



Orengo School Times



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A Message from our Principal, Mr. Bishop

Dear Students and Parents:

Monthly we include classroom lessons and activities centered on specific themes.

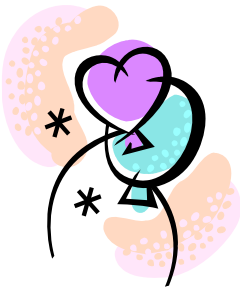
February's school themes include Patriotism and Friendship. Reinforcing these at home and asking your child what they are doing to increase these traits is helpful.

We encourage you to visit Orengo at any time and continue to check in with your child's teacher or specialists.

Feel free to call me or talk with the office staff should you have any questions.

We appreciate your involvement.

Tim Bishop and the Orengo Team



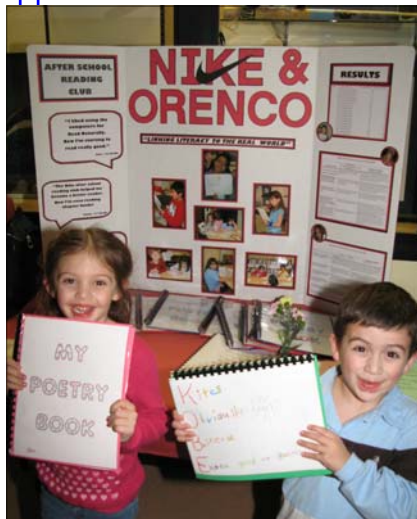
ORENCO STUDENTS ENRICHED BY ART

Orengo students share in learning about famous artists in our on-going art literacy program. This year classrooms have come to life as they are learning about some of the old famous artists and a surprising technique. Our many thanks to all the parent volunteers who help with this program. Orengo students gain a greater appreciation for art through this program.



POPCORN, POETRY AND

Students and parents enjoyed an evening of fun with staff and other special presenters reading stories and poems. Every student who attended received a book. Everyone gained an even more greater appreciation for reading!



UP-and-COMING

Mark your calendar for these events:

February 18th
President's Day—No School

February 21st
Science Fair/Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

February 29th
Spirit Day

March 3rd
"I Love a Book Parade", 1:30

March 7th
Early Student Release, 11:20

March 10th
Grade Prep—No School for Students

March 11th
**Next Newsletter Sent Home
Booster Club Meeting, 2:30**





SCIENCE FAIR/SPAGHETTI DINNER

Just a reminder that the Spaghetti Dinner and Science Fair will be February 21st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$1.00 per person.



FIFTH GRADE ASSEMBLY:

Our student-led assembly was presented by the fifth grade. Students presented mini-plays about Martin Luther King and DARE. Fifth graders got students excited about the upcoming Invention Convention and Science Fair.



ORK, THE BEARDED DRAGON:

A special visitor came to Orenco, Students, with permission from their parents, were able to submit an essay "Why I Want a Bearded Dragon". Some lucky student will be able to win a special friend!



ORCA LIVE:

Parents can check out our school-wide broadcast of Orca Live on our website www.hsd.k12.or.us/orenco. You will see special highlights of the week and school events that take place throughout the month.





First Grade



We are half way through the year with our fantastic first graders! All students have been learning to read and write at an amazing pace. We began the year learning about our school and how to make this a nicer place to be with our good manners. This Fall we began our new Social Studies journey learning about communities and community helpers.

In October we performed in front of the school for an all school assembly. We performed a reader's theater version of Room on the Broom, sang Five Little Pumpkins and a song about reading, and led the student body in our Orenco School song.

During December we learned about many countries, cultures and winter celebrations. This past month we focused on the important lesson we learned from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We celebrated differences and learned about showing respect to others.

With the science fair coming soon we have been learning about matter and Dental Health. As part of our matter unit we learned about solids, liquids and gasses. For our Dental Health unit we are doing several experiments in our classrooms. Please plan to attend the school wide Science Fair on February 21st. This spring we are going to be working hard to learn about wetlands. The kids will be making a PowerPoint presentation using the information they gather for their very first research report. Each class will be going on a field trip to Smith and Bybee Lakes in May.

