



Orengo School Times



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A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

Dear Students and Parents:

Thank you for your attendance at Back-to-School Night. We trust that you have a better insight and additional knowledge about your child's educational program. Your support, questions, and assistance will help your child reach their goals and be successful in school. Please continue to visit the classroom, share program suggestions, and stay in touch with the teacher.

As the "routines" in school fall into place, it's important to remind us that there is nothing "routine" in the effort children put forth while in school or on work at home. Their effort is vital to recognize and reinforce. This factor is one of many that determine high achievement but the only factor a child has a choice in applying.

With the assistance of the Booster Club our Art Literacy program (a once a month study of famous artists) should begin this month. Also, our first "professional looking" art gallery featuring student works is on display. We

have also planned to hold several building-wide activities, of which groups of differing grade level students will work together. Overall everything is running well, and the kids are really enthusiastic about school.

Tim Bishop and the Orengo Team



HOMEWORK: Homework is one means of teaching the necessary skills of individual study and learning for present and future use. The work builds a bridge between children's lives in school and at home, reinforces newly learned skills, and increases the amount of learning time to master concepts. Above all, homework is a responsibility that the student should learn to take independently. In the Elementary Handbook, you will find homework rationales and guidelines. Do take time to discuss a homework routine that is best for everyone. Assignments will be given Monday through Thursday and an activity of reading will always be included. Please contact your child's teacher if you need any clarification.



UP-and-COMING

Mark your calendar for these events:

October 9th
Booster Club Meeting, 2:30

October 10th
Pictures

October 11th
Kinder Pictures

October 12th
No School—State-wide Inservice

October 15th
Book Fair Begins

October 17th-19th
Parent Conferences

October 26th
Spirit Day

November 6th
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Falling into Fourth Grade!

The 4th grade students wrote about their first impressions of fourth grade.

I really like 4th grade because of all the exciting field trips to come! Cory

We get to have fun while making art projects and at the end we get an astonishing picture! Alexandra

The best things so far has been doing my spelling test, math problems, PE and reading. I like those things because some of that stuff makes me smart. Ryan

I love 4th grade because I get to do harder things and I get more privileges. Ben

The first three weeks were great. I loved the part about writing because I write stories at home. I also like the pets and science. Christopher

I thought getting back in the swing of things was a lot of fun. Though one of the funnest things was going to math and getting challenged by my math teacher. Thomas

This is really the best school year ever. It is really fun going to a new class because you get a new teacher each year. Janette

I love 4th grade because I get more homework! The teachers do a great job of teaching me. Darla

The best thing in fourth grade for me is science. I like science because you can discover really cool stuff that you didn't know before. Alexandria

This is an awesome year. PE was really fun, too. I can't wait until flash ball. Jake

My first month of fourth grade has been awesome. The best thing so far has been math. It can be fun, hard, or easy, either way I still love it. Dylan

I love 4th grade because I love science! Lillian

Fourth grade is a blast! From doctors to health, from writing to art, and of course organizing my note book. Tessa

The best thing so far has been meeting new friends that came from different schools because it is so fun meeting new people. Althea

The coolest thing about fourth grade is the teacher teaching. She makes almost everything easy. The second thing is that the kids are amazing friends. It's like I never want to go home. Chloe



ACADEMIC SEMINAR:

Each Monday students are dismissed a half hour early. This allows staff time for planning and staff training in effective instructional strategies and student achievement. Past seminars included topics on Technology Instruction, Goal Setting, Assessment Data, and Team Collaboration. The program will enhance our skills in meeting the needs of our students.

ORCA LIVE:

Each Wednesday morning at 9:30 sharp, Orenco's student-run live newscast is broadcasted. Facilitated by Mr. Bunker and Mr. Futter the crew of: Elizabeth P, Shaylyn S, Hannah S, Mike M, Tia C, Arielle V, Tiana D, Avanka D, Tiffany D, Seth R, Sabrina O, and Christine F feature stories on the activities taking place around the school, field trips, staff profiles and live remotes. It is great fun and amazing how much students enjoy watching. Latest Orca Live broadcasts can be viewed on the web at <http://www.hsd.k12.or.us/orengo/> It is definitely the highlight of the week! Thanks crew!



SERVICES OFFERED FOR TALENTED AND GIFTED (TAG) STUDENTS:

Parents are welcome to refer their child for services designed for students identified as talented and gifted. Students who score at or above the 97th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test of overall reading or math or on a mental abilities test, and have other confirming evidence that they learn at a rapid rate and advanced level, are identified as TAG students. With parent input, individual plans are made to adjust the rate and level of the student's instruction to meet his or her specific needs.

If you think your child may qualify for TAG services, and want information about the referral and identification process, please call Elizabeth Nahl.

SPLASH CASH:

With the use of the Accelerated Reading software program, our students increase their reading achievement. They first read a book, then take a comprehension test on the computer. Based upon their score, they receive points. These points are then exchanged for "Splash Cash". Four times during the year the students are able to exchange their "cash" for prizes. The program motivates everyone to read more and it produces a lot of excitement. Be sure to ask your child about this.



ABSENCES:

If your child is absent, please call our attendance line (503) 844-1375 BEFORE 9:30 a.m. If your call is not received by this time, you will be notified by our automated calling system.

STUDENT COUNCIL:

The purpose of this group is to help build responsibility and generate input on the part of students. Members represent all children and help to develop new programs, special activities, and serve as problem solvers as well as solution creators. Council reps are: Curtis Lepley, Tessa Moody, Amanda Croskrey, Darla Rodriguez, Hannah Solheim, Decker Strom, Denika Brown, Mercedes Flores, Elizabeth Pecsok and Karolina Ryerson.



FUTURE ORENCO METEOROLOGISTS:

Third grade students visited Channel 6 News to help out with the weather forecast. Mr. Mooyman, Ms. Leonard and Mrs. Sander's students were able to tour the news station and visit with the broadcasters. Both adults and students had a great time!



WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



ZOA
CHATHAM
SED ASSISTANT



GRACIE
CASTILLO
ESL ASSISTANT



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TAYLOR
ESL



JULIE
SCOTT
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