

OLIVEIRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Year 2024-2025

Family Newsletter January 2025

The Power of Choices

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful and restful winter break. As we step into 2025, I'm excited to share my "One Word" for the year: **Transform**. This word represents the positive changes we will continue to make together as a school community—transforming our students' learning experiences, their growth, and the way we support each other.

The next five months will be a busy and exciting time as we work hard to help students succeed with their grade-level standards. We will also continue to focus on building character and helping students understand the power of their choices. Children ages 5-11 are discovering the value of education and developing a growth mindset. With a growth mindset, children view challenges as opportunities to grow. They understand that by pushing themselves through difficult tasks, they can improve their abilities and build resilience. This mindset will serve them well throughout their lives.

As we work on academics and personal growth, it's important to remember the value of play in your child's development. Play is not just fun—it's a key part of building skills such as **problem-solving**, **social interaction**, and **creativity**. These are essential life skills that help children grow emotionally, socially, and cognitively. We encourage you to engage with your child in activities that promote these skills and foster a love of learning.

In the coming months, we will need your involvement more than ever. Whether through volunteering, attending school events, or supporting your child's learning at home, your active participation plays a crucial role in their success. Together, we can make these final months of the school year a transformative and memorable time for our students.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to the journey ahead!

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." Maya Angelou

My Best Always,

Linda Anderson, Principal

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Oliveira's School Counselor, Ms. Rodarte, is sponsoring the Great **Kindness Challenge Spirit Week**—[see the flier here](#) and help your child dress for each spirit day. It will be fun to see each group of students transformed in their spirit wear and showing their classroom kindness!

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★EAGLE EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER★

Monday	January 6, 2025	Return to School from Winter Break		
Mon. - Fri.	January 6-10, 2025	SOAR Week		all students/families
Friday	January 10, 2025	PTA Math Night	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	See flier here --event at Thornton
Mon - Fri.	January 13 - 17, 2025	Kindness Spirit Week		Spirit Week --all students/families
Tuesday	January 14, 2025	School Site Council	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Agenda to come
Tuesday	January 14, 2025	ELAC Meeting	5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Agenda to come
Friday	January 17, 2025	Minimum Day	1:20 or 1:35	Grades 1 - 5
Monday	January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		No School
Wednesday	January 29, 2025	Science Projects Due		Grades K-5--turn in to teacher
Friday	January 31, 2025	Spirit Day		Futuristic Day--dress as a robot or ?
See Eagle Friday Updates in Parent Square for more Events and Oliveira Information				

Food Drive

Thank you so much for all the generous donations to the Food and Toy Drive. Tri-City Volunteers (a local organization on Peralta/Joseph right here in Centerville) is extremely grateful for the support from Oliveira students and families.



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New Student Registration for 2025-2026

Registration for New Student s TK- 5 is open now. Priority period ends March 21. [See this information to enroll.](#)

Continuing Student Registration for 2025-2026

TK - 4th Grade Families will be emailed the Continuing Student Registration/Proof of Residency information on February 3. Registration and Proofs are submitted online and due before Friday, February 28, 2025.

5th Graders: Rising 6th Grade Parent & Student Night is April 2--[Thornton Timeline is here](#)

Please contact the Oliveira Office if you have any questions about registration for 2025-2026.

Moving? If you move to another Fremont neighborhood, please complete the online [Change of Residency](#) (COR) form and bring it to the FUSD Student Support Services during the summer break to ensure your child gets enrolled in their new school (required within 5 days of your move BP5111). If you move OUT of Fremont, please contact the apremkumar@fusdk12.net in the school office for an Intent to Withdraw Form.

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The Power of Choices Science Fair

The Oliveira Science and Engineering Fair is here! [Read the guidelines linked](#) here, dos and don'ts before you choose your research topic. Choose a topic appropriate for your grade level and you can complete it from now to the due date.

Oliveira Science and Engineering Fair projects are **DUE TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, before 2:00 PM.**

All 5th-graders are required to do a science or engineering project but it is optional for grades K-4; however, we encourage all students to do a project.

The Oliveira Science and Engineering Fair will be held on **Thursday, February 20, 2025**, in the MUR for students & parents to view the projects.

Students can choose to do the project individually or work in groups of 2 or 3 people. If you work in a group, you can only present one project for the group.

Please choose to do a science investigation project or an engineering project, and follow the steps corresponding to the project you choose (click on the links below for more information). Please check the **list of projects to avoid** so you do not choose those.

This is the [link for the Science and Engineering Fair rules](#) containing the date Oliveira Science and Engineering Fair projects are due, links to help you prepare, and the grading score. Make a copy to print if needed, or print only the Entry page that will go behind your project poster.

After you choose your topic and brainstorm about it, if you want to check with Dr. E., you can on Tuesdays and Wednesdays right after lunch or any day during afternoon recess except Wednesday. Your parents can help you with the project, but they should not complete it for you.



<https://undsci.berkeley.edu/the-understanding-science-flowchart-text-description/?authuser=0>

<https://undsci.berkeley.edu/science-flowchart/?authuser=0>

<https://www.teachengineering.org/populartopics/designprocess?authuser=0>

<https://sciencefaircentral.com/students/engineering-projects/steps?authuser=0>

<https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/science-fair-project-question?authuser=0#topics-avoid>

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Attendance

Doctor/dental appointments—your student should be in class at school as much as possible during the day. For example, if your child's appointment is at 9:30 a.m., please send your child to school. Send a note with your child to give the teacher "I will be picking Sally Starbucks up at 9:10 a.m. to go to a dental appointment. She will return to school after the appointment." Then be at the school office at 9:08 a.m. so the office staff can call for your student and have your sign them out for the appointment.

Students need to be at school and in class as much as possible every day.



Plan family travel for non-school days—[see the 24-25 calendar here.](#)

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Basketball



Oliveira Basketball—Teams are for 4th & 5th Graders. Coaches are Ms. B and Coach Rosa along with help from Mrs. Curry. [Practice/game information is linked here](#). Go Eagles!

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School/Community/Support Information--check websites often!

Please see the [Oliveira website](#) for:

Please see the [FUSD website](#) for:

[Oliveira School Schedule](#)

[2024-2025 Oliveira Family Handbook](#)

[2024-2025 Supply List](#)

School Meal Information/Menus are available [here](#) (School breakfast & lunch are free this year)

[Staff Contacts](#) & Google Site link (if applicable)

[Community Liaisons](#) Links to [Family Resources](#)

FUSD [School Calendar for 2024-2025](#)

[2024-2025 FUSD Parents Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#)

Positive Behavior Information—[Eagles SOAR!](#)

English Learner Advisory Committee ([ELAC](#))

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FUSD Policies Regarding Volunteers on Campus

Volunteers who have received clearance at a school must sign in and out, must wear a visitor badge at all times, and must follow all site-specific protocols. **Volunteer Clearance – All volunteers & Field Trip Chaperones** must submit an application and upload a govt. identification card through [CiviCore](#). (effective 9/23/22) in order to receive clearance. Volunteers who have been cleared in previous years must update their application every school year.

Volunteers who are at a school under the direct supervision of a certificated employee must remain under the supervision of that employee for the duration of their visit. Reference: [California Education Code 49024](#) Note

that after July 1st, volunteers registered in CiviCore received a **renewal email**. Oliveira would like to have you continue to volunteer when school starts on August 14, 2024, so please follow the directions and update your CiviCore information.

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[Oliveira PTA website](#) #1 Supporter of Oliveira Elementary

—Become a member—[click here to join](#) or [see this flier](#)

—PTA is sponsoring a **Math Night**—it is so popular that this year it is being held at Thornton Middle School to make sure all interested students and families can attend. [See the flier](#)

[here](#) for the event on Friday, January 10, 2025.

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California's New Daylighting Law Provides Another Tool for Safer Streets

The new Daylighting Law (AB 413), which was implemented at the beginning of this year, makes it illegal to park within 20 feet of the approach of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, even if there are no signs or curb markings. The goal of the new law is to

improve the safety of all roadway users by increasing visibility at intersections. Removing the obstruction of parked vehicles will allow drivers to have a clear view of pedestrians waiting to cross the street while at the same time allowing pedestrians to see approaching cars without having to step into the intersection to see past a parked vehicle before crossing. Forty states currently have similar laws in place, and while this new law won't be enforced in California until January 1, 2025 (unless signs already restrict parking), there's no reason not to start leaving at least 20 feet (or the length of one large car) between your car and a marked/unmarked crosswalk. To learn more about the law, visit

city.fremont.gov/daylightinglaw.

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Mission Statement: Oliveira Elementary School provides a challenging learning environment that holds high expectations for all learners.

Vision Statement: Oliveira Elementary, where all individuals are caring, collaborative, lifelong learners.