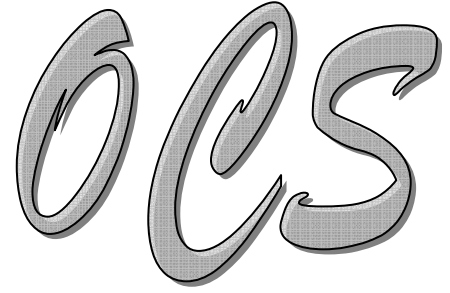


OPPG Monthly Newsletter

June 2009 Edition



Upcoming Events

Aug 22, 2009 - Parent Work Day – to get our school ready for the Fall!

Aug 30, 2009 – Back to School Picnic and Orientation

Sept. 2, 2009 – First Day of School

Sept. 15, 2009 – 6:00pm – OPPG Meeting

Odyssey Wish List / Fix- it Needs

Wish

Book Drive – Please bring books in before July 24th, and put them in the Staff lounge. Books for K-8 are welcome!

Fix

Join us on Aug. 22nd to fix up the school for the Fall. More information will come during the summer.

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Special Thank YouS

Thank you to those of you that were able to make the OPPG meeting on June 3rd. It was nice to see so many new faces.

Mijares Restaurant raised \$1,057 for Odyssey at the June Restaurant Night!!! **THANK YOU** Mijares, and all the families and friends who enjoyed dinner there!

More on the back



Latest OPPG Meeting Highlights

June 16, 2009 – We had a good meeting, where we talked about plans for next year and got updates on upcoming events and budget concerns. Here are some highlights:

- Please see the attached sheet to read about OPPG's goals for 2009-2010
- If you have a concern to share, you will find a Parent Concerns box in the front office. Feel free to give us your comments at any time.
- Check out the calendar of events for next year – included in this packet!
- If you have any ideas of topics for Parent Education Nights, please share them with Cari at carid@mac.com.
- Sign up sheets went around for organizers for next year's events, committee heads, and other needs, as well as for Buddy Parents and Room Parents. Please see the back of this sheet and contact Cari if you are able to take on some of these jobs!
- Jexy Wadle (K-3 Board Rep) gave a Board update and talked about the Budget that was voted on on the 23rd.
- Carlos Garcia introduced the plan for this year's Annual Campaign. Each family is being asked to donate \$500 per child to the Annual Campaign this year.
- MaryLinda talked about plans for 2 Arts committee Fundraisers. If you have interest in helping make calls to businesses for a Corporate Head-Shot Fundraiser (run by Edward Carreon) or in making crafts or manning a booth at the South Pasadena Farmers Market during the summer, please contact MaryLinda Moss (imarylinda@aol.com).
- OPPG voted to give OCS \$25,000 to be put in general funds for next year – with a focus on funding arts, music, PE, and technology. Thank you to all the parents who worked to raise that \$25K!

Event / Volunteer Sign Ups

At this point we are looking for the head of each event or committee or job. There will be a chance in August to sign up to work on all the various events and committees. If you can sign up for any of these jobs, please contact Cari Dawson carid@mac.com or 323-273-6131.

Here are the events that still need an organizer / chair:

Parent Work Day Parent Liaison – work with Rachelle to schedule the day (Aug 22nd) and get parents to participate.

Pancake Breakfast Organizer – Dec. 5th

Rock Fest Parent Liaison – Feb 12, 2010 – Work with Staff to organize parent volunteers for this event.

Charity Marketplace Liaison – June 19, 2010 – Work with staff to organize parent volunteers.

Graduation – June 24th, 2010 – We would like to resurrect an old tradition of having the 7th grade parents plan the graduation for the 8th grade. We need a 7th grade parent to be the organizer!



Committee Chairs and other jobs needed:

Fundraising Co-Chair – Be the point person with Marialyce Pedersen for new fundraising ideas. Report to Leadership on current and future Fundraisers.

Mijares Recycling Pick-Up – We need someone to pick-up a can of recycling every week from Mijares in Pasadena and bring it to the 7th graders to sort.

Harvest of the Month Coordinator – Coordinates all aspects of HOM.

Arts in the Classroom Coordinator – Schedules and organizes the parent volunteers for the various Arts in the Classroom projects.

Passive Fundraisers – Someone to advertise & keep track of escript, box tops, Car donations, Ralphs, and Target fundraisers.

Crossing Guard Coordinator – Recruit and schedule parent crossing guards for daily drop off and pick up.

ROOM PARENTS:

We are also looking for Room Parents for all classrooms next year. Please email Lisa Lansing, Room Parent Coordinator at Llansing@pacificclinics.org if you are interested. If you would like more information on what is involved in being a room parent, please ask Lisa.

BUDDY PARENTS:

Please email Kristy Larsen at Kristy@pacbell.net if you are able to be a buddy parent to a new family next year. A buddy parent is attached to one or two new families (ideally in your child's class) during the summer, to welcome them to OCS, and be there for them to answer their questions.