

Odyssey Charter School

2009-2010

For Your Information

OCS Annual Campaign Update

As of January 20, 2010, the 09-10 OCS Annual Campaign has received a total of **\$14,096.57**
As of January 20, 2010, the 09-10 OCS Annual Campaign has pledged an additional **\$11,806.13**
The total number of donors as of January 20, 2010 is 60 families (25% participation) **\$25,902.70**
Please send your check donations, in any amount to the Front Office or go online to
www.odysseycharterschool.org and click on the DONATE button to donate online.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Attendance Report Update

Last Week's ADA: **94.09%**

Please help us to raise our ADA above 95%. Thank You!

Dates to Remember

Friday, January 29th

Second Cup of Coffee at 8:30am

Come join Lauren O'Neill for a cup of coffee and good conversation!

Tuesday, February 9th

Budget Presentation & Special Board Meeting at 6pm

We request your presence as Richard Vazquez from ExEd presents a budget overview for OCS followed by a special board meeting at **6:30pm** also focusing on the 2010-11 budget. **Please join us at this very important meeting for further information that will affect our community**

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Pennies for Haiti

Please join Room B in collecting pennies for the children of Haiti. Collection cans are in all classrooms and in the front office.

We will be collecting until Friday, February 26th.



Dates to Remember

Friday, February 12th

Winter Rockfest at 9am

Monday, February 15th

NO SCHOOL-President's Day Holiday



Shoe Drive for Haiti

Tomorrow is the last day to bring your gently-worn men/women/children's shoes to donate to the people of Haiti.

Drop-off boxes are located inside your child's classroom and the front office

See attached flyer for more information



Shoe Drive for Haiti
January 25-29



**Bring gently worn men's, women's,
or children's shoes for the people of
Haiti.**

Sport Chalet is collaborating with Soles-4-Souls to send shoes to the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Donate your gently worn shoes by sending them to your child's classroom. Shoes can also be taken directly to any Sport Chalet by January 31st.



Odyssey Charter School

January 28, 2010

Dear Odyssey Charter School Parents & Families:

As you are well aware, we are continuing to experience the effects of the statewide budget shortfall. In June of 2009, Odyssey's Governing Board made some difficult decisions due to budget cuts from the State of California, which at that point totaled \$215,500. These cuts were:

- Elimination of Field Trips
- Elimination of Harvest of the Month
- Cuts to instructional materials
- Reduction of Art classes to 10 weeks
- Reduction of Music classes to 10 weeks
- Salary freezes for all personnel
- Cut of the Above and Beyond Incentive to staff
- Reduction of Technology Specialist to half time position
- Reduction in Teacher Assistant staff to 2 full time and 4 part time

As a result of subsequent additional state cuts, in November of 2009 our Board revised the 2009-2010 budget and made additional unavoidable cuts which resulted in the complete elimination of all Art and Music classes for the 2009-2010 year.

In January of 2010, Governor Schwarzenegger released the most recently revised State budget in which we can expect even more cuts to our school's budget. As a way to ensure all our community hears the impact of these cuts and the budget, I respectfully request parents, families and all stakeholders to join us at:

OCS Governing Board Special Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Room 1

6:00-6:30pm – Budget Overview by Richard Vazquez

6:30- 7:30pm – Board Study Session on OCS Budget

At this special meeting, we will be hearing from Richard Vazquez, Vice President of School Finance for ExED (our business service provider) who will be updating the Board on the most recent budget announcements from the Governor's Office. We are currently forecasting a *minimum* reduction of \$62,000 which will directly affect our school significantly. Our Board will be discussing possible ways to deal with this budget crisis including the possibility of:

- Increasing class size
- Eliminating our Physical Education program
- Eliminating our Technology Education program
- Personnel cuts

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parent community for their continued support and donations. In June of 2009 OPPG contributed \$25,000 to our budget and the 09-10 Annual Campaign currently has over 25% of our families giving, with a projected total of \$24,475 to be received by June. However, if we are to maintain small class size, physical education, technology or all our personnel, we need to have increased participation in our Annual Campaign contributions by more families. **We urge you to please visit our website at <http://odysseycharterschool.org>, click on DONATE, and make a one-time donation or subscribe to make monthly contributions that will greatly assist us in these challenging times. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.**

We are inspired by your generosity and commitment to participating daily in the lives of our students by volunteering your time in the classroom, community events and organizing programs. We hope to see you for this critical Special Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, February 9th at 6pm.

Sincerely,

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