

OLIVE CREST ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Success for Every Student

CALENDAR

May

May 4-8 Staff Appreciation Week
 May 25 Memorial Day—No School
 May 26-29 SPIRIT WEEK
 May 28 Minimum Day Dismissal

June

June 15 Elementary Bravo Awards 9:00am
 June 15 Middle School Bravo Awards 10:30am
 June 16 HS Graduation & Awards Ceremony 10:30am
 June 16 Last Day of School
 June 15 & 16 Minimum Day Dismissals
 June 22 Extended School Year Begins

July

July 3 Independence Day Observed—No School
 July 31 Last Day of ESY

August

Aug 24 School Office Opens
 Aug 31-Sept 1 Staff Orientation

September

Sept 2 First Day of 2015-16 School Year

As we rapidly approach the final stretch of this school year, we have a few more details for our parents/guardians and district colleagues to assist with:

ESY (Extended School Year) Planning:

You will soon be receiving a letter/questionnaire regarding your student’s ESY days that are funded per their IEP. Please complete the form and return it at your earliest convenience. We use this information to assist with our staffing for our ESY program.

Parent & District Surveys:

Each year we send out surveys to our many stakeholders. Please take a few moments to complete the survey. We value your feedback and use the information to continually improve our school & program.

CONGRATULATIONS 2015 SENIOR GRADUATES!!!

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 16th @ 10:30 am** in our gymnasium, as we honor our high school seniors and present awards to our HS students during our Commencement and Awards Ceremony.

We are proud to announce the following students, along with their residing districts, who will be walking to receive their diplomas and certificates:

Nathaniel K-Bellflower
Kenneth P-Orange
Daniel A (Nick)-Paramount
Miguel P-Orange



Congratulations Students! With acknowledgement to your families, districts, and our staff for all the hard work and support along the way!

Please Join Us For Our Annual

BRAVO AWARDS

Monday, June 15th



Elementary Award Ceremony 9:00am

Middle School Award Ceremony 10:30am

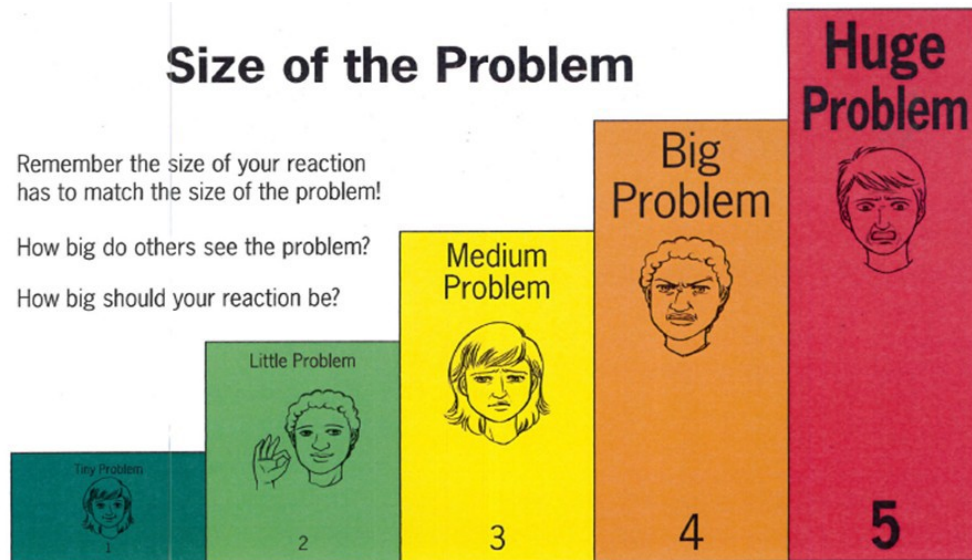
School Gymnasium
 Refreshments Will Be Served
 Following The Ceremonies

Social Thinking Program

As you know, teaching social communication skills and behaviours is quite complicated. We are very excited to be implementing a new Social Thinking Program based upon the excellent work of renowned Speech-Language Pathologist, Michelle Garcia Winner.

In December of 2014, our Speech-Language Pathologist, Cindy Baca, completed an intensive small group, Level 1, training at the Social Thinking Clinic in San Jose, California. In addition, our Assistant Principal of Therapeutic Services, Connie Shin, attended a conference on Social Thinking. Since then, we have completed an all-staff training on the Social Thinking concepts and how to implement them at OCA. Our students are hearing some of the language of Social Thinking, (e.g., Expected versus Unexpected behaviour, Size of Problem versus Size of Reaction, Group Plan), and are already responding well to the concepts.

We hope that you may have an interest in becoming familiar with the Social Thinking concepts we are teaching and will use them during the many naturally occurring "teachable moments" that pop up in everyday life. To find out more, visit www.socialthinking.com.



PBIS PLACE

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) provides a framework for how staff interact with students on campus.

OCA's staff work hard to use behavior research based principles in all we do. In our last PBIS Place we talked about techniques we use in wording phrases on campus to more effectively interact with our students. Moving along with that theme, we have some key words that our staff prefer to use, and other words we try to avoid:

Words that Escalate	Words that De-escalate
"Never"	"Maybe"
"Should"	"I think"
"Always"	"What if"
"Shouldn't"	"Sometimes"
"Can't"	"I Feel"
"Unless"	"Perhaps"
"Won't"	"It seems"
"Better not..."	"I wonder"

Don't forget... These principles are shown to work in ALL settings, In and Out of our school environment! :)

High School / Adult Transition

May 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <u>Level Activity</u> Irvine Park Zoo & British Bulldog Game Mr. Joel/ Metover	2
3	4 Work – Party City – KS, DS, GC	5 Work – Corp – TL, GC Recycle- MP, DA	6 <u>CBI Off-Campus</u> Bus to Disneyland 	7 Work – Party City – KS, DS, GC Recycle- MP, DA	8 <u>Level Activity</u> Prehistoric Pets 	9 Ms. Buchma REPTILES
10 <i>Happy Mothers Day</i> 	11 Work – Party City – KS, DS, GC	12 Work – Corp – TL, GC Recycle- MP, DA	13 Mock Interviews 10am – 1pm 	14 Work – Party City – KS, DS, GC Recycle- MP, DA	15 <u>Level Activity</u> Beach Basketball w/Dre 	16
17	18 Work – Party City – KS, DS, GC	19 Work – Corp – TL, GC Recycle- MP, DA	20 <u>CBI Off-Campus</u> Watson's Drug & Soda Fountain 	21 Work – Party City – KS, DS, GC Recycle- MP, DA	22 <u>Level Activity</u> Bowling 	23
24	25 No School 	26 Work – Corp – TL, GC Recycle- MP, DA	27 <u>CBI Off-Campus</u> Scavenger Hunt @ South Coast Plaza 	28 Work – Party City – KS, DS, GC Recycle- MP, DA	29 <u>Level Activity</u> Weenie Roast 	30

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www.olivecrestacademy.org



Did you misplace your breakfast/lunch menu? Forget when our minimum days are? Want more information about Kimochi's? Need an extra copy of this newsletter? This information and much more is now available on our website.

Thank You Parent Volunteers!

For the first year in OCA history, we asked for and received assistance from many parent volunteers! Event Planning, Staff Appreciation, and Fundraising were so much easier because so many of you stepped UP and stepped IN! Thank you to Suzanne Blau, Mary Gibson, Cate Luther, Cathy Rush and Marlyn Schima.

For our 2015-16 School Year we have an Olive Crest Academy Calendar in "the works" for a fundraiser!

If you would like to be a part of any of our Volunteer Committees, please contact Xochilt Hernandez at 714-998-6571 X2206 or Emily Vazirian at X2213.



Is Almost Here!!!! Have a Fun & Safe Summer! ESY Dates: June 22-July 31

School SPIRIT Week

May 27-30th

Students and Staff are encouraged to show their **School SPIRIT** this week in the following ways:

Tuesday May 27th
Pajama Day



Wednesday May 28th
Mustache Day



Thursday May 29th
Classroom Theme Day



Your class chooses their
favorite theme....
Hmmm?

Friday May 30th
OCA Pride Day

Blue
and
Gold

Wear School Colors!
GO Tigers!!!

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