

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 **\$12,909.57**
As of January 20, 2010, the 09-10 OCS Annual Campaign has pledged an additional **\$11,564.88**
The total number of donors as of January 20, 2010 is 60 families (25% participation) **\$24,474.45**
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

Month 1- 97.43%
Month 2- 94.90%
Month 3- 94.99%
Month 4- 94.27%
Month 5- 97.05%

Congratulations on bringing our ADA up the first week back from break!
Our Month 5 ADA is 97.05%, this only includes one week of ADA as the rest of the weeks are winter break weeks. Keep up our ADA for Month 6!
We will be sending weekly updates in each Thursday packet.

Dates to Remember

Monday, January 25th

Chocolate Covered Pretzel Sale!
Sale during lunch and led by Middle School students

Tuesday, January, 26th

OCS Board Meeting at 6pm in Room 1
Parents welcome!

Friday, January 29th

Second Cup of Coffee at 8:30am
Come join Lauren O'Neill for a cup of coffee and good conversation!



Dates to Remember

Friday, February 12th
Winter Rockfest at 9am
Monday, February 15th
NO SCHOOL-President's Day Holiday

TURN YOUR SPRING CLEANING INTO CASH FOR ODYSSEY!

NEW EBAY FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by OPPG

Do you have items to donate but no time to sell them yourselves? Donate your good quality new or used items to our new ebay fundraiser and turn those unwanted goods into CASH donations to our school. If you have items that could be valued at \$100 or more and are willing to donate them to the school, we will sell them for you on ebay with 100% of the profits going directly to Odyssey.

Wondering what you might have that could be worth money toward our school? Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- **Designer clothing**
- **Baby/child gear**
- **Electronics**
- **DVDs & CDs**
- **Antiques & collectables**
- **Event tickets**

Remember, if the value of one item isn't \$100, consider selling a "lot" of items of the same kind, ie: 5 related clothing items in the same size, or 15 related DVDs etc.

To donate, please contact Ellen Glasston at eglasston@earthlink.net or call 213-300-3404 to discuss your contributions.

JANUARY 2010

OPPG Newsletter

Odyssey Parent Participation Group – Helping make Odyssey a great charter school

Upcoming Events

- Rock Fest – Feb. 12th, 2010
- Dr. Seuss Day – March 2nd, 2010
- Book Club – End of May TBD

Upcoming Meetings

- OPPG Leadership Meeting – Feb 9, 2009 at 6:30pm
- OPPG Parent Meeting – March 16th, 2010 at 8:30am – Please let Cari (carid@mac.com) know if you have any ideas for the Parent Ed in March.

Fix-It Needs

- Looking for somebody to hang up a bulletin board.

Let us know if you can help. Just contact Darby Bartlett 213-215-3763 or DarbyRowe@yahoo.com

Help Wanted

- We are still looking for a parent to join our OPPG Board as Member at Large. Contact our Nominating Chair, Paula Solano pwsolano@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

OPPG Meeting Notes

Highlights from the Jan. 12th OPPG Leadership Meeting and the Jan. 19th Parent Meeting:

- We had 29 parents in attendance at our Parent meeting. Thank you to all of you who were able to make it. The idea of OPPG presenting Parent Ed topics this year was to give us a chance to learn more about Odyssey's curriculum and philosophy, and also to present some general topics that might be of interest to some of our parents. This was our first general parenting topic, and we give a special thanks to Brian Joseph, from The Center for Nonviolent Parenting, who ran our Parent Ed this month. Brian talked about a parenting philosophy rooted in what he called the "nonviolent paradigm", where love is unconditional, and children are treated with respect. He presented the idea that all behavior is a strategy to satisfy an unmet need, and children can be engaged with empathy. He also addressed setting limits and presented the idea of not using rewards or punishments in our parenting.
- We approved a proposal for a monthly "Danceaway at Odyssey". There are still details to work out with Staff, but watch for an announcement soon, and then bring your family to come dance away the evening at Odyssey!
- Neil Kubon presented a proposal from the Spring Fundraiser Committee for a Casino Night at Mijares on June 5th. The evening would include food, drinks, gaming tables, and a silent auction, and Kid's Club has agreed to donate childcare. Parents voted in favor of the event. Budgets will be sent out prior to our February OPPG Leadership meeting, and there will be a VOTE on the budget at that meeting on February 9th.

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OPPG Meeting Notes Continued

- Ellen Glasston announced a new ebay Fundraiser. Please contact Ellen (eglasston@earthlink.net or 213-300-3404) with any items or groups of items with a value over \$100 that you are able to donate. Ellen will sell them on ebay, and 100% of the profits will go to Odyssey. See the Thursday packet for a flyer.
- Jexy Wadle, our K-4 Board Rep., talked to us about the importance of getting our kids to school. We must keep our ADA over 95% to not loose funds that have already been budgeted for the year. Bring your kids to school!
- Karen Merchant has volunteered to research and schedule a restaurant night! Stay tuned for more details.
- The OPPG Board voted unanimously to approve the OPPG Bylaws for another year.
- The next OCS Board meeting is on January 26th at 6:00pm. All parents are always welcome at Board meetings.
- Parents are making phone calls to help increase parent participation in our Annual Campaign. Please help in this peer-to-peer campaign. If you want to make phone calls, contact Marialyce Pederson, our Fundraising Chair at marialycep@earthlink.net.

Thank Yous

- Our Dec. 5th Rummage Sale/Pancake Breakfast/Book Fair brought in \$3,927. Thank you to Kristy, Joe, and Mia for organizing, and for all parents and staff who helped make that day such a great success.
- Thank you to Food & Garden Committee for the soup sale at the OPPG Meeting. Delicious soup, and they raised \$104!
- We all just brought in another \$43.50 in box tops! Be sure to cut out the Box Tops for Education and drop them by the front office.

Reminders

- Have you signed up for the Annual Campaign yet? Do it NOW! We need 100% parent participation, and we need it NOW so that future budgets can be made with fewer cuts. <http://www.odysseycharterschool.org/support/donations.cfm>
- Don't forget to bring in your Box Tops for Education. There is a collection box in the front office.
- Start saving your old ink cartridges. We have a new fundraiser starting where we will get cash for your old ink cartridges and cell phones. Put a box in your office to collect all the cartridges from the whole office. This can be a great way to raise money for Odyssey!

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