

Oak Views

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The students at Oak View High School set out on a journey on October 17th that would have a great impact on the Channel Islands Ecosystem. Over the past centuries, the Channel Islands have been used in a variety of ways. Anacapa, in particular, was once used to raise sheep. Over time the natural species of plants that had been existing on the island and creating habitat for the native birds, mice and other animals, began to diminish. Due to those species of plants going away, so did much of the wildlife. Over the past three years, a wildlife organization began to use the seeds from the remaining plants on the island to grow more plants to repopu-

Environmental Awareness in Action

late the island. Oak View High School coordinated with this group and was able to spend a day on Anacapa helping with this project.

Our trip to the Island began with a beautiful boat ride with Island Packers.

The forty students, staff, parents, and Jay Greenlinger of the district office all boarded our boat and began to feel the energy rise. On our short one-hour journey, we saw harbor seals, sea birds, and lots of waves and spray. Upon arrival on the island, the students climbed a narrow stair case up a steep cliff only to arrive at an awe-inspiring bluff overlooking the ocean. The day was warm, calm, and pleasant – a perfect setting.

We met with our project group leaders and checked out the greenhouse, then split into three groups. One group repotted plants, one group planted, and one group conducted a

survey of established plantings. Later, all went on a hike around the island.

We saw remnants of the past inhabitants of the island, old structures – including the light house, and beautiful examples of the flora and fauna.

Throughout the day students learned all about the history and importance of the island's ecosystem. The lessons learned were plentiful.

By days end, the group was exhausted but full. The feelings that they had done something important was evident. As we left the island and boarded the boat, the group could not resist looking over their shoulders at the plot of land that they had just planted. It was a once barren

area that was now plotted with tiny green plants. The boat ride back was much more quiet than the ride to the island. Individuals gazed out at the sea and reflected on their day. This day was bigger than a day on the ocean, it was a day that represented self-worth and community.



Help the Homeless

Students are collecting all month.

Drop off in room 101.

Email sallen@opusd.org for more details

- Warm clothing – new or clean used, adult-sized
- Single-serving, pop-top foods, especially protein rich, like meat or beans
- Personal care items – hotel-sized personal hygiene, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.
- Small rolling suitcases, backpacks, tote-bags, small tents, tarps, pillows and blankets

Principal's Corner

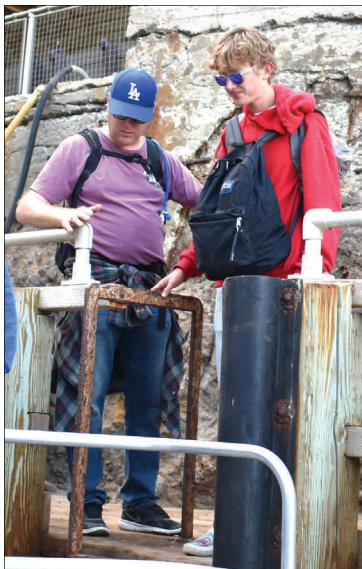


As the holidays approach, it is a good time to reflect on the things that we are thankful for. It is very easy to get lost in the daily grind and

not think about the beauty around us. Take some time over the next few weeks and appreciate the people and things that make your lives' better. We will be participating in the Turkey Walk on November 21st. This annual school activity is a time for us to reflect on the things that we appreciate in life and share those things with each other. For some, the holidays may be a rough time. I challenge you to show your Oak View family love by taking some time to help brighten someone's day in the next few weeks. Do something or say something to someone that shows them that you care. It might mean more to them than you think!



Have a great holiday season!



Alumni Update

Genevieve Akoury ('19) checked in, about halfway through her first semester at Seattle Pacific University. She states, "I am taking four classes... general psychology, psychology as a vocation, teaching an noble profession, and a voice class as well as a required intro to college class. I am major-

ing in special education with a concentration in elementary education and hopefully a minor or double major in psychology." She has joined clubs, made friends, and is looking to join a sport. Genevieve says that she misses us. College is different than OV because there are a lot more stu-

dents and not as much support. She has learned that nothing is handed to her, and that she was (and is learning) to ask for help. We are so very proud of her!



NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At the October 15th regular meeting of the OPUSD Board of Education, nine members of the public spoke in favor and against a non-agenda item related to elementary gender diversity lessons. **{Including our own Adi Eminente}** Since this item was not on the Agenda, per Board Bylaws, the Board did not discuss the matter nor was any decision made regarding the issue raised during public comment at this meeting. Every person who submitted a speaker card wishing to address the Board on this topic was able. The Board also heard reports from School Board Members, the Superintendent, OPHS student board member, and the OPHS Site Council. Jane Nye, the MAC liaison to OPUSD, provided an update about topics the MAC is currently considering. Vicki Raven, Executive director of OPEF, provided an update on OPEF's fundraising goals and outreach plans for the upcoming months.

Discussion on Sanctuary School District for Parental Rights

This item was placed on the Board's Agenda because a few OPUSD parents asked for it to be on the agenda, and the Board President and Superintendent agreed to make it a discussion item. Pastor Tim Thompson, who is from Murrieta and not an OPUSD parent, was the only public speaker on this item. The Board President asked the Board members if they wanted to discuss this or bring it back as an action item for a future Board meeting, and all Board members declined.

Presentation on 2019 CAASPP & Assessment Results

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported on State Assessment Results. OPUSD has some of the highest CAASPP scores in Ventura County as well as higher scores than many other high achieving school systems in California. OPUSD's average SAT score for the class of 2018 was 1322 and the average ACT score was 28.0. OPUSD had 439 students who took 914 AP tests

with 92.26% of them receiving a score of 3 or higher. The 11th-grade CAASPP scores ranked OPHS #6 in the entire state.

The Board held a discussion on and/or approved the following items:

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved Out of State Travel:

Oak View High School/Oak Park Independent School Counselor Jeremy Rogers to attend Learning and the Brain Conference in New York from May 1-3, 2020 paid for by the state Comprehensive School Improvement grant.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Discussed Bond Measure S Assessed Valuation Scenarios as well as Potential Opportunity to Refinance Measure C-6 and Measure R Bonds - OPUSD's Bond Financial Advisor Tim Carty of Piper Jaffray presented information on the District's Bond Measure S, as well as an overview of bond refinancing and the potential opportunity to refinance bonds from Bond Measure C-6 and Measure R. Board action. The Board did not authorize bringing the Refinancing Resolution for Bond Measure C-6 and Measure R at this time.

Approved Consultant Agreement for Legislative Advisory and Advocacy Services - The current DOC program authorized by Education Code 48315 sunsets in July 2023 and will be repealed on January 1, 2024 without a new authorization. The Board voted to retain the Legislative firm of Blattner & Associates in partnership with two other Districts of Choice (who are sharing the costs equally). The purpose of doing so is to communicate any actions of significance to the District and to maintain a presence on

behalf of the District of Choice program with the Legislature, the Governor's Office, State Departments, Boards and Commissions, Office of the Legislative Analyst, media outlets and other organizations as appropriate.

Approved Donation to the District -

AeroVironment generously donated \$10,000 to the OPHS Rocket Team.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Approved the Updated Physical Education Requirements and the Revised 2019-2020 Student Handbook for Oak Park High School - This would allow all students regardless of grade level to earn P.E. credit for participation in school-sponsored interscholastic athletic programs, including Marching Band, Cheerleading, and Dance Team. Additionally, this removed the requirement that students must pass the California Physical Fitness Test to be eligible to receive credit for activities other than a PE class. This will also expand the Independent Study Physical Education (ISPE) opportunities to students in ninth grade. These changes will be retroactive to the 2016-17 school year.

Reviewed College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement with Ventura County Community College District - This proposal will prepare students for transfer; Improve high school graduation rates; help high school pupils achieve college and career readiness; offer or expand dual enrollment opportunities for students who may not already be college-bound or who are underrepresented in higher education with the goal of developing seamless career technical education pathways from high school to community college. The program will be offered at OPHS and all courses will be offered after school 2 or 3 days per week for a total of 3 hours per week.

Quarter 1 Honor Roll Recipients

Oak View High School Quarter 1 2019-2020

Gold Honor Roll 3.50 - 4.00

Ora Rosen
Maxwell Ely
Samantha Rivas
Stephanie Griffin
Ethan Pimstone
Janet Shirinyan
Jaqueline Mathers
Callie Beeman
Juliana Parker
Adi Eminente
Lydia Husein
Collin Carson
Karissa Leopold
Kellen Lignitz
Matthew Ruble

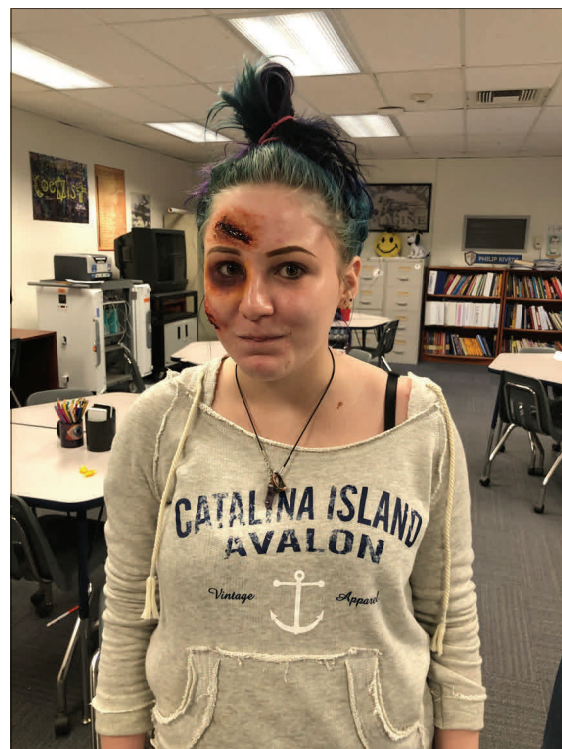
Oak View High School Quarter 1 2019-2020

Silver Honor Roll 3.00 - 3.49

Makenna Shoaf
Savannah Morales
Bryce Lewis
Nathan Lewis
Brandon Courtis
Michael Ruble

Due to the recent fire in Simi Valley, school was closed over Halloween. We really missed our usual festivities, but hope to make up for it during the upcoming Turkey Walk.

At right, Kat Leopold shows off her makeup skills, learned over the years through much practice as well as during her weekly VCI class.



Happy Halloween from Kat Leopold

Lokrantz is Everyone's Opportunity to Brighten a Child's Life

Every year Mrs. Liepman and the ASB lead the school in our biggest community service activity — providing holiday gifts to the students of the Lokrantz school. Mrs. Liepman coordinates with the school to obtain a “wish gift” from each student. Then, Oak View staff and students choose gifts to purchase then present during a field trip to the school. We are always hosted well, with doughnuts and other snacks and gifted with smiles, thanks, and absolute delight from the gift recipients. It truly is one of the best things we experience all year long.

If you would like to participate, please contact
Mrs. Liepman at rliepman@opusd.org.



Last year's fires necessitated we cancel our annual Turkey Walk. This year's event will be held November 21. After a minimum day of classes, students and staff will walk to the gazebo at Oak Canyon Community Park. There, we will talk about all we have to be thankful for and enjoy each other's company. Upon our return to the school, all who participate will enjoy a hot dog lunch generously donated by Marty Kelem, Mrs. Kelem's husband. The park and the gazebo were in the burn path of last year's fire; a reminder of the many gifts we have to be thankful for. All are welcome to join us; we love sharing time with our larger community.

Senior Spotlight — Adi Eminente, Emerging Activist

Perhaps it's not what he started out to be, or even an eventual career goal, but Adi has become the darling of some powerful politicians. Adi

Dale were not only invited into the VIP section, but Adi not only got to shake Buttigieg's hand, but chat and have a picture taken as well.

That led to his recent foray into Iowa politics, again as a guest of the campaign. Adi got to go to concerts, rallies, speeches, dinners, and participate in all sorts of on the ground campaigning. Adi says, "Apparently it worked because as of today, he is #1 in the Iowa polls."

This has led to Adi now being offered a place at the New Hampshire campaign, which was declined in favor of campaigning in Nevada.

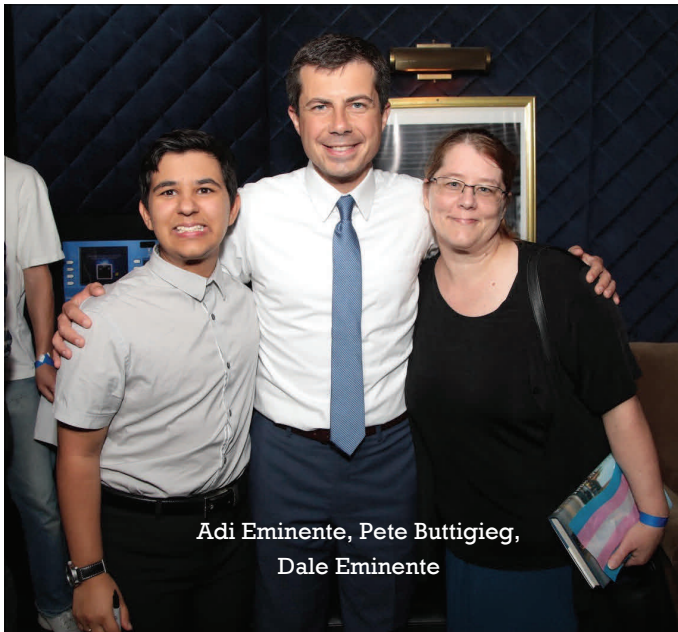
These are not Adi's only exploits. He also attended the ACLU's California Advocacy Institute on the UCLA campus in October. He learned a

lot about how to organize and do something about injustice. He attended many seminars that provided information and law on a variety of social issues. Adi created a plan for addressing the lack of LGBT education. Many attendees found that their school districts

are not following the law, unlike OPUSD which has recently included instruction on gender diversity at the elementary school level.

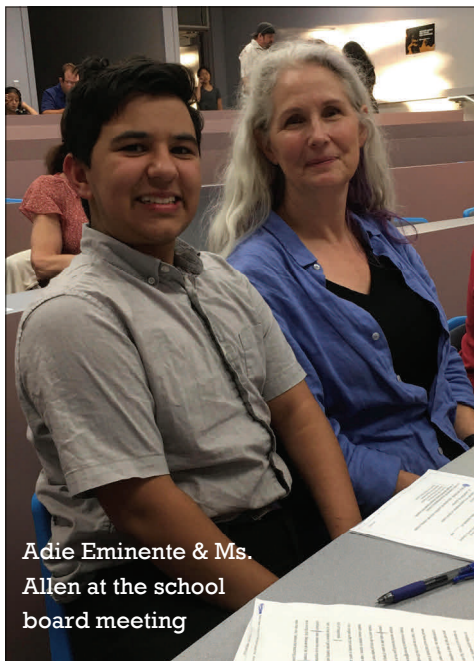
And that was Adi's next project. Literally, the day he got back to school after the conference, he wrote and gave a speech at the OPUSD school board meeting in support of the gender diversity program (and was very well-received).

Adi does not have his life mapped out yet, but with this kind of a beginning to adult life is certain to make a great, positive impact whatever he chooses.



Adi Eminente, Pete Buttigieg,
Dale Eminente

first began speaking out about being transgender when he won the 2018 Rotary 4-Way Essay contest. The next opportunity came through the contender for the Democratic nomination to the presidency, Pete Buttigieg. Adi wanted to attend a rally he was holding here in Los Angeles in September, so his mother Dale made a call to the campaign inquiring if Buttigieg would be available to shake Adi's hand. Well, one thing led to another, and Adi and

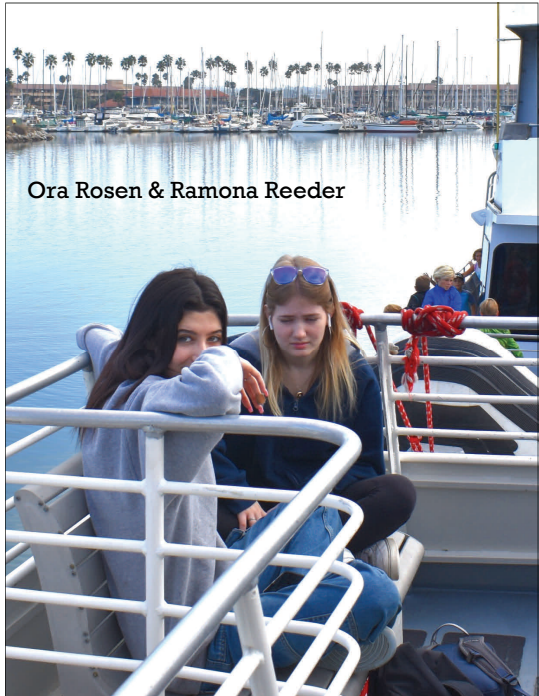


Adi Eminente & Ms.
Allen at the school
board meeting



Adi Eminente, Chasten Buttigieg,
Dale Eminente

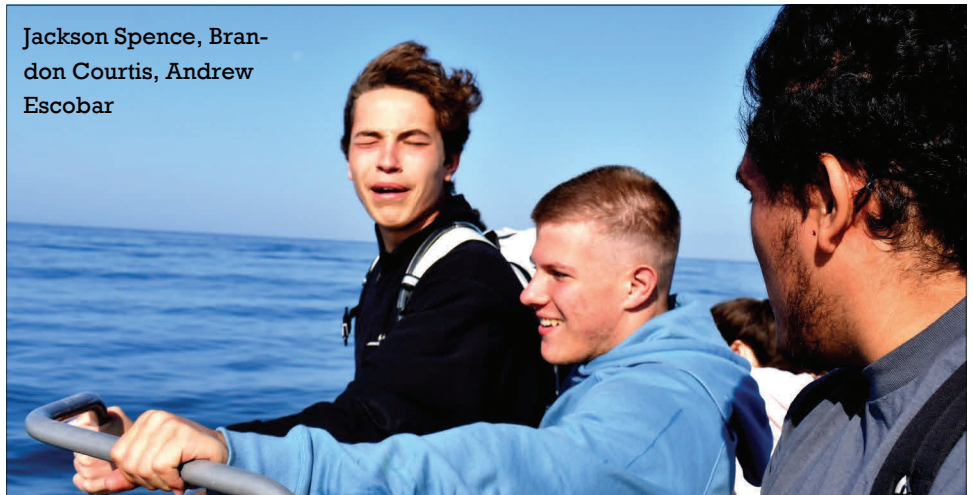
Anacapa Habitat Restoration



Ora Rosen & Ramona Reeder



Jackson Spence, Brandon Courtis, Andrew Escobar



Getting there is half the fun. We take on the waves!



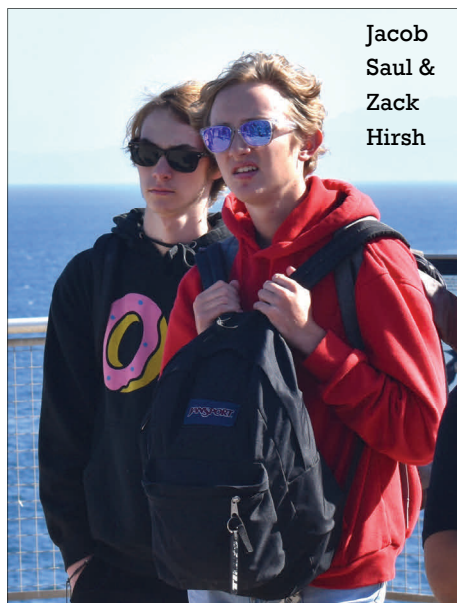
Savannah Morales, Makenna Shoa, Olivia Ecklund



Maxwell Ely, Andrew Escobar, Jackson Spence, Kai Balke



Above, we receive information about the history of the island and the restoration projects in place. At right, we fill the large greenhouse and view the many types of native plants being grown there. Below, students repot seedlings into larger pots. Once these repotted plants are mature enough, they will be planted on the hillside. Students were excited to see the progress of their plantings from last year. The rains were kind to the new growth, but there is the inevitable loss. These plants are from seeds and cuttings of those native to this particular island.



Jacob
Saul &
Zack
Hirsh



Ora Rosen & Zack
Hirsh



Callie
Beeman



Kai Balke

Lydia
Husein

Anacapa Habitat Restoration

The View Crew separated into three crews. One crew repotted plants at the greenhouse, one crew bedded native plants, and one crew surveyed the survivors of last year's planting. Each group worked hard together to add to the restoration of native habitat in the island, an important factor in supporting the native bird population that nests here. Much damage had been done by sheep grazing and introduction of non-native plants.

Matthew
RubleJackson
Spence

After a morning and early afternoon of hard work and a break for lunch, we explored the island. Hiking to the far end, we observed the ravages of ice plant infestation, abandoned building projects, and over-grazing as well as the beauties of the skyline, the rolling hills, and the vast ocean below. A peak over the edge of the plummeting cliffs revealed many sea lions feeding, swimming, and playing in the autumn sunshine. A little hike, a little conversation, and perhaps a snack and we headed back home, tired and satisfied with a job well



Olivia Ecklund



Makenna Shoaf, Maxwell Ely,
Brandon Courtis, Collin Carson



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Responsibility**



November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Flex Friday 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	Progress Re- ports 8	9
10	No School Veterans Day 11	12	13	14	All Students Here 15	16
17	18	19	20	Turkey Walk 21	Flex Friday 22	23
Janet Shirinyan birthday 24	25	Thanks giving Vacation 26	27	28	29	30