

OPPG Newsletter

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

Upcoming Events

- Dance Away – April 23rd, 2010
- Run for Fun – April 30th, 2010
- Souplantation Restaurant Night – May 6, 2010
- OPPG Elections – May 10 & 11
- Rummage Sale / Barefoot Book Fair / Pancake Breakfast – May 15th, 2010
- Book Club & Dinner – May 27th, 2010

Fix-It Needs

- Looking for more “handy” parents to have on our list. This just gives us a list of people to call when there is a fix-it need.

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

Wanted

- Looking for volunteers for:
 - Run-4-Fun (April 30)
 - Rummage Sale / Pancake Breakfast (May 15)
 - Book Drive for Classroom LibrariesContact Cari (CariD@mac.com)
- We need more items to sell on ebay. All profits go to Odyssey! Contact Ellen at eglasston@earthlink.net or (213) 300-3404.
- Nominating Committee (3 people) to find our new OPPG Leadership for next year. Our terms are up in June, and we need some great candidates for next year. Can you help find those people? Contact Cari if you can be a part of the Nominating team.

Upcoming Meetings

- OCS Board Meeting – April 27 at 6:00pm.
- OPPG Leadership Meeting – May 11, 2010 at 6:30pm
- **OPPG Parent Meeting – May 18th, 2010 at 6:00pm – If you have suggestions for a Parent Ed topic – contact Cari.**

OPPG Leadership Meeting Notes

Highlights from the April 13th OPPG Leadership Meeting:

- OPPG Financial Reports for Dec – March approved. OPPG’s current balance is \$12.6K.
- We approved a \$300 expense to supply healthy breakfasts and snacks during testing.
- We have applied to have a Restaurant Night at Souplantation in Pasadena on May 6th between 5pm and 8pm. Souplantation will give 20% back for anyone who brings the OCS flyer and purchases a meal and beverage. Watch the Thursday packets for more information.
- OPPG Elections are coming up in May! We approved the time line for these elections, and are looking for at least 1 more member of the Nominating Committee to join Jexy Wadle, our Nominating Committee Chair. Candidate’s statements are due May 3rd. Watch in the Thursday packet for a flyer that explains all the different positions. We are looking for a great board to bring us into the 2010-2011 school year!!
- Jexy sent in a Board report. The school calendar was discussed last month, and she is looking for parent feedback on the start and end dates as well as the length of the breaks. The next OCS Board meeting is Tuesday (4/27) at 6:00pm.

OPPG Leadership Meeting Notes Continued

- Paula reported for the Arts Committee. "Arts in the Classroom" continues to be very successful in all the classrooms. Ask your kids about the great programs that parents are bringing to the classes. Odyssey will have a table at the Altadena Community Arts Festival on June 12th in Farnsworth Park.
- Our eBay program raised another \$134 in March. Several items are going up this week, so watch for a Yahoo email with those links. Thank you, Ellen.
- We had 6 orders for Emergency supplies from Emergency Café, bringing Odyssey a donation of \$147.
- We need all parents to help find donations for our Silent and Live Auctions at our June 5th event. A notice will be going out soon, and you will be able to find the donation forms and letters on our website. The Casino Night Committee is having a meeting this Friday 4/16 at 5:30 at Mijares. More volunteers are needed!
- Run for Fun is April 30th!!! Make sure you are getting PLEDGES!! We need to make our goal of \$20,000 on this fun event. If you can volunteer on the 30th, please talk to Amy at amy100fires@aol.com

Reminders:

Every year, the school budget includes an amount of money that will be raised by OPPG. For OPPG to meet our goal we need to bring in \$20,000 with RUN-4-FUN!

Ask your friends & neighbors & co-workers to sponsor your child. Every little bit helps!!

Pledge forms went home just before break. You can find them online in the Thursday Packet section.

April 30th, 2010 is the Run!!!

Come on Odyssey! Get those pledges!