



Bear Gram



Principal's Message

Dear Families:

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first trimester. This first trimester has been filled with many wonderful surprises including news that we met our Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), and that our Academic Performance Index was 808. In fact, we were only one of eight schools in Fontana to accomplish this.

However, we have an important change which will occur during the 10-11 school year. Because of Jurupa Hills High School, the boundaries have been redone, and as a result, some of our students may be moving to Juniper Elementary.

Furthermore, if your student is attending Oleander on an intra-district student, you **MUST** renew your application in January. In the past, you did not have to renew them, but now you must.

If your student is designated to attend another school, and you would like them to continue to attend Oleander, you will need to complete an intra-district transfer form in January. Please remember, that these will be considered as space is available, and you will be responsible for transporting your student to and from school.

There are several other rules regarding these boundary changes. As a result, we will try to have a representative from our Facilities and Planning Department come and speak in December or January regarding the various changes which will occur. If you have more questions regarding the boundary changes, please call 357-7522 or you may visit the Fontana Unified School District Web page at fusd.net.

Until next time,

Mr. Santiago



November/December Events

Intersession: 11/2-11/10.

Return to School: 11/30

Outdoor Science School Meeting: 12/10 @ 6pm

Winter Program: 12/17

Winter Break: 12/21-1/01

Return from Winter Break: 1/4/10

Intra-District Application: 1/1-1/31

ELAC: January 14th @ 9am

Bear Chat: January 15th in the Cafeteria. Bring your favorite dish to share with other parents.

SSC-January 21st @ 9am

Faculty Follies: January 22nd TBD

McDonald's Night

On Thursday, October 15th, many teachers had the opportunity to return to their first job, and went to work at McDonald's for the night. During the event, staff members were selling pies, cookies, ice-cream, as well as cleaning tables and sweeping the floors. All this was done to raise money for our PTA with proceeds going to our Ben Carson Scholar Program.

Harvest Festival

October 23rd was our 3rd Annual Harvest Festival. Students wore their favorite costumes, danced to their favorite songs, and had a variety of food to choose from. Thank you to the many parents who made this a success for our kids.

Principal for a Day

We are pleased to announce a new incentive program here at Oleander for our students, "Principal for a Day." Rogelio Anaya-Villa was chosen as our first recipient. As Principal, Roger had the opportunity to give out awards, speak with other Principals, and visit classrooms.



We Made Our AYP and Celebrated!!

On Friday, October 9th, Oleander had a huge celebration to recognize our students' accomplishment of receiving 808 on the State of California's Academic Performance Index (API). How important is this accomplishment? Consider that we are only one of eight schools in Fontana to achieve this, and only 48% of schools in California have accomplished this. This, coupled with the fact that once our API was only 399, you can see what a great deal

this is. Yet, we're not done. 1000 is the most points we can get on our API, and this year, our goal is 850. We have made significant progress in four years, but until all students are Proficient or Advanced in Language Arts and Math, our work is not completed.