

Valley Oak Elementary School
Wildcat Weekly

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Monday 12/10	Tuesday 12/11	Wednesday 12/12	Thursday 12/13	Friday 12/14
<p>6th Grade Field Trip Fresno Federal Court House Dep. 9:00am Ret. 1:30pm</p> <p>SPCA-DI Presentation Upper @ 2:00-2:30pm Primary @ 2:30-3:00pm MPR</p>	<p>Bricks 4-Kids Presentation During Lunch</p> <p>1st Grade Intervention 3:20-3:50pm Rm. 2 & 5</p> <p>Oral Interpretation 3:15-4:15pm Rm. 3</p> <p>Study Table & Detention 3:15-4:15pm Primary Rm. 9 & Upper Rm. 19</p> <p>ECL 3:20-4:15pm Rm. 1</p>	<p>Early Release Times 1st - 6th 1:45pm KAM @ 11:05am KPM starts @ 11:00am</p>	<p>History Day 7:45am Rm 5</p>	<p>VOPC Meeting 8:30am MPR All Parents Welcome</p>
		<p>The Gathering @ 8:25am MPR Character Count Day Wear your shirts!! CC Recognition Grades 2 & 3</p>	<p>GATE Meeting 12:00pm Rm 20</p>	<p>Last Day Student Council- Food Drive</p>
		<p>2nd Quarter SSC Meeting 7:45am Office Conference Room</p>	<p>Study Table & Detention 3:15-4:15pm Primary & Upper Rm. 19</p>	<p>Delivery VOPC Harris Ranch Steaks 3-5pm MPR</p>
		<p>SPECTRUM 7:45am LMC</p>	<p>1st Grade Intervention 3:20-3:50pm Rm. 2 & 5</p>	<p>SOAR Conference @ CW Dep. 8:30am Ret. 12:00pm</p>
		<p>GATE Book Exchange 8:00am-3:30pm Stage</p>	<p>Winter Holiday Program Performances Times Kindergarten @ 6:00pm 1st Grade @ 6:15pm 2nd Grade @ 6:30pm 3rd Grade @ 6:45pm 4th Grade @ 7:00pm 5/6th Grade Concert Choir @ 7:15pm *Arrive 15 mins prior to classroom.</p>	<p>Choir to Fairwinds Dep. 10:30am Ret. 11:15am</p>
		<p>CUSD Board Mtg. 6:30pm PDB</p>	<p>PALS & Rm 6 Break the Barriers Dep. 9:40am Ret. 11:15am</p>	<p>Winter Sports Pictures Girls BB @ 12:20pm Boys BB @ 12:40pm Wrestling @ 1:00pm</p>
<p>Winter Sports Practice Basketball & Wrestling</p>	<p>Winter Sports Practice Basketball & Wrestling</p>	<p>All Cheer Practice Cheer @ 3:00-4:00pm MPR</p> <p>Competition Squad 3:00pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Winter Sports Practice Basketball & Wrestling practice in Rm. 10</p>	<p>Home Game Day VO vs. Fort Washington Basketball & Wrestling *A-Team Boys BB @ 2:15pm *A-Teams Girls BB @ 3:15pm</p>
<p>Chicken Taquitos Soft Pretzel Cheese Sauce Cup Corn Green Beans Raisels</p>	<p>Orange Chicken Rice Bowl Cheese Filled Bread Sticks w/ Marinara Baby Carrots Mixed Vegetables Apricot Fruit Cup</p>	<p>Bean and Cheese Burrito Chicken Patty Sandwich Fresh Salsa Green Garden Salad Cinnamon Apple Slices</p>	<p>Chicken Alfredo Soft Wheat Roll Garlic Cheese French Bread Corn Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>Crispy Chicken Drumstick Bean & Cheese Chalupa Fresh Salsa Chili Beans Strawberry Cup Mini Rice Krispy Treat</p>
<p>Math Cats</p> <p>Rm. 1 Isabella V. Rm. 9 Harout K. Adrian B. Samarah R. Maliah W. Jacy L. Drayden H.</p> <p>Rm. 7 Jack D. Laurita O. Tyler L. Brooklyn A.</p> <p>Rm. 16 Kaylynn S. Natsume G. Hudson H. Layla M. Ethan S.</p>		<p>Upcoming</p> <p>12-24 – 1-04 Winter Break</p> <p>1-07 Staff Development Day- No School for Students</p> <p>1-08 Students return to school</p> <p>1-18 End of 2nd Quarter</p> <p>1-25 Mother Son Dance 6-8pm MPR</p> <p>1-21 Martin Luther King Day- No School</p> <p>2-01 2nd Quarter Academic & Athletic Awards Primary @ 1:15pm & Upper @ 2:15pm</p> <p>2-11 Lincoln’s Birthday- No School</p> <p>2-18 Washington’s Birthday-No School</p>		



Valley Oak Winter Program

The holiday season is upon us, and the students at Valley Oak are working very hard in preparation for the Winter Holiday Program. On December 13th, all of our students in K-3rd grade, as well as our two upper grade choirs, will present a wonderful evening of music.

Here is the performance schedule. **Your child should arrive at their classroom 15 minutes prior to their performance time.**

It is a sincere joy to work with your children. I look forward to seeing you at the performance. Happy Holidays, Mrs. Bethany Speir.

6:00pm Kindergarten

6:15pm 1st grade

6:30pm 2nd grade

6:45pm 3rd grade

7:00pm 4th grade Wildcat Chorus

7:15pm 5-6th grade Concert Choir

Parents without other children performing are asked to leave immediately after the performance to ensure others the ability to watch their child. All children must be picked up at the classrooms.

VOPC

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Harris Ranch steak fundraiser! All orders were due Fri., 12/7 and will be available to pick up Fri., 12/14 in the MPR from 3-5pm. If you will be unable to pick up at that time, please email us as soon as possible at valleyoakparentclub@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

Did you know you can purchase Spirit Wear at anytime online? Just go to www.squareheartshops.com scroll to the Valley Oak icon and start shopping! You can customize your own items, and a portion of each purchase goes directly back to our school!

Our next Parent Club meeting will be Friday, Dec. 14th at 8:30am in the MPR. We will be discussing our upcoming Mother/Son Dance, Movie Night and Wine Tasting. Little ones are always welcome and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

The GREAT GATE Book Exchange

We need books! In order for our Book Exchange to be successful, we need families to donate books. Please clean out your old CHILDREN's books and donate them today. We will collect books every day until Wednesday, December 12th.

Students are stationed in the MPR before school to collect the books and to give out the small treat. You may also donate your books to Mr. Delmundo's classroom where children have the treat ready as well.

Our GREAT GATE Book Exchange is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th in the MPR. Please plan on coming and purchasing books. This is a great opportunity to buy books for the holidays.

DI SPCA

Our Valley Oak Destination Imagination team has chosen the Service Learning Challenge this year and is collecting items for the SPCA from December 18th through 20th. Donations can be dropped off near the flag pole from 7:55am-8:20am on those mornings. Items that they need include cleaning supplies, food, leashes, and blankets. Anyone that drops off items will receive hot chocolate and animal crackers. Flyers will be sent home next week with more information. We would greatly appreciate your support. Your Valley Oak Destination Imagination Team (Anna, Eliot, Ena, Evan, Izumi, and Jay).

Clovis West Corner

On Monday, November 5, CW held a book signing event for Madeleine Bauer (Valley Oak Alumni), who published a children's book titled *Balloons for Poppy*, which helps children process grief. Madeleine partnered with Hinds Hospice Center for Grief, donating all proceeds from the book to support Hinds. The event was well attended with a plethora of representatives from the CW Area coming out to support Madeleine. CW would also like to congratulate the competition pep & cheer programs who won first place in Division 2 & Division 3 at the USA Regionals.

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!

ROBOTICS

Congratulations to Orion's Trashmen on their performance during last weekend's qualifying robotics tournament. Their hard work impressed the judges and they are now preparing to compete in the Central Valley Championships held on December 15th @Alta Sierra. Way to go boys!

Coat and Canned Food Drive

A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated coats for the coat drive this year. Altogether, we ended 150 coats that will keep kids warm this winter season. **The canned food drive and blessing bag donations will continue through Friday, December 14th.** We have almost 600 non perishable items right now - let's see if we can get 1000 items! Examples of items needed: canned vegetables, canned yams, boxed potatoes, flour, sugar, dessert mixes, pasta, etc... All canned food benefits families right here in the Clovis West area. Keep the giving spirit going!!!! Thank you, Mrs. Williams and the Fall Student Council.

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found weekly. All items not picked up by **Friday, December 21st will be donated to charity.** Please be sure to put your child's name on their belongings ~ lunch boxes, instruments, sports equipment, coats, sweaters, backpacks, etc. This is a great help if something gets lost, it sure helps us get the lost item back to its owner. Thank you!

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.