

The Report Card

Oak Grove School District

Winter 2011

Cultural Arts Expo

Friday, March 25

7:00 p.m.

Edenvale Community Center

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ENERGY STAR Label on 17 OGSD Buildings

Costs for electricity, natural gas, heating oil and water have been steadily increasing. To combat these rising energy and utility costs, the district entered into a partnership with Energy Education to implement a comprehensive people-driven energy conservation program throughout all its buildings and campuses. Energy Education guarantees that the conservation program will save taxpayer dollars.

In December, sixteen schools and the District office received the prestigious ENERGY STAR Label which is presented to the most energy efficient school buildings in the country. To be recognized with an ENERGY STAR Label, school buildings must rate in the top 25 percent nationwide for energy efficiency.

Through these energy conservation efforts, OGSD is saving taxpayer dollars while helping protect our local environment. For the time period of August 2009 through October 2010, the District has saved 20.8 % on its energy and utility costs.

Twelve school sites have seen energy reduction in excess of 20%. Hayes Elementary School reduced its energy usage by an average



30.24% since August 2009!

Savings by Site

Elementary Schools

Anderson	= 17.40%
Baldwin	= 22.82%
Christopher	= 25.54%
Del Roble	= 21.04%
Edenvale	= 24.07%
Frost	= 16.00%
Glider	= 15.81%
Hayes	= 30.24%
Miner	= 27.89%
Oak Ridge	= 17.84%
Parkview	= 14.59%
Sakamoto	= 15.79%
Santa Teresa	= 23.44%
Stipe	= 21.33%
Taylor	= 21.05%
Ledesma	= 20.23%

Intermediate Schools

Bernal	= 26.62%
Davis	= 25.95%
Herman	= 17.70%

District Office = 9.02%

Based on data for the current 2010-2011 school

year (July 2010 through October 2010), overall, the District is achieving a 27.4% average energy usage reduction. Twelve school sites are conserving an average of over 30% for this same time period.

The District understands the value and importance of the energy program and has created Chuck Baylot's position as Energy Education Specialist. His salary is funded completely through energy conservation savings. Part of Mr. Baylot's job involves being in the buildings late at night, early in the morning, on weekends and holidays making sure the equipment is operating as efficiently as possible.

Energy Education's innovative program trains client personnel to implement behavioral and organizational change that substantially reduces energy consumption without the purchase of new equipment. The program is funded solely and rapidly by the savings it generates, allowing clients to reserve saved energy dollars for other priorities.

Energy Education was named 2009 and 2010 ENERGY STAR Partner of

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Superintendent's Message



Tony Garcia
Superintendent

For the first time in Oak Grove's history, our District Academic Performance Index (API) exceeds the State target of 800. Our District score (is) 806.

The students and staff of Oak Grove School District are proud of what has transpired since the beginning of our 2010-11 school year. Our assessment results have improved, we are moving forward despite operating with over a three million dollar reduction in our general operating fund this year, and are facing head-on the chal-

lenges that will come over the remaining part of this school year and through the 2011-12 school year.

This year's demographics of our 11,532 students are as follows:

- Hispanic 46.39%
- White 21.35%
- Asian 20.01%
- African American 6.01%

The remaining 6.245% are represented by the remaining ethnicities that make our district truly culturally rich.

For the first time in Oak Grove's history, our District Academic Performance Index (API) exceeds the State target of 800. Our District score of 806 is a tribute to the hard work of students and staff. We continue to show positive results in closing the achievement gap between our White and Asian students and our students of color, especially our Hispanic and African American students.

- The 806 API was a 15 point gain
- African American students showed an 11 point gain
- Hispanic students showed a 10 point gain
- Asian students showed a 23 point gain
- White students showed a 7 point gain

Oak Grove continues to have one of the highest number of students taking Algebra, Geometry, and "Algebra II" in our county!

Our writing scores at the

Intermediate School 7th grade level increased by 39 points at Bernal, 43 points at Davis, and 32 points at Herman!

Thanks to our community and the passage of Measure C (the continuation of our \$68 per year parcel tax), we will not need to make more cuts in personnel or programs beyond what was planned. Thank you, Oak Grove community, for your support.

Finally, we are proud of our efforts to reduce energy and address being a more "green" district. Our energy program is continuing to be such a success that we recently were honored by having sixteen school sites as recipients of **ENERGY STAR** Awards. Our staff has done a great job in reducing energy and lessening our waste.

Tony Garcia
Superintendent

ENERGY STAR Label

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the Year by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. In 25 years, the company has worked with more than 1,100 educational and ministerial organizations, helping clients

save over \$2 billion in utility costs.

Correction Retiring Employees

In the last issue of the Report Card Newsletter, we listed all the retiring

OGSD employees in the 2009-2010 school year and we omitted the following:

Davis
Linda Stockton-Lammano (Reading and Curriculum Specialist)

Visual Performing Arts Program

The Oak Grove School District's Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Program is part of the district-wide solution for keeping arts education accessible for all students in grades 4, 5, and 6. While many school districts have eliminated music and the arts completely, OGSD holds fast to the notion that a lifelong interest in the arts depends on students receiving early exposure. In addition, our VPA instruction aligns directly to the grade-level curriculum for social science, science, mathematics, and reading.

The innovative VPA program began in June 1998. Its goal was to include all students in grades 4-6 in vocal and/or instrumental music at a performing level, and to provide release time for upper grade teachers. Ultimately, this would foster student interest to continue their arts education in the intermediate schools. The entire program for grades 4-6 is organized on the quarter system and classes in all three grade levels receive 45 minutes of instruction once per week.

Fourth grade students receive music instruction on the soprano recorder to gain basic music literacy skills. Students learn to play simple songs which incorporate many of the music elements, i.e. melody, rhythm, and dynamics. Students are given the opportunity to

learn simple songs and play in ensembles with other students.

Fifth graders receive classroom vocal music instruction that closely follows their social studies curriculum. Students learn both folk and composed songs from colonial times to the present and have the opportunity to use their own voice to experience the joy of the music they learn.

Sixth graders receive instruction designed to help them gain an appreciation and basic knowledge of the visual and performing arts. Students learn about different styles of music including classical, jazz, blues, ragtime, pop, and rock. Students are exposed to the names of many composers and performing musicians associated with these different styles. In addition, art lessons are incorporated into the program to teach the students various art techniques.

Sixth graders also have the opportunity to participate in our instrumental music program/after school band at our intermediate schools. This program begins in the fall and students learn one of the following instruments: trumpet, flute, clarinet, saxophone, or trombone. Most of these students continue with band when they move on to seventh grade at their respective intermediate school.

We proudly maintain our after-school Honors programs consisting of Honor Recorders, Honor Chorus and Honors Art. In these groups, students audition if they excelled in their fourth grade recorder program, have previous vocal experience or noticeable talent in art.



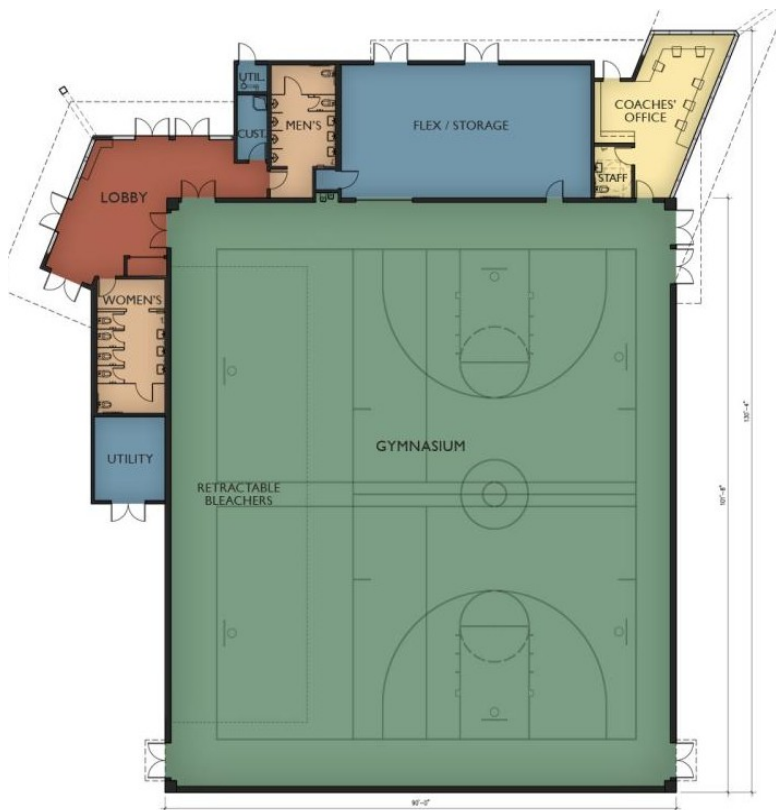
In addition, every child has the opportunity to sing in his or her school chorus, and participate in a professional, hands-on after school art workshop. The after-school art program, taught in conjunction with the San Jose Museum of Art, serves 20-30 students in each art workshop.

The VPA program encourages students to continue their arts studies in the intermediate schools. Students foster a positive perception of self and teamwork as well as developing cognitive growth. We are proud of our successful VPA Program and the ability to keep the arts alive in Oak Grove School District.

Kristin Steenberg, retired VPA Teacher, Rachel Gaynor (Baldwin Elementary student) and Mr. Stuart, VPA Art Instructor at Honors Art Presentation at District Office.

Bond Modernization Projects

Bernal Intermediate School



The new **Bernal Intermediate School Gymnasium** is approximately 13,000 square feet with seating capacity of 500. Retractable bleachers on one side of the structure will face the high school size basketball court that can also be used as volleyball and badminton courts. A curtain divider can separate the court into two practice courts.

The infrastructure of the gymnasium can accommodate solar panels and will have ample storage space.

Renovating the current multi-purpose room stage will incorporate the theater component to the Bernal School site. Modernization of the existing stage includes acoustic and lighting enhancements.

The Bernal Intermediate School gymnasium is scheduled to be open for students' use August 2012.

= New Gymnasiums

Herman Intermediate School

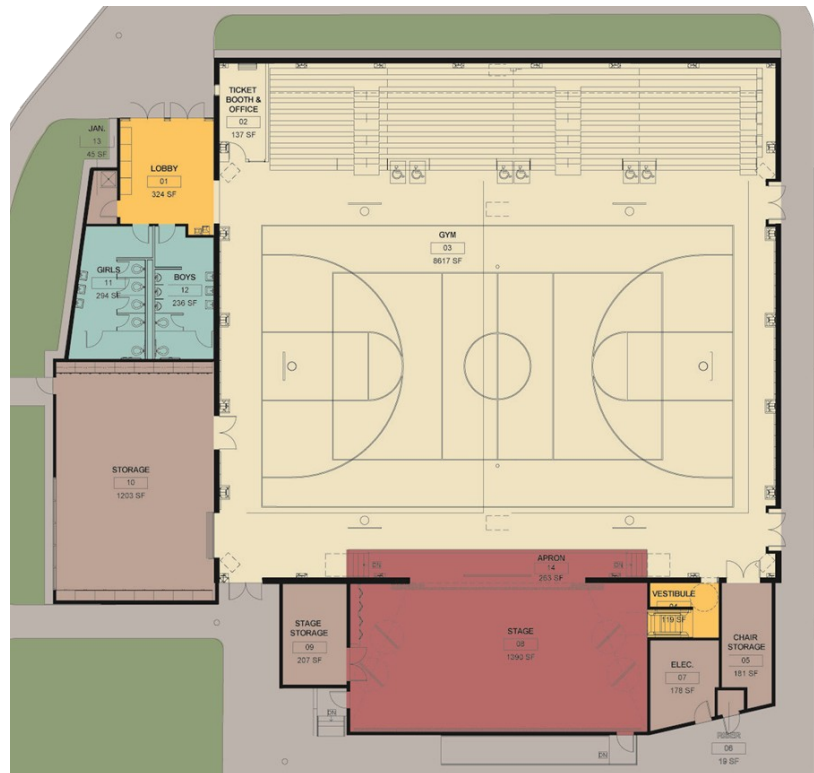


The new **Herman Intermediate School Gymnasium** is approximately 14,000 square feet with seating capacity of 500. Retractable bleachers on one side of the structure will face the theater stage.

The center of the gymnasium will house a high school size basketball court with a curtain divider that can separate the main court into two practice courts for volleyball and badminton.

The roof design of the gymnasium can accommodate solar panels. There will also be ample storage space.

The Herman Intermediate School gymnasium is scheduled to be open for students' use August 2012.



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Fire Safety

Fire safety is an Oak Grove School District priority for all our children, staff, volunteers, and auxiliary staff, as well as the actual building structures.



Fire prevention is the key to avoiding people getting hurt from a fire. Oak Grove has a 24 hour, 7 day a week service that monitors the District Office and all nineteen school's fire alarm system. When an alarm is activated, either triggered by a smoke detector, heat detector, or a pull station alarm,

the monitoring service immediately calls the local fire department to dispatch emergency personnel.

Upon arriving at a site, if firefighters cannot immediately detect a fire in the building, they go directly to the site's fire alarm panel to identify the location of the triggered alarm. Through the District's Modernization Program, most schools have an addressable fire alarm system, or are scheduled to have one installed, that further helps the fire department pinpoint exactly the source of the fire by the means of devices such as heat and smoke detectors. With having addressable fire alarm systems, when a fire is detected in the building, the system may also trigger other devices such as automatic door holder relays that will close

doors to certain hallways to prevent the spread of fire or activate fire sprinklers into action.

Fire prevention is the key to avoiding people getting hurt from a fire.

Fire sprinklers not only help people to safely exit the building in an event of a fire, but just as important, helps protect the building as a district asset.

Any Comments?

Do you have a comment about the articles in this newsletter or any other issue affecting Oak Grove School District? We'd like to hear from you.

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Mary Sasaki Teacher of the Year

Oak Grove School District teacher, Mary Sasaki, was recognized as one of Santa Clara County's 2010 Teachers of the Year. Mary retired after teaching for 36 years, 35 in the OGSD.

Mrs. Sasaki spent her entire OGSD career as a language arts classroom teacher at Bernal Intermediate School. She enjoyed when her students "owned" a favorite quotation or idea, making it their own and achieving their personal best.

In addition to teaching language arts, she was also a Curriculum Specialist for the last 18 years at Bernal.

Mrs. Sasaki enjoyed being a part of the "Bernal Experience" with parents and

faculty to create lasting memories for students. She fondly remembers parents chaperoning junior high school dances and volunteering whenever and wherever needed. She smiles when recalling staff members who inspired students to achieve and be passionate about their success and community partners that took pride in public education and supported the Oak Grove School District.

In retirement, Mrs. Sasaki looks forward to spending time with her husband, Dale, her daughter, Darla and her son, Russell. Connecting with friends, volunteering for community projects, reading mystery and suspense novels and

learning new things top her current to-do list.



**Congratulations
Mary Sasaki
OGSD
Teacher
of the
Year!**

After-School Sports at Intermediate Schools

The Oak Grove School District is very proud to continue to offer an after-school sports program to all boys and girls in grades 7-8 at Bernal, Davis and Herman Intermediate Schools.

Sport	Teams
Cross Country Running	
Softball	A
Basketball	A and B
Soccer	A and B
Volleyball	A and B



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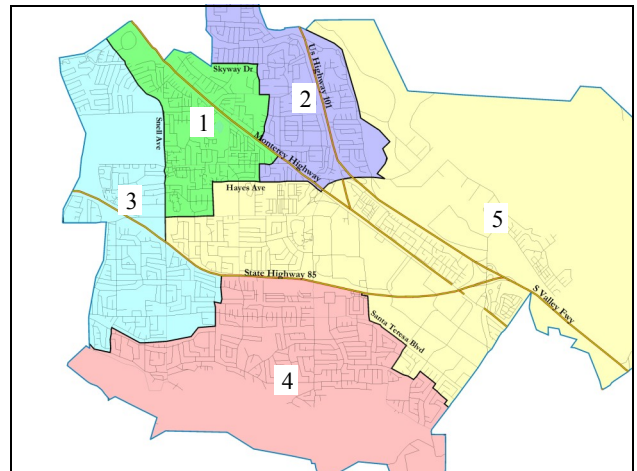
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