

OCTOBER 2009

# OPPG Newsletter

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

## Upcoming Events

- Student Government Inaugural Event - Nov. 13, 2009
- Stone Soup Day - Nov. 24, 2009
- Pancake Breakfast, Book Fair & Rummage Sale - Dec. 5, 2009

## Upcoming Meetings

- OPPG Leadership Meeting - Nov. 10, 2009 at 6:30pm
- Arts Committee Meeting – Nov 13, 2009 8:30am

- **OPPG Parent Meeting - Nov. 17, 2009 at 8:30am**

SAVE YOUR MORNING on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> after drop off. Come learn from our very own teachers all about Readers and Writers Workshop. Find out how are kids are learning! Contact Sam-Ana if you are interested in providing child care for the young siblings during this meeting.  
[samana.fenwick@gmail.com](mailto:samana.fenwick@gmail.com)

## Fix-It Needs

- Painting the front benches. Collage with paint or some other magical idea.
- Working on the art bungalow. (ART-Yeah!!!)
- Help to finish community room.
- 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](mailto:DarbyRowe@yahoo.com)

## Help Wanted

- Our Big Fall Fundraiser is coming up on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>! We need lots of volunteers for our Pancake Breakfast, Book Fair, and Rummage Sale. SAVE THE DATE – Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>! Also, save your items to bring in for the rummage sale. Now is the time to clean out your closets and garage! Organizers for our Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> event are: Joe Gamble for the Pancake Breakfast - [joe@joegamble.com](mailto:joe@joegamble.com)  
Mia Picerno for the Book Fair - [Mia@concreteriver.org](mailto:Mia@concreteriver.org)  
Kristy Larsen for the Rummage Sale - [Kristy@pacbell.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pwsolano@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

## Wish List

Coming Soon

## OPPG Meeting Notes

Highlights from the Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> OPPG Leadership Meeting  
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### Highlights from the Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> OPPG Leadership Meeting

- Blithe Bock presented some new fundraising ideas that Marialyce will follow up on. Mia mentioned getting an Amazon link on our website to raise funds as well.
- Blithe reported on the After School Enrichment Program. The Staff is in discussion on this topic, and we will keep you posted.
- In the Board Report by Rhonda Graham, she announced the higher API and that we met 12 of our 13 AYP goals. ADA in September was great, but it has dropped in October. The impact on our budget is HUGE when our kids miss school. The Finance Committee will be discussing more cuts to be made at the Board meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Susan Ruffins reported for the Food & Garden Committee. Many new faces were at their last meeting. They are focusing on revitalization of the courtyards, and are working on getting some new grants. Jexy will be giving a report on the work that was done last year on getting a new hot lunch program, so that some interested parents can get involved with that process. The After School Cooking Class begins with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on November 2nd, and will continue throughout the year with all other grades. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will get a chance again at the end of the year.
- Paula Solano reported for the Arts Committee. Great attendance at their first 2 meetings. Their 3 main programs are "Arts Events" to support school programs and events like Rock Fest, "Arts in the Classroom" to support curriculum through arts activities, and "Resident Artists" to bring arts into the classrooms. Nicole Raglin is the new Arts in the Classroom liaison, along with MaryLinda Moss and Karen Merchant. The Head Shot fundraiser is happening soon. And they are working on putting together a binder of after school trips to take with your kids.
- Marialyce Pedersen, our Fundraising Chair, is working on a form for parents to submit when they have Fundraising ideas. If you have any ideas for fundraising programs or events, Marialyce is the one to speak to. [marialycep@earthlink.net](mailto:marialycep@earthlink.net)
- Darby Rowe spoke for the Fix It Committee. We need more people to sign up to help out on different projects around the school. Contact Darby ([DarbyRowe@yahoo.com](mailto:DarbyRowe@yahoo.com)) if you can help.
- Lisa Lansing, Room Parent Coordinator, reports that all classrooms have room parents. Thank you to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade families for the amazing Staff luncheon. We have classes signed up for the entire year, to show our staff how much we appreciate them. The next Room Parent meeting is Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. If you don't know who your Room Parent is, you can find that information on our website in the Room Parent area of the Parents section. <http://www.odysseycharterschool.org/parents/Current-Room-Parents-List.cfm>
- MaryLinda Moss and Marialyce Pedersen are working on an idea for a "Dance Away" fundraiser. Details will be presented at the November Leadership meeting on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank You

- We had an amazing first Restaurant Night of the year, and thanks to Tina and her family and everyone at Mijares, we raised \$1086. Thank you to everyone who came to dinner at Mijares!

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### Reminders

- Sign up for our Annual Campaign! Let's get 100% parent participation. Unfortunately, all of last year's monthly donations stopped in June, and were not transferred over to PayPal. So, **PLEASE**, go on our website now – click the donation link, and start your monthly payment back up! See Carlos if you have any questions.
- Have your registered your credit cards for escrypt yet?