

*Valley Oak Elementary School*

# *Wildcat Weekly*

**Julie Duwe, Principal**

**Courtney Wicks, G.I.S.**

Monday 11/26	Tuesday 11/27	Wednesday 11/28	Thursday 11/29	Friday 11/30	
<b>MLK Art &amp; Essay Contest</b> <b>Due to Rm. 16</b>		<b>Early Release Times</b> 1st - 6th 1:45pm KAM @ 11:05am KPM starts @ 11:00am	<b>SART/IDAC</b> 7:45am LMC <b>All Parents encouraged to attend.</b>  <b>History Day</b> 7:45am Rm 5	<b>Progress Reports</b> <b>Grades 2-6</b>	
		<b>The Gathering @ 8:25am MPR</b> <b>Character Count Day</b> <b>Wear your shirts!!</b> CC Recognition 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade			<b>Last Day for Coat Drive</b>
			<b>GATE</b> 7:45am C. Lab	<b>CWA Elementary Orchestra Concert @ CN-PAC</b> Dep. 11:15am Ret. 1:50pm	<b>PALS &amp; Rm 6 to BTB</b> Dep. 9:40am Ret. 11:15am
		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Intervention Begins</b> 3:20-3:50pm Rm. 2 & 5			<b>Wrestling Shoot-Out @ Kastner</b> <b>Dep. 10:45am</b> <b>NO Return BUS</b> Weigh-In @ 11:00-11:30am Begins @ 12:00pm
		<b>Oral Interpretation</b> 3:15-4:15pm Rm. 3	<b>GATE to Clovis West</b> Dep. 8:45am Ret. 12:15pm	<b>Study Table &amp; Detention</b> 3:15-4:15pm Primary Rm. 9 & Upper Rm. 19	
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	<b>ECL</b> 3:20-4:15pm Rm. 1		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Intervention</b> 3:20-3:50pm Rm. 2 & 5	<b>SNACKBAR</b>	
<b>Winter Sports Practice</b> <b>G &amp; B Basketball &amp; Wrestling</b>	<b>Winter Sports Practice</b> <b>G &amp; B Basketball &amp; Wrestling</b>	<b>All Cheer Practice</b> Cheer @ 3:00-4:00pm MPR  <b>Competition Squad</b> 3:00pm - 4:30pm	<b>Winter Sports Practice</b> <b>G &amp; B Basketball &amp; Wrestling</b>	<b>Home Game</b> <b>Valley Oak VS Nelson</b> A-Team Boys BB @ 2:15pm A-Teams Girls BB @ 3:15pm	
Homestyle Chicken Strips Cheesy Pull Apart Bread w/Marinara Ketchup or BBQ Green Beans Corn Raisels	Orange Chicken Rice Bowl Garlic Cheese French Bread Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli Apricot Fruit Cup	Quesadilla Chicken Patty Sandwich Ketchup Green Garden Salad Fresh Salsa Mixed Berry Fruit Cup	Chicken Alfredo Soft Wheat Roll Bean and Cheese Burrito Fresh Broccoli Corn Mandarin Oranges	Cheeseburger Cheese Filled Bread Sticks w/ Marinara Baby Carrots Home style Baked Beans Strawberry Cup Ketchup	
<b>Math Cats</b>  <b>Rm. 1</b> Londyn B. Cole J. Brayden J. Jaylene A. Kevin E. Tia S. <b>Rm. 9</b> Juan G. Drayden H. Everett J. Jacy L. Johnny N. Chelsea A. <b>Rm. 16</b> Aaron L.		<b>Upcoming</b> 12-03 Poinsettia Delivery 12-06 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday fun "Flannel Day" 12-12 SPECTRUM meeting 7:45am MPR 12-13 Winter Holiday Program 12-24 - 1-04 Winter Break 1-07 Staff Development Day- No School for Students 1-08 Students return to school 1-21 Martin Luther King Day- No School 2-11 Lincoln's Birthday- No School 2-18 Washington's Birthday-No School			

## Principal's Message

Dear Wildcat Families,

During the Thanksgiving season, I reflect on the many things I am thankful of having in my life. I am so blessed to be at such a wonderful school with many amazing families, staff and teachers. Thank you for all you do to support our school.

Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter SART/IDAC meeting at 7:45am in the LMC. I would like to personally invite each of you to attend. SART/IDAC meetings are an important way to stay connected to our school via imperative conversations and direct communication with administration. I hope that you will consider joining us.

Enjoy your week of family time!

With Wildcat Pride,

Julie Duwe  
Principal

## VOPC

A huge thank you to all of our Wildcat families that have supported our Parent Club so far this year! To date, our VOPC has raised over \$30,000 from our Movie Night, Snack bars, Back to School Fiesta Social and Carnival! This is incredible and we are extremely grateful to all of you for your support. Every dollar made goes back into our classrooms and school grounds to help benefit our students! Our VOPC has already purchased many new items this year such as new basketballs & tetherballs for our playgrounds, athletic equipment for our cross country, football and volleyball teams, new classroom supplies for our Special Ed classes, laptop computers for both 1st grade and Kindergarten classes, and many other supplies needed for our other grade levels. It is truly wonderful to see our funds being put to use throughout the year. All of this is only possible with your continued support!

Valley Oak is partnering with Harris Ranch to offer some of their most delicious steaks at a discounted price for the holidays! For just \$20, you can purchase 2 12 oz. New York steaks. The steaks will be delivered frozen and can go directly back into your freezer... this would make a wonderful gift for your holiday dinners!! Order forms went home with students this week and all orders will be due Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Steaks will be delivered and ready for pick up on Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. If you placed orders for Pointsettia's, they will be available for pick up after school on Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Questions? Please email us at valleyoakparentclub@gmail.com. Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ART and ESSAY Contest

The Martin Luther King Art and Essay contest is now open and taking submissions. This year's theme is, **Fulfilling the Dream with Informed Action.**

The **Art contest** is open to students in grades K-6 and entries may be created individually or as a group of up to 4 students. The maximum size for art is 16"x 20" and must include a 25-50 word explanation of how the artwork ties in with the theme. The **Essay contest** is for students in grades 4-6 and requires a 100-500 word essay following the given prompt. The most outstanding entries will be selected for judging by the Fresno County Office of Education.

See your teacher for more information if you are interested in participating.

All artwork and essays are due to Mrs. Melillo in room 16,  
**NO LATER than November 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## Check Writing Procedures

Please make checks payable to: "**Clovis Unified School District**", unless otherwise noted. Please do NOT write checks to CUSD. A few examples: School Field Trips, Read-A-Thon, Jog-A-Thon, Yearbook and Campus Catering. Several things will come home from the "Valley Oak Parent Club". Checks for the Valley Oak Parent Club should be made out to: "**VOPC**". This is a Bank Policy throughout Clovis Unified School District.

## Volunteer

Volunteer Applications Planning on Chaperoning a field trip, helping in your student's class, or attending a class party? You must have a current volunteer application on file. Volunteer Applications are available in the Valley Oak Office.

\*Ask us about TB Risk Assessment screenings!

## Birthday Messages on the Marquee

Birthday messages are available for purchase to be presented on our marquee. Messages are \$25.00, payable by cash or check made out to "Valley Oak Parent Club." See Mrs. Valentino in the main office if you are interested in purchasing.

## News from Student Council

### Coat Drive

Student Council is collecting new or gently used coats to give to the Coats for Kids organization in Fresno. Look through your closet and see what you have to give! It's all going to a great cause. The coats will be dropped off at the Kiss Country Coat-a-thon in early December. **Coat drive ends Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### Canned Food Drive

Student Council is also in need of non-perishable food to give to families in need this holiday season. Examples of items needed: canned vegetables, canned yams, boxed potatoes, flour, sugar, dessert mixes, pasta, etc... Let's get the word out and collect more cans than we did last year. The food will be donated to needy families before Christmas. Please bring your donations to Rm. 9 before December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## When to keep your child home

When should I keep my child home? If your child is ill, please keep them home from school. This will help keep our school a healthier place for everyone! As a parent, it's often difficult to determine whether your child should be kept home or sent to school. The following are some guidelines provided by our school nurse to help make the decision a little easier!

### It's best to keep you child home if he or she:

- Has a fever of 100 degrees or higher. Please keep your child home until the fever has been gone for 24 hours and without the use of medication.
- Has vomited in the last 24 hours.
- Has excessive tiredness or lack of appetite due to illness.
- Has a productive cough, sneezing or congestion with a green runny nose.
- Has a headache, body aches or earache.
- Has a sore throat, particularly if accompanied by headache and/or upset stomach.

**Reminder: All absences *must* be cleared with the front office.**