

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

1st Grade Rose Ceremony

The Rose Ceremony has two gatherings at the start and end of the school year. Beginning the year, the ceremony welcomes our graduating kindergarten students into the 1st grade with their 8th grade buddies providing roses and an escort to their 1st grade teacher. Families are invited to attend.

Dragon Pageant and Fall Festival

The fall season and sun's diminishing light toward the dark of winter is celebrated in an All-School Assembly that brings the old-English story of *Sir George & the Dragon* to life. Families are invited to attend as students in grades 2-8 present our tale of courage and transformation. A festival of activities follows the performance. Cinnamon apples, cornhusk dolls, planting bulbs, juggling and community entertainment enliven this event.

Winter Festivals of Light

These beautiful events during the winter season are crafted to awaken our inner light in the darkened winter. Kindergarten students participate in the Lantern Walk in November. The Winter Spiral is held for 1st through 3rd Grades. 4th and 5th grade students conduct their Winter Light event, and the middle school joins in the dark of a nature preserve for the Winter Moon Hike. All events share similar elements of song, candlelight, quiet contemplation and the joy of gathering in community to celebrate the texture of light and darkness of the December tide.

Winter Assembly & Faire

Live Oak's All-School Winter Assembly is held on the 2nd Friday before Winter Break. Grades 2-8 present an offering to the community through choir pieces, recorder and percussion, poetry recitations, and stories. The K-8 Visual Arts Gallery is on display during the assembly. An extensive winter crafts faire follows the performances with high quality hand made goods from local artisans. Food, music and carnival games extend the day and invite families to enjoy the warmth of Live Oak's vibrant community.

Valentine's Day

Students are invited by their class teacher to participate in sharing simple messages of care and appreciation with their classmates. Teachers will notify parents of the format for their class.

Auction

Sponsored by the Live Oak Foundation in the month of March, the auction is our largest fundraising event. It is an evening of music, food, gifts and magic. We have both a silent and live auction of many fantastic treasures. This is not to be missed. Schedule your babysitters early!

Open House

Open House is held in the spring for families and friends to visit classrooms, view student work and engage in hands on activities with their children. It is an opportunity to meet others in the

community and learn more about our curriculum and programs throughout the grades. Students are invited to attend this event with their families.

Spring Faire

Spring Faire is a festive and beautiful tribute that embraces the upwelling vitality of spring. Live Oak community is invited to join in our celebration of spring's vitality. Be prepared to enjoy instrument and choir presentation by our students, Maypole dancing, good company, a bounty of flowers and color, and strawberry shortcake for all.

End Of Year Assembly

This event takes place during the last week of school to celebrate the close of the School year. Spring verse, poems, music, and songs are shared with families and friends as we prepare to depart for summer. Grades 1-8 perform.

Kindergarten Fly Away Ceremony

Our older Kindergarten students who will be graduating to 1st grade take part in the Fly Away Ceremony to honor their growth and transition. This event occurs at the end of the school year.

8th Grade Rose Ceremony

At year's end, our 1st graders return the gesture from the beginning of the year by gifting a rose to their departing 8th grade buddies. Families are invited to attend.

8th Grade Promotion

The 8th grade promotion ceremony is held at the end of the year. All families are invited to attend as we honor our 8th grade and celebrate their transition to High School.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ETIQUETTE

It is imperative that parents and guests hold the sincerity and reverence of our ceremonies and events with great care. Some events require extended silence by guests. Young children are welcome at our events, so long as they are well attended. When school ends, and events continue, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.