

OPPG Newsletter

Odyssey Parent Participation Group- Helping make Odyssey a great charter school.

Upcoming Events

Mijares Restaurant Night
October 13, 3pm-9pm

Fix-It Needs

◆ A couple of painters to do touch up work in the community hall.

Contact MaryLinda at imarylinda@aol.com

◆ Ideas to beautify the benches in the front of school. Contact Darby at darbyrowe@sbcglobal.net

Help Wanted

◆ You can sign up for any OPPG/OCS event by emailing Cari at carid@mac.com or signing up in the binder in the front office. We need parents for all events.

◆ We are looking for a parent to join the OPPG Board as Member at Large. Check your Thursday packet for the flyer.

◆ We are accepting ideas for the Parent Education topics for our 4 remaining OPPG Meetings. Please submit your ideas to Cari at carid@mac.com

September 2009

Upcoming Meeting Dates

OPPG - Leadership Meeting
Oct. 20, 6pm

OCS -Board Meeting
Oct 27, 6pm

OPPG -Leadership Meeting
Nov 10, 6pm

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

Wish List

Coming Soon

OPPG Meeting Notes

Highlights from the September 15th OPPG Parent Meeting

- We heard reports from our Board Reps (Jexy and Rhonda) who described their position on the OCS Board.
 - Food & Garden Committee Chair, Susan Ruffins, talked about their blog (the Beanstalk) and the new after-school program they are offering. The committee uses the talents and resources of its members to bring enrichment into Odyssey.
 - Paula Solano spoke about how the Arts Committee is supporting and enriching the arts in the classroom.
 - Ilse spoke about our Ebay fundraiser. We are always looking for entertainment related items to auction. If you have connections please speak to Ilse.
- Continued on back

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OPPG Meeting Notes– Continued

- Marisela, is our Passive Fundraisers point person. Please make sure you are registered for eScrip, Ralphs, Target and Wamoola. And don't forget to bring your "boxtops for education" in to the front office.
- Darby spoke on behalf of the Fix-it Committee who is looking for volunteers to finish the Community Hall painting. A wish list and a fix-it list are both being created.
- Room Parents– We still need room parents for Ms Corona and Mr. Bergmann. Please contact Lisa at Llansing@pacificclinics.org if you are interested.
- Parents are encouraged to ask and share. This can be done through email, person to person or by leaving a comment in the box in the front office.
- Our Parent Education Topic tonight was given by Lauren O'Neil, our Executive Director. Lauren spoke about Odyssey's conflict resolution philosophy.
- The question was raised about Swin Flu, and Lauren assured us that the school is following and taking all the precautions as given by LACOE (Los Angeles County Office of Education). If parents have any questions or concerns they should see Rachelle Martinez.
- Lauren also explained homework at OCS. Homework is a responsibility. Parents are responsible to READ! READ! READ! All homework is connected to the classroom learning. Read alouds are done kinder thru 8th grade. READ! READ! READ! Math will also be given as homework. In the upper grades homework is turned in the next day, it is expected! Teachers will discuss this in more detail at Back to School Night.
- We appreciated Lauren taking time to come and talk with us and help us improve in our understanding of the OCS way. Only in this way can we improve our partnership and better the education of our children.

Reminders

- VOTE in the American Favorite School Contest and we could win \$20K! Go to www.care2.com/schoolcontest/611945
- Sign up for our Annual Campaign! Let's get 100% parent participation.
- Have your registered your credit cards for escript yet?

Thank You

A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to give their time on the August Parent Work Days!!! A special thanks to parents Tom, Josh and MaryLinda who painted the inside of the Community Hall!

Thank you to all the parents who came to our Sept OPPG Meeting. It was so great to see so many faces— both new and returning.

Our book drive was a huge success. Thank you once again to all parents who donated books. The drive saved the school almost \$10K.

