

Odyssey Charter School

2009-2010

For Your Information

OCS Annual Campaign Update

MANY THANKS TO OUR OCS COMMUNITY

Thanks to your generous donations at our 2010 RockFest, we collected \$885 in just one morning!! We're very appreciative of your efforts.

Year to date donations now total \$16,981

Now 34% of our families have given; again many thanks for your heartfelt contributions as we aim for 100% participation!

As we mentioned donations in ANY AMOUNT help tremendously!

Attendance Report Update

Month 1-97.43% Month 4-94.27%

Month 2-94.90% Month 5-97.05%

Month 3-94.99% **Month 6-94.60%**

Please help us raise and maintain an ADA of 95% and above!

Dates to Remember

Friday, February 19th

Glow-In-the-Dark Dance

4pm-6pm for K-4th & 6:30pm-8:30pm for 5th-8th

\$2.00 Admission & \$0.50 for Glow-in-the-Dark bracelets



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, February 23rd

Board Meeting at 6pm in Room 1

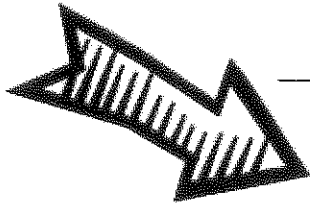
Friday, February 26th

Second Cup of Coffee with Lauren O'Neill & Sidewalk Art Show/Haiti Fundraiser by RoomB

Art Display will be from 8:15-8:45am; Coffee with Lauren will begin at 8:30am

All art will be available for a donation

and all proceeds will go to Haiti fundraiser



Attention Parents:

Please make sure to **COMPLETE** and **SUBMIT** the "Intention to Continue Enrollment" form attached to this week's Thursday packet. **ICE forms are due to the Front Office by March 5, 2010 at 3:00pm**



**Turn this Form into the Front Office by
March 5, 2010 @ 3:00pm-NO EXCEPTIONS**

Odyssey Charter School

Intention to Continue Enrollment Due: March 5, 2010

Odyssey is beginning the Enrollment Process for the 2010/2011 school year. Your cooperation in completing and returning this Intent to Continue Enrollment Form by March 5, 2010 will assist us in determining how many openings we anticipate for Fall 2010. In addition, we do offer a sibling preference for existing families. As such, we also need to determine how many siblings we may have.

Please complete the following (check all that apply):

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone # _____ Evening phone # _____

Address: _____

I am **planning to re-enroll the following children** for Fall 2010:

I am **not** planning to re-enroll the following children for Fall 2010:

I am interested in **enrolling the following sibling(s)** for Fall 2010
(these are students who are **NOT** currently enrolled at Odyssey for the 2009/2010 school year):

NAME: _____ GRADE IN 2010/2011: _____

NAME: _____ GRADE IN 2010/2011: _____

NAME: _____ GRADE IN 2010/2011: _____

I understand that Odyssey Charter School is a school of choice and believe Odyssey is a good match for my student(s) and our family. I understand and will support the school's educational vision and will honor my parent commitment and uphold school policies.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please sign and return no later than Friday, March 5, 2010

FEBRUARY 2010

OPPG Newsletter

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

Upcoming Events

- Dance Away – Feb. 26th, 2010
- Firefly Bistro Brunch Fundraiser – Feb 27th 10am – 2:30pm
- Dr. Seuss Day – March 2nd, 2010

Fix-It Needs

- Looking for donations of handles for our kitchen.

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

Wanted

- We are looking for a new OPPG Fundraising Chair! As the Fundraising Chair you would organize all Fundraising proposals and oversee events and programs. You would attend monthly OPPG meetings, and work with the OPPG Chair and Event Chairs for the smooth running of all events and programs. If you are interested in the VERY important position, please contact Cari (CariD@mac.com) ASAP!
- Don't forget to contact Ellen Glasston with your items to sell in our new ebay Fundraiser. (eglasston@earthlink.net or 213-300-3404) Our first 3 items just sold for over \$500 total!
- We need 73% more of our families to donate to the Annual Campaign. Can you drop \$25 by the office today?

Upcoming Meetings

- Spring Fundraiser Organizational Meeting – Feb 18 at 6:30pm.
- OCS Board Meeting – Feb 23 at 6:00pm.
- OPPG Leadership Meeting – March 9, 2009 at 6:30pm
- **OPPG Parent Meeting – March 16th, 2010 at 8:30am – Parent Ed topic – Emergency Preparedness.**

OPPG Leadership Meeting Notes

Highlights from the Feb. 11th OPPG Leadership Meeting:

- We are happy to welcome Erin Gamble and Monica Sottolani to the OPPG Leadership as Co-Members at Large. They have been appointed by the Executive Board to serve the remainder of this term.
- The proposed budget for the Spring Fundraiser was approved unanimously by the 10 parents present. The Spring Fundraiser Committee has a meeting next week – Feb 18th at 6:30pm in the Community Hall. They are in need of more organizers, so please consider joining in on the planning of this event. Contact Chair, Neil Kubon, if you would like to help out, but can't attend the meeting. neilkubon@corpcon.net
- Courtney Andrews presented a proposal for a book fair fundraiser by Barefoot Books. We are hoping to coordinate this event with our May 27th Book Club and a dinner by the Food & Garden Committee.
- The Food & Garden Committee is working on a healthy lunch for a day in March. Watch for an announcement in the Thursday packet.
- We approved a fundraiser proposal by Karen for a special brunch at Firefly Bistro in South Pasadena on Feb. 27th. Firefly Bistro is going to donate 50% of all tables that are part of Odyssey. Invite your friends and families! Also on that same day there will be an Art opportunity for the kids at Space Gallery. Both events are donating 50% to Odyssey! See the flyer in your Thursday packet for more details.

Thank You

- Thank you to Carlos, Heather, and the parent volunteers and staff who helped make RockFest a success!
- The Arts committee announced a donation of \$100 in art supplies from Blick. The Arts in the Classroom and the Artists in Residence programs have turned into very successful and huge projects! Many thanks to MaryLinda, Karen, & Nicole, and all the many parents who are volunteering their time.

OPPE
Announcement

**50/50* BRUNCH and
KIDS ARTS AFTERNOON**

**SATURDAY FEB 27, 2010
10-2:30 brunch
12-4 art for kids -break for you**

Firefly Bistro in South Pasadena invites Odyssey families and friends to enjoy an amazing brunch, and half-yes half, the proceeds will be donated to Odyssey!

Check out the menu at <http://www.eatatfirefly.com>. It's all about the food: interesting omelettes (\$10.50), veggie biscuits & gravy (\$10) or pancakes with vanilla bean brown sugar syrup (\$8). Or just have a great cup of coffee or European hot cocoa for you and the kids!

Firefly Bistro

1009 El Centro
(south of Mission and west of Fremont)
South Pasadena

After you dine, drop off the kids for an afternoon of ART at Space Gallery's "Open Studio"

Kids explore materials and create art to their hearts' content. \$20/child covers everything from 12-4pm and half-yes half, the proceeds will be donated back to Odyssey!

Space Gallery

1506 Mission Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030
626/441.4788

<http://www.spaceartscenter.com>
southpasarts.blogspot.com

Event Questions?

**Contact Karen Merchant-Yates
@ 323-255-3356**

ODYSSEY DANCE-AWAY NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26!!!

Our first Odyssey *DANCE-AWAY* is around the corner and we invite you, your family and friends to come and dance the night away!

This community-building event will take place once a month on Friday [or Saturday] from 6:30 to 9:30pm, in the community hall of the OCS campus.

We have a disco ball and we're ready to go! Oh, but wait...

We do need DJ's (with equipment), drummers (with drums) and a few hands to help set up, take down, and pass the word around...

We are calling out to all of you who have dance and music in your blood and want to build a new Odyssey tradition for all ages.

If you have *DJing* experience (or know someone who would fit the bill) or if you'd like to participate in the *drum circle* (casual acquaintance with Drums enough), ***call us now!***

Contacts:

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FRIDAY – 6:30-9:30pm

Adult -- \$5

Children -- \$2

(Family Price: \$10)