NOVEMBER 2009

OPPG Newsletter

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

Upcoming Events

- Stone Soup Day - Nov. 24, 2009
- Pancake Breakfast, Book Fair & Rummage Sale - Dec. 5, 2009

Upcoming Meetings

- OPPG Leadership Meeting – Dec 8, 2009 at 6:30pm
- **OPPG Parent Meeting - Jan. 19, 2010 at 6:00pm**
- Arts Committee Meeting – Jan 27, 2010 8:30am

Fix-It Needs

- Working on the art bungalow.
- Helping teachers finish their rooms and repair.

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

Help Wanted

- Our Big Fall Fundraiser is coming up on Dec. 5th! We need lots of volunteers for our Pancake Breakfast, Book Fair, and Rummage Sale. SAVE THE DATE – Dec. 5th! Also, bring in your items for the rummage sale. Now is the time to clean out your closets and garage!
  Organizers for our Dec. 5th event are:
  Joe Gamble for the Pancake Breakfast - joe@joegamble.com
  Mia Picerno for the Book Fair - Mia@concreteriver.org
  Kristy Larsen for the Rummage Sale - Kristy@pacbell.net
- We are looking for a parent to be the Parent Liaison for Charity Marketplace in June. Please contact Cari if you would like to volunteer to work with the Staff to plan this amazing event. carid@mac.com
- 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.

Wish List

Coming Soon. Check back next month for things you can donate that will help us greatly reduce our expenses!

OPPG Meeting Notes

Highlights from the Nov 10th OPPG Leadership Meeting and the Nov 17th Parent Meeting.

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- We had 30 parents in attendance at our Parent meeting. Thank you to all of you who were able to make it. A special thanks to Lauren, Ms. Tammy, Ms. Jessica, and Ms. Corona for the great lesson on Readers Workshop. They walked us through the different steps of learning to read from K thru 8, and we learned a lot. If you weren't able to attend and you have questions, be sure to always ask your teacher.
- Jexy, our K-4 Board Rep, announced tonight's Board meeting, and invited parents to come to make Public Comment on the budget cuts that would be happening later in the meeting. Watch for a Yahoo email from Jexy updating us on what happened at the Board meeting.
- Susan, Food & Garden Committee Chair announced that we will all be receiving a survey soon on the idea of a food pantry. Please help by returning that survey.
- Marialyce, our Fundraising Chair, talked about the work that is starting to increase participation in the Annual Campaign. We need at least 75% of families to give to the Annual Campaign by the end of the year. We currently have only 31 families giving. Please drop a check in the office or go on our website and click the "donate" button now. Marialyce took sign-ups for parents to help call other parents as part of the parent-to-parent campaign. If you have time to be a caller, please contact Marialyce at marialycep@earthlink.net
- Lisa, our Room Parent Coordinator, distributed lists of all the Room Parents, as well as a list showing which classes are hosting the Staff Luncheon each month. If you don't know who your Room Parent is, you can find that online in the Parent Section, under Room Parents. Or ask your teacher.
- The Spring Fundraiser Planning Committee, Chaired by Neil Kubon, will be meeting next week to start planning our Spring Fundraiser. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Neil at neilkubon@corpcon.net
- MaryLinda Moss and Marialyce Pedersen are working on an idea for a "Dance Away" fundraiser. If anyone is interested in helping with that, please contact Marialyce. marialycep@earthlink.net
- The OCS Family Directory went out by email. If you didn't receive a copy, please email carid@mac.com for it. If you don't have email access, and need a hard copy, please call 323-257-4326 (Cari) and I will make you one. Please remember that the information in this directory is ONLY to be used for student or school related communication. This information should be kept private, and kept within our Odyssey School community. Please DO NOT send any mass emails using this information. And DO NOT share any information without permission.

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Thank Yous

- We just brought in $200 in box tops! Be sure to cut out the Box Tops for Education and drop them by the office.
- Thank you to Paula and the Arts Committee for arranging the trip to LACMA! There was a good turn out, and it sounded like a fun day. I think there may be another one in April, so keep your eyes open for the announcement.

Reminders

- Have you signed up for the Annual Campaign yet? Do it NOW!
http://www.odysseycharterschool.org/support/donations.cfm