

Odyssey Charter School

Thursday Packet September 22, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Friday, September 30
2nd Cup of Coffee at Bam
Staff Lounge
Join Lauren O'Neill for a cup
of coffee and some morning
chat

Wednesday, October 5
Fall Meet & Greet
Kinder—2nd Grade
6:00-7:00pm
See attached flyer

Thursday, October 6
Fall Meet & Greet
3rd—8th Grade
6:00-7:00pm
See attached flyer

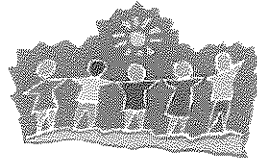
Tuesday, October 25th
OCS Board Meeting
6:00pm
Resource Room (Office)
Parents Welcome

**Wednesday, October 26th-
Friday, October 28th**
ILP days
Early Dismissal at 12pm

Thank you Parents!

Ms. Tiffany Miller's class has reached 100% family participation for our OCS Annual Campaign. Thank you for all of your contributions to Odyssey, every bit counts. We appreciate it all!

Special thanks to all of our parent volunteers for making
Picture Day such a success!
Your time and energy is greatly appreciated



OCS Gear

Don't forget to order your very own
Odyssey gear!

Last day to place order is
Friday, September 23rd

Order forms must be attached with payment
and submitted to the
Front Office

Playschool Playhouse Wanted!

K-1 is looking for a Playschool playhouse for
the playground

Please contact Rachelle Martinez
rachellem@ocsmail.org
For more information

After-School Enrichment Programs

Please note the beginning and ending dates
for the following after-school enrichment
programs taking place this Trimester

Gift of Language

September 15th - December 16th

Center of the Arts, Eagle Rock-Comic Books

October 10th— December 15th

Movies by Kids— Lego Animation

October 4th— November 29th

Movies by Kids- Lego Storytelling

October 5th— December 14th

OCS Family Directory

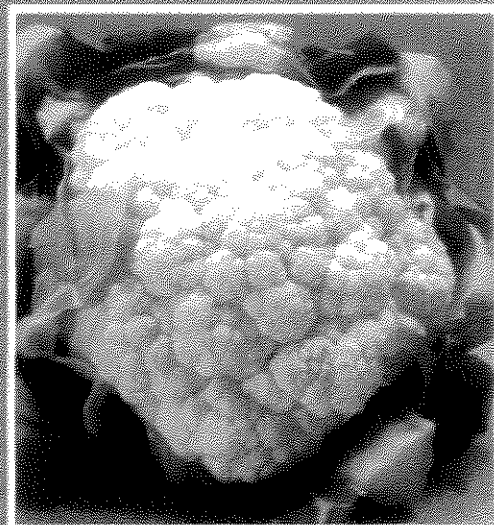
In the next couple weeks a Directory is being created that will contain contact information for all Odyssey families. This will be distributed by email to all families, and is for personal OCS use only. If you opted out of this in your enrollment packet, you will not be included. This Directory will include names, grades, teachers, email and phone numbers. If you have any questions about if you will or will not be included and/or you want to edit what information will be included please email Cari Dawson (Community Chair) at CariD@mac.com by Sept. 25th, 2011

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ODYSSEY PRODUCE COLLECTIVE

Eat Well. Be Well.



The Odyssey Produce Collective is launching!

The first delivery date will be **Thursday, September 22**. Boxes will be ready for pick-up between **2:30pm and 4:30pm** in the Teacher's Lounge. To sign up, go to eroots.org, start an account and when prompted, choose Odyssey as your pick-up site. What a healthy way to raise funds for Odyssey and a great way to support local farmers. When you subscribe, each Thursday you will have a box of locally and sustainably grown fruits and vegetables delivered to Odyssey ready for pick up when you pick up your child. Boxes are just \$21 and \$3 from each box goes back to the school to help support programs such as the arts, physical education, and more.

Questions? Email Jennifer at jenwenzlaff@pacbell.net.

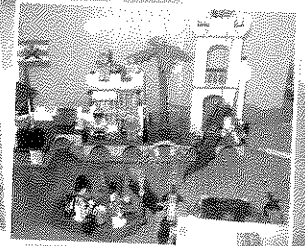
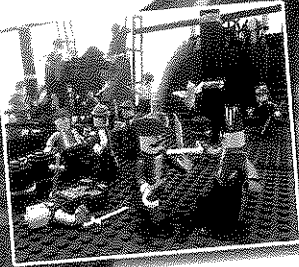


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MOVIES BY KIDS

2011 FALL Enrichment Session



ALL STUDENT FILMS ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW AND
DOWNLOAD AT WWW.MOVIESBYKIDS.COM

Lego Storytelling

Do your kindergartners love Legos? Now they can use one of their favorite toys to tell their very own stories! We will help your children storyboard and photograph each scene in their story. The ideas will be theirs, the sets will be built by them, and we will help them operate the cameras to capture their stories in a visual and memorable format that will be yours to treasure. Whether it's an epic pirate battle scene, or an adventure in another galaxy, this class is the ultimate place to play with Legos and learn how to tell a story. All stories will be available to view and download at www.moviesbykids.com!

Where: Odyssey Charter School
Start: October 5th, 2011
No Class: October, 26, 2011 & November, 23, 2011
Grades: Kindergarten & 1st grade
Minimum: 8

When: Wednesdays
End: December 14, 2011
Time: 2:35p - 3:35p
Tuition: \$98.00 + \$10.00 Lab Fee
Maximum: 25

3 WAYS TO REGISTER...

- 1. ONLINE:** Go to our website at www.moviesbykids.com and register with a Visa or Mastercard.
- 2. FAX:** Registration forms may be faxed to (818)267-5550 up to 3 days prior to the start of class using Visa, MasterCard.
- 3. DROP OFF:** Please remove the lower portion of this form and drop it off in the main office.

Registrations must be received three days prior to start of class.

*** If you have any questions or need program information, please call 818-702-6000 ***

Odyssey Charter School - "Lego Storytelling" - Please make checks payable to: Movies By Kids

YES... I would like to donate legos and get \$25 off!!

Child's Name _____ Parent's Name _____

Grade Level _____ Daytime Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Method of payment: Cash Check Mastercard Visa

Name on card: _____ Card #: _____ Ex. Date: _____

Check Total \$: _____ # of kids enrolling: _____ Email address: _____

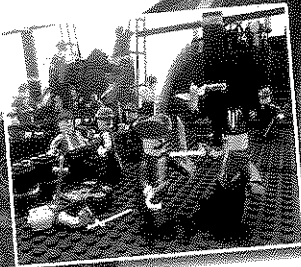
Parental Consent: I hereby enroll my child in the Movies By Kids after school enrichment program. I understand there is no refund after the second class. I also understand there is no refund for absent days. I hereby expressly forever release and discharge Movies By Kids, instructors, employees, agents, and consultants of Movies By Kids, LLC of liability for any claim, demand, injury, expense, damage, action or cause of action arising out of or connected with the use of any of the services or facilities of Movies By Kids or Odyssey Charter. **Photo Consent:** I authorize Movies By Kids to use my child's photograph, finished projects, and name in newspaper publications, television, website, other media, in the routine promotion of programs sponsored by the Movies by Kids program. **Final Product:** While every effort is made to insure a completed final product, we cannot guarantee that said product will be free of technical imperfections.

Signed _____ Date _____



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Lego Animation

Ready to take your fascination with Legos to the next level? At MBK studios, we will have all the Legos you need to create amazing movies. The ideas will be yours, the sets will be built by you, and you will operate all the equipment to bring your masterpiece to the big screen. Whether it's a re-creation of an epic pirate battle scene, or an adventure in another galaxy, this workshop is the ultimate place to play with Legos!

Where: Odyssey Charter School
Start: October 4, 2011
No Class: N/A
Grades: 2nd - 6th grades
Minimum: 8

When: Tuesdays
End: November 29, 2011
Time: 2:45p - 3:45p
Tuition: \$98.00 + \$10 lab fee
Maximum: 25

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Odyssey Charter School

September 20, 2011

Dear Odyssey Charter School Parents & Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that our school has been identified as a Year 1 Program Improvement (PI) school under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. NCLB requires the state to review annually the academic progress of federally funded Title I schools and to identify schools in need of improvement. These schools are identified as PI schools after two consecutive years of not making adequate yearly progress (AYP). California determines AYP by considering the following four measures:

- The percentage of students scoring at the “proficient” or “advanced” level on the California Standards Tests for English-language arts and mathematics
- The percentage of students participating in those tests
- The graduation rate (for high schools)
- California’s own accountability measurement of progress, the Academic Performance Index (API)

Odyssey Charter School has been identified as a Year 1 Program Improvement School because we have not achieved target proficiency rates in English-Language Arts and Mathematics. You may view our 2010 and 2011 Accountability Progress Reports by visiting the California Department of Education AYP Webpage at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>. While this information is very important, I want to point out that Odyssey Charter School is just one of nearly 4,000 schools (approximately 80%) of California public schools who will find themselves in Program Improvement for the 2011-2012 school year.

As a result of this designation, we have devised the following strategies to ensure we meet our AYP goals:

- ☉ Professional Development in the areas of Mathematics and English-Language arts instruction
- ☉ More effective usage of our teacher assistants in all classrooms to support students who need additional assistant
- ☉ Devising grade-level specific testing assistance strategies for all students

Odyssey parents and families can assist by continuing to be involved in their childs’ academics and ensuring students are attending school on time every day and are completing and submitting all homework assignments. If you have questions on this, please join me on Friday, September 30th at 8:30am in the OCS Staff Lounge for 2nd Cup of Coffee where I’ll take questions and explain what this means in greater detail.

Please know we are making very concerted efforts to ensure all of our students are learning and developing the necessary skills to succeed at Odyssey and beyond. Since Odyssey is a school of choice, you may choose to transfer your child to a different school in your local district at your discretion and in accordance to their admission policies and procedures. I look forward to updating you and keeping our community informed of additional steps being taken to exit Program Improvement.

Sincerely,

Lauren O’Neill, Executive Director
Odyssey Charter School

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