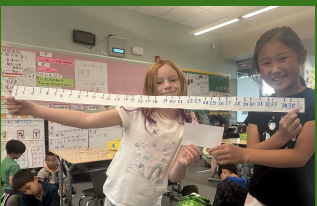




Orion Alternative School

January 10th, 2024



In Their Words:

“The mandarin immersion program is top notch. It’s very evident the teachers are up to date with best practices and are very organized. They communicate well with parents. Children are set up to succeed, and help is available if any child is struggling.”

“The Parent Co-op classrooms feel like a safe environment and the kids seem very happy to be there. Teachers do a good job in making learning fun.”



Academics & Enrichment

Academics:

- ★ Phonics: CRLP, Heggerty
- ★ Bridge to Reading, Bookworms
- ★ Benchmark Advance ELA
- ★ Language Power ELD
- ★ Illustrative Mathematics
- ★ FOSS Science
- ★ Integrated Units
- ★ Pedagogy of Confidence
- ★ Social Emotional Learning
- ★ Field Trips
- ★ Mandarin Language Arts
 - Level Learning Differentiated Reading and Writing
 - First Steps Mandarin
 - Foundational Skills
 - Level Learning Mandarin Oral Game

Enrichment:

- ★ STEAM
- ★ Art in Action
- ★ Mandarin Art
- ★ Climate Science
- ★ Library
- ★ PE+
- ★ Music
- ★ Tutoring
- ★ After-school Robotics Club



School Events

- ★ Hispanic Heritage Month
- ★ Los Dichos
- ★ Aztec Dance Performance Assembly
- ★ AAPI Heritage Month
- ★ Black History Month
- ★ Author & Illustrator Fair
- ★ Multicultural Studies
- ★ Orion Lunar New Year Celebration
- ★ Downtown Redwood City LNY Celebration
- ★ Mid-Autumn Harvest Moon Festival
- ★ Mandarin Poetry & Speech Contest
- ★ Read-A-Thon
- ★ Science Fair/STEAM Fair
- ★ Maker Fun Night/Ice Cream Social
- ★ Science Olympiad
- ★ Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival
- ★ Saturday Halloween Festival
- ★ Walk-A-Thon
- ★ Asante Walkathon
- ★ Open House
- ★ Variety Show
- ★ Science Magic Assembly
- ★ Field Day

In Their Words:

“Inclusion of all abilities! Celebrating and embracing of every students’ diverse cultural backgrounds and traditions!”

“I love that there are so many fun events and that they are things that the whole family can attend and enjoy. Just in the first few months of school, we went to an awesome STEAM night, the Mid-Autumn Festival, a camping trip, gardening days, and Author-Illustrator Fair.”





In Their Words

"I think the school is good at adding fun stuff to do for different events like how we are having the aztec dance or how we did the walkathon to help raise money for schools in Africa, and it's also good at doing drills and helping kids improve them like it only took us five minutes for the whole school to get evacuated."

"I believe the food cart is amazing, and it should stay in the school because first, we don't waste that much food and second, we can get food from it whenever we want. I also believe that the bake sale should stay because it helps the teacher and staff here more academic gear."



Student Voice

- ★ Student Council
- ★ Co-Lead Morning Assembly with Principal
- ★ Author & Illustrator Fair Student Docents
- ★ Mid-Autumn Festival Student-Led Stations
- ★ Redwood City Mayor Gee's Classroom Visit
- ★ Student-Led Goal Setting Conferences
- ★ Incorporating Different Choices/Tools in Assignments
- ★ Student-Led Spirit Days
- ★ Student-Led Multicultural Studies & Travel Day
- ★ Student-Led Lunar New Year Event
- ★ Student-Led Variety Show
- ★ Peacemaker Program
- ★ Student-Led Food Waste Recycling
- ★ Panorama Survey
- ★ Student self-referral
- ★ Mental Health Counseling
- ★ Student vote for the PTO-funded enrichment classes options
- ★ Google Surveys
- ★ Empathy interviews with students
- ★ "Shadow A Student" Day
- ★ Field Research during recess/lunch
- ★ Coming Soon: Principal Advisory
- ★ Coming Soon: Art-Based Student Voice (TK-2nd)



Parent Voice + Outreach



In Their Words:

“We appreciate the parent engagement at the school and the ways that families are encouraged to get involved in their child's education.”



“I feel comfortable being on campus and in the classroom and have found many ways to participate and it seems like that is true for all kinds of families.”



“Great school and family collaboration - families feel they're partners with teachers and administrators at school.”



- ★ Mandarin Immersion Advisory
- ★ Parent Co-op Advisory
- ★ School Site Council
- ★ Coffee with the Principal
- ★ Cafe con la principal/ELAC
- ★ Maze Day
- ★ School Tours- Mandarin Immersion and Co-Op Programs
- ★ Principal Newsletter - Orion Gazette
- ★ Mandarin Literacy Night
- ★ English Literacy Night
- ★ Parent Co-op Program Orientation
- ★ Mandarin Weekend Play Dates
- ★ SEL workshop for families (anxiety, school bullying topics)
- ★ Open House
- ★ Back to School Night
- ★ PTO
- ★ PTO with subcommittees
- ★ PTO-led Camp Out
- ★ After School Tutoring
- ★ BrOrion
- ★ Parent Volunteer Opportunities
- ★ Art in Action
- ★ Los Dichos





Thank
You!