

- California Healthy Kids survey gr. 5; 2/1 – 2/28
- STAR Reading/Early Literacy assessments begin; 2/5-2/16
- K Foundational assessment begins; 2/5-2/16
- SSC Meeting; 2/8
- Progress Reports go home; 2/9
- School Spelling Bee; 2/13
- AAPAC Meeting; 2/13
- SBAC IAB; 2/13-3/9
- Presidents' Week, No School; 2/19-2/23
- PTA General Association mtg.; 2/27

Spelling Bee Class Champions: 1st grade: Bode Wyatt, Quaylon Cooper Shipp, Philip Feng & Quileon Cooper; 2nd grade: Angelo Munoz, Addison Mullins, Asha Sen & Merist Phillips; 3rd grade: Gregorio Geraldo, Kirk Bacay, Adonias Solomon & Ricardo Cisneros Gonzalez; 4th grade: Kasey Swenson, Jalen Youngston, Sage Bojescu & Kaden Ulrich; 5th grade: Samantha Vasquez, Nathan Ricci & Vincent Garcia; 6th grade: Doenia Hallajh, Maya Flack & Eleanor Tsui

We had a very enjoyable and successful Imagination Machine assembly. We appreciate all the students who worked hard on writing stories and using their imaginations. Congratulations to the following students whose stories were selected and presented to the school.

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

Room 4 – exceeded goal by 8,207 words	Room 20 – exceeded goal by 900 minutes
Room 17 – exceeded goal by 315,800 words	Room 1 – exceeded goal by 36,754 words
Room 15 – exceeded goal by 899,399 words	Room 7 – exceeded goal by 24,291 words
Room 13 – exceeded goal by 824,586 words	

Olinda's January Students of the Month

Rm. 5: Talon Mason & Natalia Velasco

Rm. 20: Avaline Contreras & Julian Hamilton

Rm. 8: Justin Howard & Zephyrine Reichman

Rm. 17: Ana Julia Curcino & Jackdan Eyike

Rm. 15: Nikky Barron & Samantha Vasquez

Rm. 7: Alexia Limon & Chase Short

Rm. 1: Naomi Plamenco Villasica & Isaiah Alomar

Rm. 4: Kenlon Jones & Vicente Subia

Rm. 2: Lilitiana Contreras & Jaden Miller

Rm. 18: Ava Kennedy & Gaurangi Singh

Rm. 13: Abigail Lopez & Kylie King

Rm. 16: Noel Plamenco Villasica & Sisi Carlos Wallace

Rm 6: Kayla Gonzalez & Gurnoor Singh

Rm. 3: Shelby Boonmanee & Taranpreet Pannu

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!

