**School Times:** All Mandarin grades and First - Fifth grades: 7:55am - 2:07pm  
AM Kindergarten Times: 7:40am - 11:10am, PM TK Times: 11:11am - 2:41pm  
**Minimum Day Dismissal Time:** All Mandarin grades & First - Fifth grades - 12:02pm (Lunch is always served on minimum days)  
**Early Release Wednesdays:** All Mandarin grades & First - Fifth grades: 7:55am - 1:10pm,  
Kindergarten AM ~ 7:40am - 10:25am, TK PM ~ 10:25am - 1:10pm

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**Enrollment for 22/23**

Open enrollment for the 22/23 school year is coming soon! Please look for more information in the January bulletin.

If your student(s) will not be returning after the Winter Break, please inform the office.

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**December 2021**

**Parent Bulletin #5**

**TRACY LINYARD/PRINCIPAL**

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**Important Dates**

- 12/8 ~ Dine Out night at Asian Bistro, 4pm – 8pm (see flyer)  
- 12/9 ~ PTO meeting via Zoom at 7pm  
- 12/13 - 12/16 ~ PTO Holiday Shop  
- 12/20 - 1/3 ~ Winter Break—NO SCHOOL

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**Reminders**

*If your student is absent from school, please remember to call our attendance line at 916-933-9746, option #4 and leave a message that includes: Student Name, Date, Teacher’s Name, and the reason for the absence. This should be done the morning of each absence.

*If your student will be missing school and you are interested in an Independent Study Contract, inform your teacher and you must come to the office to fill out the necessary paperwork no less than 5 days in advance of your trip.

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**Enjoy Your Winter Break!**

**Happy Holidays!**
EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- Dine-Out Night: Dec. 8th at Asian Bistro
  (See attached flyer for details.)
- PTO Zoom Meeting: Dec. 9th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Holiday Shop Dec. 13th-16th
  (Check your email for the link.)
- Donate With These Programs:
  - Amazon Smile
  - Nugget Scrips Program
  - www.oakmeadowpto.com/donate

HOLIDAY SHOP

The Holiday Shop is back! Students will be able to shop for family members and friends with the help from volunteers. Please check your email for more information.
ASIAN BISTRO
DINE-OUT NIGHT

December 8th: 4pm-8pm

Please join us December 8th for the next dine-out night for dine-in or take-out at Asian Bistro. Mention Oak Meadow, and 20% of the proceeds will go straight to our school.

ASIAN BISTRO: 2222 FRANCISCO DRIVE
#200
916-933-0260
The R.A.R.A. Program Needs You!

Something exciting is being developed at Oak Meadow! The Raptor Awesome Recess Activities (aka R.A.R.A) is a new recess idea in which you and/or your child can be involved. We are hoping to create alternative activities at recess and repurpose unused old and new garden spaces to make areas where children have other choices at recess, including art, games, gardening, etc. Mrs. Ghilarducci (retired OM second grade teacher) has begun working with the students to brainstorm ideas for activities, how to improve the garden areas, and fundraising. This is meant to be a kid-led, kid-powered, kid-developed program, open to all students in first through fifth grades.

If you would like to volunteer to be a R.A.R.A. Docent (as little as volunteering once a month), want to find out more about the program, or to help out in other ways, such as being a sponsor, please contact Linda Ghilarducci at lghilarducci484@gmail.com.
As the holidays arrive and special gatherings are shared with family and friends, I thought it would be the perfect time to revisit and remind students about what having good manners looks like and why it’s so important to practice them every day. As the root of manners stems from being respectful and thinking about others, I thought this would be a great topic for December’s classroom guidance lesson as we enter into the season of sharing good will inside and outside of our homes.

According to Parents Magazine, here are the top 15 manners your child should have mastered by age 9. Take a look to see how your child is doing.

1. When asking for something, say “please”.
2. When receiving something, say “thank you”.
3. Do not interrupt adults when they are speaking to others, unless it’s an emergency.
4. If you don’t need to get somebody’s attention right away, “excuse me” is the most polite way for you to enter the conversation.
5. When you have any doubt about doing something, ask permission first.
6. The world is not interested in what you dislike. Keep negative comments to yourself.
7. Knock on closed doors and see if there is a response before entering.
8. When you’ve spent time at a friend's home, remember to thank his or her parents for having you.
9. Even if a play or assembly is boring, sit quietly through it and pretend to be interested.
10. If you bump into somebody, say “excuse me”.
11. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and don’t pick your nose in public.
12. When you make a phone call, introduce yourself first and then ask to speak to the person you’re calling.
13. Don’t make fun of people or call them names.
14. Place your napkin on your lap as you sit to eat and use it as needed.
15. As you walk through a door, look to see if you can hold it open for someone behind you.

Families—Have some fun with these activities, while practicing good manners at home.

18 Fun Activities that teach good manner at home

Students—Listen to these stories about good manners

Emily’s Everyday Manners
Manners are not for Monkeys
The Berenstein Bears Forget their Manners
Counseling Groups
My first round of groups will be wrapping up before winter break and a new round beginning after. Topics include: Friendship, Worry Management, Stress Management, Self-esteem, Grief, Self-regulation, Separation/Divorce. If you’re interested in a group for your child, please contact me at lspencer-long@buckeyeusd.org.

Holiday Wish Gift Card Drive
Lastly, we will be collecting gift cards for our very own Oak Meadow families to help support them through the holidays and end 2021 with some good will and warm memories. If you know of, or are a family in need who would like to be included, please email lspencer-long@buckeyeusd.org.
Flyers with the Santa Run schedule are in the office
The next session of Dream Enrichment Classes begin in December. Please call 916-419-7644 for more information or to enroll.
ATTENTION PARENTS

THE EL DORADO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION IS CURRENTLY HIRING SUBSTITUTES

ARE YOU RETIRED? JUST LOST YOUR JOB? HAVE A FEW EXTRA HOURS TO SPARE? LIKE CHILDREN?

SUBSTITUTING MAY BE FOR YOU!

EDCOE is now hiring Guest Teachers! Positions pay from $120.00 a day to $165.00 per day depending on the district.

- If you have a Bachelor’s degree and have taken the CBEST (California Basic Education Skills Test)* you may qualify for an Emergency Substitute Permit.
- (*The requirements regarding the CBEST have recently changed. This allows us to review your transcripts to see if you meet the requirements instead of taking the CBEST exam itself)

Don’t have a degree? We have other substitute positions available as well such as:

- Custodian/Maintenance
- Food Service
- Instructional Assistant
- Library Aide
- Yard Duty
- Clerical
- Health Clerk

SCAN THE QR CODE OR APPLY ONLINE AT www.EdJoin.org/EDCOE
As an ongoing fundraiser for Oak Meadow, you have 2 options to select from to celebrate your child’s birthday and support your school library.

Option A ~ $20 ~ Celebrate your child’s name by displaying their name in lights on the school marquee.

Option B ~ $30 ~ Help expand Oak Meadow’s library! With the help of our librarian, your child will select a book and your child’s name, birthday, and the year it was donated will be placed on the inside cover! Your child will be the first to check this book out!

If your child has a summer birthday, it can be celebrated on their ½ birthday! What a fun way to celebrate your child’s birthday by placing their name on the marquee and a great way to fill Oak Meadow’s library and have your child’s name in a book for years to come. Please submit your forms early!

Student’s Name:______________________________________________________________

Parent’s Name:______________________________________________________________

Phone:_____________________________ Email:_______________________________

Teacher’s Name:___________________________________________________________

Birth Date:_______________________________________________________________

Student will be age:_________________________________________________________

Please check appropriate box:

☐ $20 – Option A – child’s name on school marquee

☐ $30 – Option B – child’s name on school marquee & library book

Attach method of payment of cash or check made out to Oak Meadow.
ADOPT A CLASS

2021-2022

The “Adopt A Class” program was created over fourteen years ago to provide additional money, directly to the teachers, to assist in enhancing our children’s education. Business, individuals, or groups of families may “Adopt A Class” for a minimum donation of $200 in order to receive an appreciation certificate. All teachers, resource, P.E. & library are eligible to receive the donations.

DONORS BENEFIT BY:

- Recognition in the classroom for a year
- Recognition in the school bulletin
- Certificate for place of business at end of school year
- Tax benefits
- 100% of your money goes to the teacher!

This is a win/win for students and businesses!
(Please make checks payable to Oak Meadow School and return to the office)

Name: ___________________________ Phone: __________________

Address: __________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________
Name for Certificate: ________________________________

Teacher’s Name: ___________________ Grade: __________

Amount donated $: __________
Have you requested matching funds from an employer? ______

Thank you for your support!