

# Ormondale School Kindergarten Orientation

January 14, 2025



# Welcome to Ormondale and the PVSD!

Our Agenda for this session- Today you will learn about:

1. What makes Ormondale a great place to learn and grow
2. A day in the life of a kindergarten child
3. Specialist Classes
4. PVSD Supporters - Our Parent Teacher Organization and PV Schools Foundation
5. How to register and what is required
6. Campus Tour



# Names to Know

**Ms. Lynette Hovland - Principal**

**Mrs. Roberta Zarea - Superintendent**

**Mrs. Catherine Castillo, Mrs. Linda Clark, Mrs. Silvia Martinez - Kindergarten Teachers**

**Mrs. Sarah Vincenzo - School Counselor**

**Sra. Covotta, Mr. Tim Cullinane and Mr. White - Spanish, Physical Education and Music Teachers**

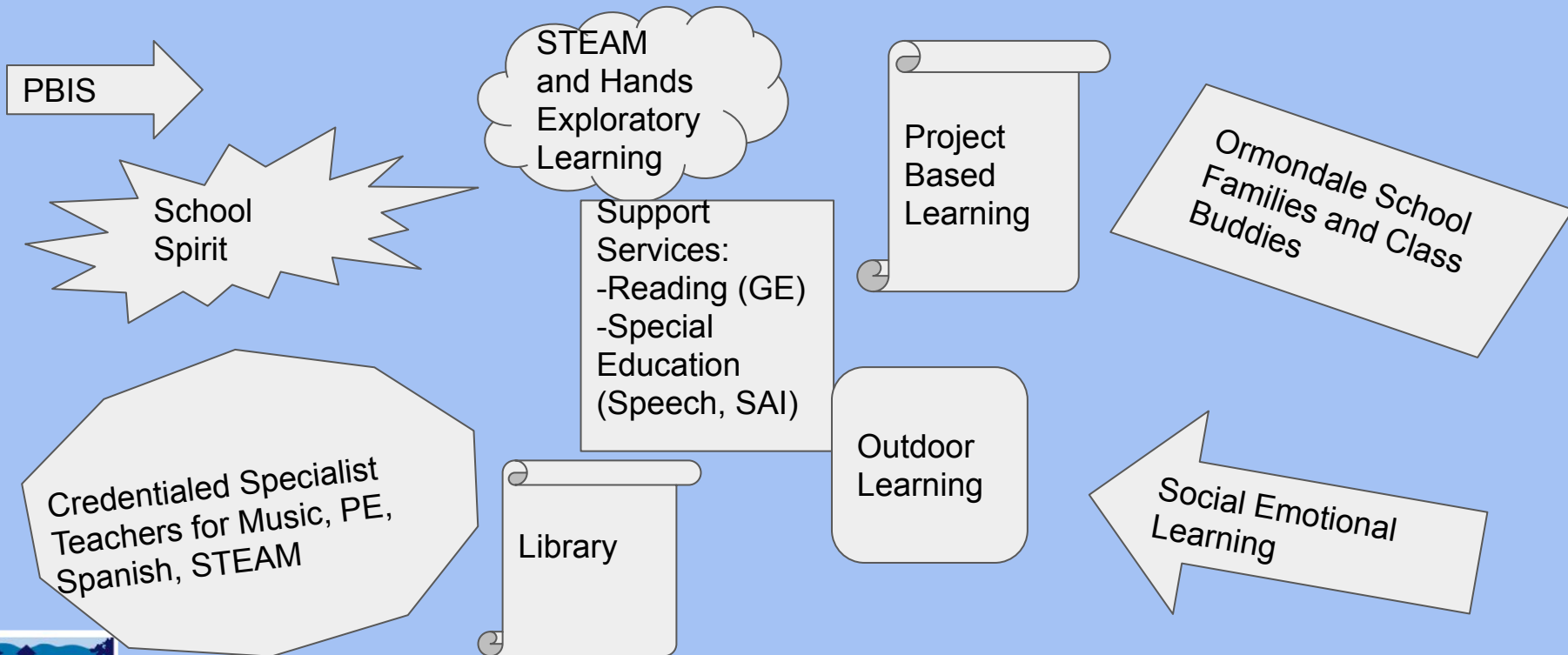
**Evelyn Luis - “Miss Evelyn” - School Office Manager**

**Katy Barresi - “Miss Katy” - School Secretary**

**Abbe Keane - “Nurse Abbe” - District Nurse**



# Ormondale - A California Distinguished School





# Meet our Kindergarten Team:



**Mrs. Catherine Castillo**



**Mrs. Linda Clark**



**Mrs. Silvia Martinez**

# A Community of Scholars and Friends:

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## In kindergarten we:

- ✕ Explore and Experiment
- ✕ Treat others with kindness and respect
- ✕ Learn and practice fair play
- ✕ Develop, foster, and maintain a growth mindset
- ✕ View mistakes as learning opportunities
- ✕ Develop positive leadership skills
- ✕ Enjoy the alphabet, numbers, science experiments, our natural environment, creative arts, and technology
- ✕ Are flexible learners
- ✕ Have fun!



# Our Learning Activities include:

## Students will:

- **Read**, be read to and have reading instruction
- **Write** personal narrative, information, opinion, how-to & poetry
- **Phonics** - letter/sound correspondence
- **Math** - numeracy, value, mathematical thinking & problem solving in the real world
- **Social Studies** - friendship, community, and our planet
- **Art** - theme, crafts
- **Science/STEAM**
- **Outdoor Learning**
- **Brain Breaks**
- **SEL**





# Our Classrooms- versatile and inviting!





# Fun At Ormondale

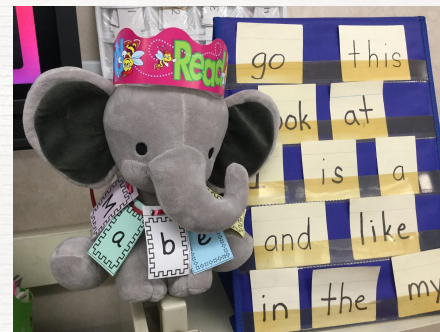


We love utilizing our outdoor classroom, chicken coop and garden spaces



# We Are Scholars -

we read, build, discover, share, play,  
parade and laugh together!



# Counselor's Corner



Mrs. Vincenzo is Ormondale's School Counselor

You will see Mrs. Vincenzo all over the Ormondale campus teaching SEL (social emotional learning) to all classrooms and offering support to classrooms, students, teachers, and families.



In Kindergarten we use the Kimochi Curriculum and supplemental lessons to teach students the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to recognize and manage their emotions, demonstrate caring and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions and handle challenging situations constructively.

In addition, Mrs. Vincenzo teams with support teachers, the principal and school psychologist to provide academic support through our Student Support Team.



# Music with Mr. White

Kindergarten children to music class 2-3 times per week.

In music class children learn:

Songs and dances (American and International dances/musical games and some Spanish songs)

As children progress through music they learn to play rhythm instruments and perform using the Orff instruments in grade 3.

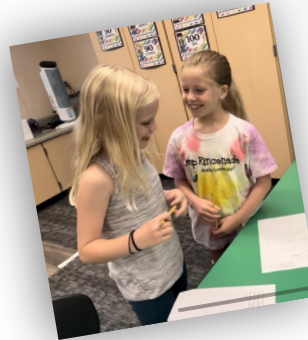
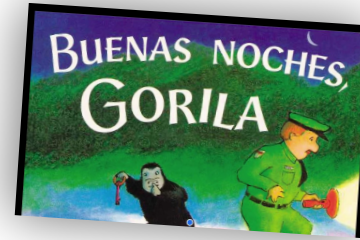
All of our children “perform” at our Halloween parade, and winter concert and sing the chorus in our Spring Musical.





# Spanish with Sra. Covotta

Kindergarten children have Spanish once a week. In Spanish class children sing songs, play games, make crafts, read books, cook, and are actively engaged in short conversations with their classmates and teacher.



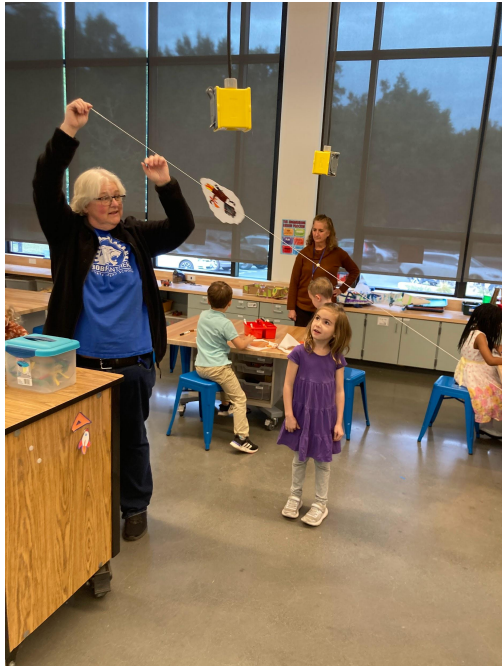
# Physical Education with Mr. “C”

Kindergarteners have Physical Education for 30 minutes, every other day (2-3 times per week).

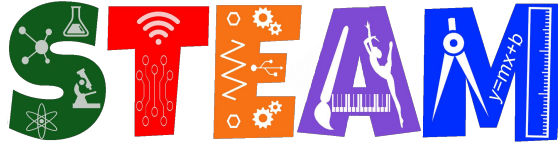
We cover many areas of physical skills including:

- Sports skills
- Locomotor movements
- Large group games
- Obstacle courses
- Jump rope
- Fitness
- Sportsmanship

# STEAM with Mrs. Richard



Kindergarteners have STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) once a week for 40 minutes



- Students will be engaged by frequent hands-on activities geared towards combining each of the STEAM disciplines.
- Creativity and collaboration will be encouraged as students solve problems.
- Students will be exposed to a variety of STEAM concepts like the engineering design process, coding, problem solving and robotics that will maximize critical thinking, innovation, productive struggle and collaboration.

# LIBRARY with Mrs. Baxter

Kindergarteners attend Library once a week for 30 minutes with their class.

Class visits feature storytime with Mrs. Baxter, time to explore books, and book checkout.

Kindergarteners check out 1 book at a time. They take home this book every week and bring it back in order to check out a new one.

Mrs. Baxter uses Library Time to connect with each student, teach through storytelling, and instill a lifelong love of the library.





# Ormondale Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Jennifer Alfaro and Anya Kulinga, Co-Presidents

Kate Fenwick - Vice President



# Portola Valley Schools Foundation



**Portola Valley Schools Foundation** is a non-profit volunteer organization that raises funds to support to the Portola Valley School District. Our purpose is to close the gap between what public education funding pays for, and the high-quality education we desire for our children.

The Foundation typically contributes between 5% and 7% of the District's annual \$15 million budget, supporting low student/teacher ratios, classroom aides, reading specialists, physical education, science, music, art programs and more.

Our biggest fundraising effort occurs every year in the fall, with our **Annual Campaign**. The campaign asks our community of parents, neighbors and local businesses to make donations to support our wonderful schools. We raise over **\$1 million annually** and the funds go to the district General Fund.



# Health Requirements

- Schedule your child's kindergarten physical examination

Complete all required immunizations:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis
- Polio
- Hepatitis B
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella
- Varicella (Chickenpox)

<https://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>

Oral Health Assessment for Kindergarten



?s - Contact Nurse Abbe [akeane@pvsd.net](mailto:akeane@pvsd.net)

# How to Register

Visit our district website at [www.pvsd.net](http://www.pvsd.net) and access Student Registration Link at the top of the homepage. Click the link for **Pre-registration for SY 24-25** and then once on that page go to **Pre-Registration Form for New Students**

*The following must be turned in to the school office in person:*

- *Intent to Register form*
- *Proof of residency*
- *Birth certificate*
- *Immunization record*

*\*If you need a paper packet, please contact Evelyn at 650-851-1777 ext. 2652*





# After School Care

## ***New Horizons After School Center***

Located on the Ormondale School Campus

Open Monday through Friday until 6:00 p.m.

Program offers 2 days to 5 days a week program

Fliers available in the school office or contact: Ajmir Thompkins at 650-851-5671

# Question Time and Tour

What more would you like to know?