

Odyssey Charter School

2009-2010

Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 24th

Back-to-School Night for grades 5-8 at 6pm

Join us for another informative night with teachers and staff

Childcare will be provided for school-aged children

**Special thanks to the OCS families that joined us at last night's Back-to-School Night for K-4*

Save the Date

✓ **Wednesday, October 7th**

Student & Class Picture Day

Order information to follow in next week's Thursday Packet

✓ **Tuesday, October 13th**

Restaurant Night at Mijares



VOTE NOW!

**Want a fun way to support Odyssey Charter School? Check out
americasfavoriteschool.com**

**and place a vote for OCS! The school with the most votes wins
\$20,000!**

See attached flyer for more information

Reminder: Items Due

- Parent-Student Handbook Receipt **due Wednesday, September 30, 2009**
- Thursday packet email info (if applicable) **due Wednesday, Sept 30, 2009**
- Annual Report Info—See attached form **due Friday, October 9, 2009**



Odyssey Charter School

September 24, 2009

Dear Parents, Families & Friends:

Welcome back to all returning families and welcome all new OCS families! I am enthusiastic about the 2009-10 school year and look forward to getting to know many new families and students.

As we enter into our 11th year, we have much to be grateful for and celebrate. In March 2009 we were successfully re-chartered for another 5 years (until 2014); we re-structured our multiage classrooms and welcomed 60 new students and their families to our community; received new windows and paint; hired 4 new teachers and a new technology specialist and maintained our Physical Education program.

We are also grateful for the extraordinary growth of our API scores (Academic Performance Index). In the last 5 years, we have increased our API Score by **162 points; bringing our 2009 API score to 795!** I commend students, parents and staff for your support and commitment to providing a sound educational program and helping us meet our school wide goals.

Moving forward I would like to draw your attention to our Average Daily Attendance (ADA) as it relates to our funding for the 2009-10 school year.

The State of California funds school districts based on daily student attendance, also known as Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Each day a student is present Odyssey receives approximately \$38.00 a day. When a student is absent (excused OR unexcused) we do not receive this critically needed funding for the day.

Over the past we years, we have budgeted and maintained an average daily attendance of 95%. If our ADA drops we will receive **LESS** money than budgeted and if we surpass our budgeted 95% ADA, we will receive **MORE** money than budgeted. For every single percentage point increase we have over the 95% ADA, Odyssey receives approximately \$21,000 in additional funding which can be used to provide our students, art, music, technology education classes and even field trips.

Therefore, I implore you please ensure you bring your student on time to school each day! YOU can help us reach our ADA goal of 97% for the 2009-2010 school year...that could mean \$42,000 to our community for our programs!

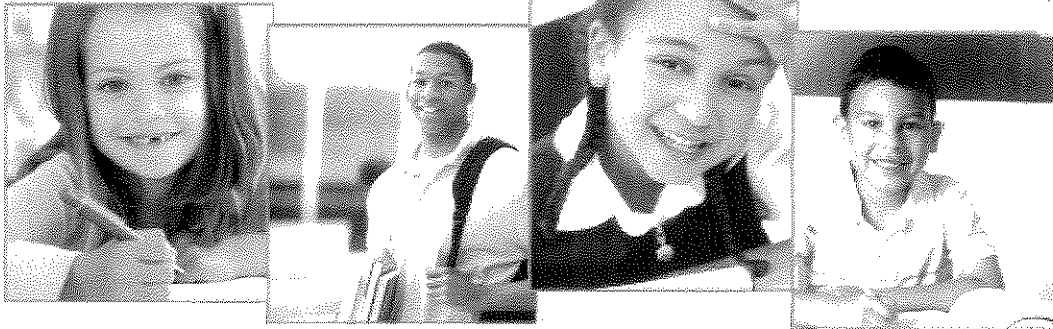
I hope you will join me in motivating our students to continue excelling in all areas, and being model students!

Sincerely,

Lauren O'Neill, Executive Director
Odyssey Charter School

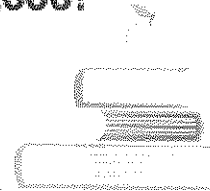
GET THE WORD OUT TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!

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- Every week a lucky school wins **\$500**
- Open to all K-12 schools



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vote from Sept. 14 - Nov. 8

NO PURCHASE OR DONATION NECESSARY TO ENTER AND VOTE. A PURCHASE OR DONATION WILL NOT INCREASE ANY CHANCE OF WINNING. Must be age 13 or older, a legal resident of the 50 United States and DC, with a valid email address and online access to register and vote online only at www.americasfavoriteschool.com or www.care2.com/schoolcontest. One vote per contact only. Odds of winning an award depends upon number of entrants, votes cast and/or recruitment. Activity Contest begins at 12:00 AM (PT) September 14, 2009 and ends 11:59 PM (PT) on November 8, 2009. Only the schools listed on sponsor's Contest database are eligible to win an award. Other terms and conditions apply. See Official Rules for details at the above identified web address. Sponsor: Care2.com, Inc., America's Favorite School Contest (2009), 275 Shoreline Drive, Suite 300, Redwood City, CA 94065. Void where prohibited or restricted.

If every family votes (each adult with an email address), and we each tell 3 or 4 friends or family to vote, then Odyssey could win \$20,000!!

We are already #50 on the list after only 1 day of voting! Let's get up to #1!

Go to this address for Odyssey:

<http://www.care2.com/schoolcontest/611945>

or use the above address and put in our zip code (91001) and scroll down to Odyssey Charter School.



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Dear Odyssey Families:

As we move forward into the third week of classes, I am hopeful everyone is readjusting to being back on campus! We are glad to see many familiar faces of parents and students and are welcoming our new families and students as well.

In preparation for our Annual Report to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), our charter granting agency, I would like to request some updated information about your child, or children, attending Odyssey. The State is requiring us to provide information regarding the "District of Residence" and "Neighborhood School" for each of our students. This information will assist us in providing the most accurate data to LACOE.

I ask you please complete the bottom portion of this form, and return it with your child **by Friday, October 9, 2009.**

Many thanks,

Lauren O'Neill, Executive Director
Odyssey Charter School

*Please return bottom portion by **Friday, October 9, 2009.***

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Grade: _____

District of Residence: _____

This is the school district your child would attend were he/she enrolled in a local school.

Neighborhood School Name: _____

This is the local school your child would attend if he/she were attending the local public school closest to your place of residence.