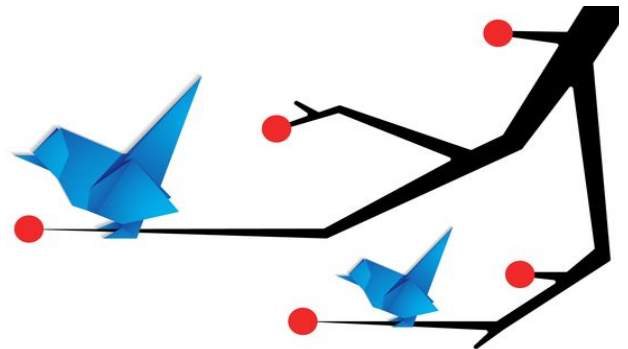




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Happy New Year!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Winter Break and were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather. For me, the clear skies and sunshine led to lots of hiking with family and friends. I was surprised at how many Western Bluebirds we saw. As bluebirds are a near-universal symbol of happiness, I hope my bluebird sightings are a harbinger of good things to come in 2019.

Nesting season is just around the corner for Western Bluebirds. If you would like to “help a bird out” and attract a Western Bluebird to your own backyard, Sonoma County Regional Parks is hosting a **Build a Bird Box** workshop on January 20th. More information about the workshop can be found on the next page.

In Russia bluebirds symbolize hope as well as happiness, in China they are messengers of hope and enlightenment, and in Navajo culture the Mountain Bluebird is associated with the dawn of a new day. May the New Year bring all of you happiness, hope, new goals, and new achievements!

Cathy Stroud, OVS Director

Reminder: OVS is closed Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No onsite classes January 22nd - 25th.

Be sure to check <https://www.orchardviewschool.org/> for updated news and events.



Build a Blue Bird Box

January 20, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tolay Lake Regional Park, Petaluma, CA 94954

Nesting season is just around the corner. Help a bird out! Build a bird box. Learn about different designs for different birds and assemble a western bluebird box for your home, a local vineyard, or for our parks. There is a \$15 fee per bird box and

registration is required. Children 8 years and older are welcome accompanied by an adult. For registration and more information visit [Sonoma County Regional Parks](http://www.sonomacountyregionalparks.com).

School Pictures

Pictures are here! If you ordered a portrait package, they are here in the OVS office. Just stop by and pick yours up. Also, the make-up/retake proofs were mailed home the last week of December. You can either order your package on-line or bring it into the office. Please select the picture that you would like to have for the Yearbook/Student ID card no later than January 14th, and return to the office. Otherwise the photographer will do her best to make a selection. Please note, student ID cards will arrive at a later date. We will notify you at that time.

OVS Spelling Bee Grades 4th-6th

OVS will host the 4th-6th grade Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 15th at 9:30 during the 6th grade Spanish class. Students in the 4th/5th grade wishing to participate are welcome to come at that time. Two representatives will then move on to the West County Regional Tournament. We will have a Junior High Spelling Bee for grades 7-9 in February. Updated information and dates will be posted on the OVS website.



"The bluebird carries the sky on his back." Henry, Davis Thoreau

Chess Club

Make a Move! *Chess For Kids* is coming to OVS in the Spring semester. *Chess For Kids* is an established Chess program that teaches chess to kids at schools throughout Sonoma and Napa Counties. Novice players will learn the basic principles of the game and intermediate and advanced players will focus on tactics, strategies, algebraic notation, and game analysis. Developing and nurturing sportsmanship is a program goal. Students will have 20 minutes of formal instruction and 40 minutes of coached play. More information about *Chess For Kids* is available in the OVS office.



There will be two six week sessions on Tuesdays from 1:40 - 2:40 in OVS room 2. Each session is limited to 12 participants. Sign up in-person in the OVS office. There is no fee.

Session 1: for students in grades 4 & 5: January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5th.

Session 2: for students in grades 2 & 3: March 12, 26, April 2, 9, 16 & 23rd.

Advisory Board

When: Tuesdays- 1/29, 2/26, 3/12 & 4/23 at 3:00

Where: OVS Room 3

We are still looking for two high school parents and one high school student to join the OVS Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is made up of OVS Teachers, the Director, and Members who meet four times a year to brainstorm and discuss ideas for OVS. All Advisory Board Meetings are open to the public. We are hoping to expand our board this year and welcome your participation. Childcare will be provided for Advisory Board members during the meeting. Please contact Cathy Stroud if you are interested in serving on the OVS Advisory Board.

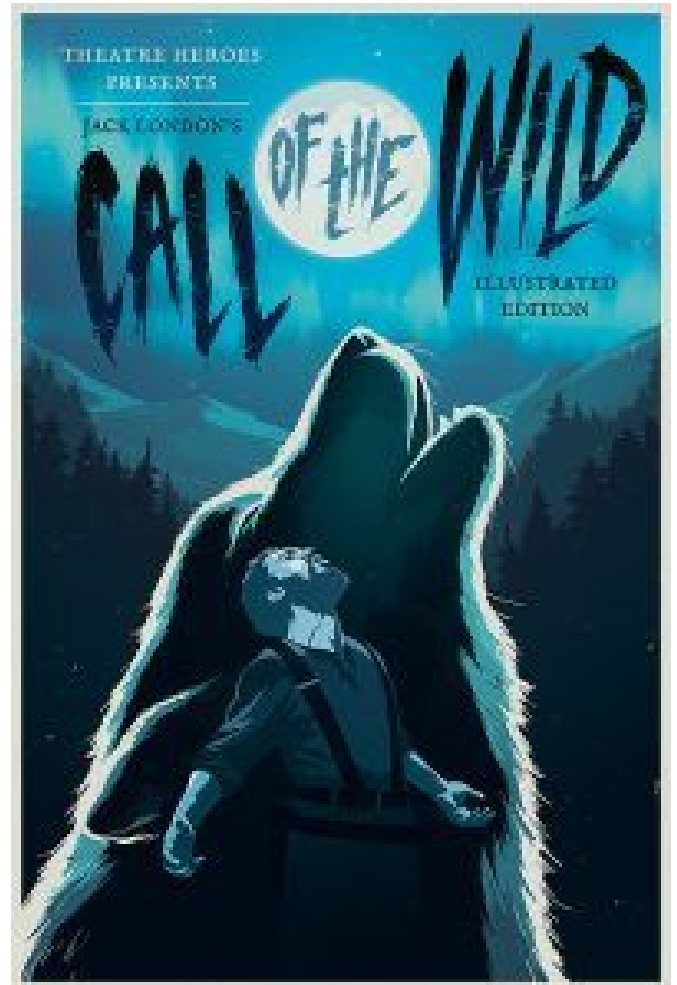
Spring Semester Schedules will be posted on the OVS Website.

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts Performances

January 28th-Monday at 9:30AM – Peter Gros from the Original Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom, recommended for grades K-6. Peter Gros, former co-host and current ambassador for the original Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom returns to LBC to share our exciting world of animals, his travel experiences, and his timeless tales.

January 30th-Wednesday at 9:30AM – Call of the Wild; Illustrated Edition, recommended for grades 4-8. Jack London’s classic tale comes to life on stage with screen projection surrounding one powerful performer. This multimedia adventure based on Jack London’s classic tells a magnificent sled dog’s thrilling tale of courage and survival during the 1800s Klondike Gold Rush.

As in the past, seats will be available no sooner than three weeks before the performance. Be sure to check *The View* monthly for ticket availability. To make a reservation, please call the school office at 823-4709. Enjoy the shows!



Tuesday Art Workshops & Projects

January 15 - Exploring the versatility of India Ink. Students can join in on painting a still life floral arrangement or dabble in a work of their own design in this messy and beautiful medium. Grades 2-5 welcome. Limited to 12 students.

New Workshops for 2019 will be posted soon on the [OVS website](#) Latest News feature.

DYI Zero Waste at Home Workshop

Turn your trash into jewels for a do-it-yourself zero waste sustainability project! We'll make bin liners from newspapers, assemble plastic bag drying racks, sew produce bags, learn with Recology experts and more! Materials provided. Registration (RSVP) Recommended.

For Adults and Teens ages 13-19.

Where: Sebastopol Library

When: January 19th, 3:00 - 5:00

For more information [click here](#).

Congratulations Kordi Kokott!

After many years of hard work, OVS Junior Kordi Kokott, has earned her blackbelt in Karate. Congratulations!



Important Dates:

Tuesday January 15th: Spelling Bee (page 2.)

Friday, January 18th: End of First Semester

Monday, January 21st: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed

Tuesday, January 22nd through January 25th - No On-campus classes

Tuesday, January 29th: Advisory Board (page 3.)

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