

Promoting Kindness at Oak Ridge School

On Monday, October 24th, Victor Pacini will inspire the students of Oak Ridge School with his “Kindness Challenge”.

Victor Pacini's purpose is to design unique experiences that inspire and teach children to create, value, and share their confident voice with the world. He has taken his passion for singing to a new and exciting level by designing life changing inspirational programs for young people. By incorporating the skills that he mastered while earning a degree in graphic design, he has created several multi-dimensional programs that present thought provoking concepts and lessons through original songs, captivating graphics and images.

The Kindness Challenge enables people to create their unique creative plan to feel good about themselves and to treat others with kindness and respect. Victor stresses the importance of qualities such as kindness, respect, giving, and caring. He provides suggestions for incorporating them in daily life. Through song and interactive discussion, Victor illustrates the importance of identifying people in our lives that we can learn from. During the original song titled “Lesson in Session”, audience members act out a scenario that demonstrates the art of giving and kindness. The program concludes with “The Kindness Challenge”. This exercise notes the importance of commitment and challenges students to do a kind act for someone within one week.

For more information on Victor Pacini go to www.VictorPacini.com 🐎



DATES TO REMEMBER

10/3-7
Book Fair

10/5
Team Day 1:30 dismissal

10/6
Family Night Book Fair
Krispy Kreme Pick up

10/7
Coffee with Principal

10/10
NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day

10/13
Popcorn
PTA Meeting 6pm

10/14
Taffy Apple orders due

10/19
Picture retake

10/21
Report Cards Distributed

10/22
Howl Through the Hills 5K

10/25
Taffy Apple Pick up

10/28
Halloween Parade at 1:15
Halloween Parties at 1:30
PTA Halloween Dance

Thank You for Participating in “Dimes to Dollars”

During the month of September, Oak Ridge participated in the “Dimes to Dollars” fund raiser for Down in the Southland, an organization that supports individuals with Down Syndrome. We are proud to say that we raised over \$200 in donations! Thank you for your generosity!

A Message from the Principal

The month of October is National Bullying Prevention Month. At Oak Ridge School, our Mustangs will be promoting kindness through participation in various activities.

We have exciting activities planned to help our Mustangs "Take a Stand, Lend a Hand" against bullying during the week of October 24th-28th. Each day, teachers will be working with students on ways they can help prevent bullying.

On Monday, October 24th, Victor Pacini will help us kick off our bully prevention week activities by inspiring the students of Oak Ridge School with his "Kindness Challenge".

Students, get ready for spirit week! Plan to dress according to the following themes to help Oak Ridge "Take a Stand, Lend a Hand" against bullying! A winning class at each grade level will be chosen as the most spirited class each day and the winners will be able to participate in an extra recess after our balloon launch on Friday!

- Monday: "Mustangs against bullying" day- Wear your Oak Ridge spirit gear
- Tuesday: "Put bullying to bed" day- Wear your pajamas to school
- Wednesday: "Team up against bullying" day- Wear your favorite sports team gear
- Thursday: "Take a Stand, Lend a Hand" day- WEAR ORANGE, the official color of anti-bullying week.
 - o ***Students will be offered the opportunity to order an ORANGE shirt - order information will be sent home the first week of October.***
- Friday: "Bully free from head to toe" day- This is a CrAzY day to wear your craziest hats and socks

Students will also be able to participate in a class anti-bullying slogan contest, where each homeroom will work together to develop positive message against bullying that promotes a safe and caring learning environment. A winning slogan will be selected from each grade level and displayed at Oak Ridge School!

We will hold our SIXTH annual balloon launch on Thursday, October 27th at 1:30 p.m. Please plan to join us at 1:30 p.m. on the playground behind the school to witness the Oak Ridge students and staff "Set Bullying Free!"



Mustang Must-Do #1 BE CARING

This month, we would like to talk about our first Mustang Must Do: "Be Caring".

"Be Caring" means that we are kind to one another. We show kindness by supporting those who are in need and by being considerate of other people's feelings.

At Oak Ridge, we review what "Be Caring" looks like in various settings at the beginning of every school year. For example, when students are walking in the hallways, we expect students to walk quietly while other students are in class. On the bus, we show others that we care by sitting safely in our seats. During lunch and recess, we teach students how to include others in their games and discussions.

During the month of October, Oak Ridge students will "Be Caring" by continuing to help others, engaging in a presentation called "The Kindness Challenge" and participating in National Anti-Bullying Week activities that promote acceptance, kindness and caring.

Our hope is that our school expectation of "Be Caring" carries over into our community with the support of our Oak Ridge Families. 🐾

LEARN, PLAY, EXPLORE, CONNECT, OBSERVE: OAK RIDGE MUSTANGS IN ACTION!

