

WELCOME BACK!

Principal's News

Welcome Back! The 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start! We thank you for your support as we implement positive changes to increase student achievement. Our initial data analysis shows gains in both Language Arts and Math. We will continue to implement our Strategic Plan for Academic Achievement in order ensure all students master their grade level Essential Standards. We anticipate substantial gains this year due to the school-wide focus on student progress. You will hear more when you attend your Parent-Teacher Goals Setting Conference at the end of September. At this conference you will receive a copy of the Essential Standards and how

together, we can support your child's learning.

We need your support with drop-off and pick-up procedures. In the morning, all students will enter their classrooms by 7:50 AM so that the teachers may begin instruction promptly at 8:00 AM. Please ensure your child has breakfast before 7:45 AM so they are ready to learn. In the afternoon, we need all students picked up on time. Fifteen (15) minutes after dismissal, all students will be walked to the office and parents will have to park and pick their children up in the front office. Families who consistently pick-up students late will be assessed a \$20.00/hour late fee.



Our office staff is greatly impacted by students being picked up late, please help us by picking-up your children on time.

Charter Renewal is quickly approaching! Our current charter expires at the end of this school year (June, 2010). We will begin refining the charter document and once we have an updated version we will make it available to our families for public comment – look for that information later this month!



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NOTE: Families who consistently pick-up students late will be assessed a \$20.00/hr. late fee.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



The OCEAA Board of Directors enthusiastically welcomes you back to school! The Board is comprised of parents and community members who care deeply about

student learning, the arts, and the success of OCEAA. Similar to a district board of education, the OCEAA Board develops and adopts policies to ensure the school is financially stable, meeting its achievement goals and continually refining its operations.

Regular meetings of the OCEAA Board are open to the public and will be held on the

second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the school library. The next meeting is September 9th. Agendas are posted at school 72 hours in advance. If you would like an agenda emailed to you, please contact us at board@oceaa.org and we will add you to our mailing list.

We have made some organizational changes to the Board meetings this year to enhance communication. First, we will convene in the school library rather than the staff lounge as it provides more space for public seating. Second, the regular meeting (open session) will be scheduled at 7pm.

The call to order and recess to closed session will begin at 6:30pm. This format allows closed session decisions to be reported out at an earlier time, and is used by many school districts and civic councils, including SAUSD.

Thank you for your commitment to OCEAA. We look forward to working with you to take OCEAA to new heights this year.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Barraza Lyons, President; Kristin Collins, Chair; Bobbie Kraus, Secretary; Michelle Navarro, Vice Chair; Norm Rogers, Treasurer; Alfonso Bustamante, Member; Shannon Freedman, Member; Joseph Matthews, Member.

SHOP AT FRESH AND EASY AND EARN \$ FOR OCEAA



We have signed on for Fresh & Easy's Shop for Schools program.

For every \$20 receipt collected from September 15, 2009 through December 31, 2009, OCEAA will get a \$1 cash donation! Last year only a handful of parents participated and we made \$86. This year we need EVERYONE to participate including teachers and staff!

If you have friends and family who shop at Fresh & Easy please collect their receipts during this time period and turn those in along

with yours.

Please shop there, (the closest store is at Chapman and Main in Orange), collect and save your receipts in the attached envelope through December and we will let you know where and when to turn them in.

We have this money earmarked for new Library books. All the students win!!



" I HAVE FOUND THAT AMONG ITS OTHER BENEFITS, GIVING LIBERATES THE SOUL OF THE GIVER."
- MAYA ANGELOU

OCEAA'S GIRL SCOUTS SERVE IT UP



In June, OCEAA's Girl Scout Troop 598 sponsored a Feast from the Heart at the Ronald McDonald House in Orange. The Troop raised enough money through cookie sales to feed 30 hungry parents and volunteers. The Troop served pancakes, eggs, bacon, fresh fruit, Kugel and Orange Juice. The Ronald McDonald House offer families a way to stay together, in proximity to a sick child, and be comfortable and

cared for during their stay. What a great way to serve your community Troop 598! Girl Scout Jr. Troop 598 is open girls in 4th & 5th grades. The troop meets every other Thursday at OCEAA at 5:30pm in the library. Girls interested in joining Girl Scouts should contact Regina Milan-Ruiz at reginamilan-ruiz@yahoo.com or call (714) 720-4623.

JOIN THE FSO!

Please join Families Supporting OCEAA (FSO). FSO supports student field trips, community bridging, social events, and helps influence the direction of OCEAA. YOU can have a voice in how FSO operates, how it spends money, and how the group can better serve the school. We think our goal of 100% membership is possible! The membership fee, all of which goes back into the school, is \$8 per family. Please contact Alma Ahumada, the FSO membership coordinator, with any questions 714-558-2787 ext 343 or fso@oceaa.org. Your voice matters!

Please contact Principal Linda Hardman-Greene if you would like to join but are unable to for financial reasons. She can be reached at 714-558-ARTS or lhardmangreene@oceaa.org.





HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ... MS. JACQUELINE REYES?



Jacqueline Reyes
3rd Grade—Dual

- Her birthday – September 10th
- Favorite Food – Pasta
- Favorite Animal – Horses
- Favorite Drink – Milk
- Favorite Coffee –
- Favorite Hobby – Scrapbooking
- Favorite Music- Rock and Roll woo hoo
- Favorite Color – Red
- Favorite Treat – Chocolate Chop Cookies
- Favorite Restaurant – Luigis
- Favorite Sport to watch- Baseball
- Favorite Candy – Anything with chocolate
- Favorite Vacation Spot – Puerto Rico
- Favorite Season – Winter
- Favorite Store – Barnes and Noble
- Favorite Movie – The Outsides
- Favorite Thing to Collect – Clothes
- Favorite Cookies – Chocolate Chip

*" THE ART OF
TEACHING IS THE
ART OF ASSISTING
DISCOVERY."
- MARK
VAN DOREN*



TECH NEWS—THE LATEST NEWS YOU CAN USE

PowerSchool is coming to your home soon.

PowerSchool provides real-time access to your student's grades, attendance, assignments, lunch balances, and school bulletin. Middle School parents received their log in information at back to school night. If you did not receive it you can pick it up at conferences the first week of Oct. K-5th grades will receive their log in information at their December conferences.



Weekly Bulletin

Don't miss out on the weekly family bulletin sent out to all families with emails on file. If you have not received the bulletin via email please contact Mrs. Sanchez at asanchez@oceaa.org to confirm your email.

Please add NEWS@OCEAA.ORG to your email address book so your OCEAA emails are not blocked.



Coming in October! - Kids' Safety!

The McGruff Safe Kids Total ID Program will be at Orange County Education Academy on October 21st.

ARTS COMMITTEE NEWS

This summer was filled with exciting activities for the ARTS department at OCEAA. Five of our wonderful OCEAA teachers took part in the Summer Institute with The California Arts Project, one of the nine California Subject Matter Projects.

Mrs. Petropoulos and Mrs. Ratnaweera attended the *Pathways to Understanding* 2-week training and learned more about the fundamentals of music and how to integrate them into their curriculum. Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Sanchez, and Ms. Reyes attended the *Collaborative Design Institute* where they spent 2-weeks writing curriculum for Visual Art and Music! We thank these teachers for their dedication and passion to the ARTS!

We were also excited to announce that the Orange County Performing Arts Center will join us for a third year in a row with their Resident Artist Teachers. For the next 7-weeks we will have artists in

all four areas (dance, theatre, music, art) join our OCEAA family for art lessons for the students and teachers. Each child



will receive art classes twice a week, once with the artist and once with their teacher. Please check out the ARTS page on oceaa.org for the artists' biographies. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful performances in October when students share with us what they learned.

OCEAA also officially started their part-

nership with Lesley University, a university based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Through our partnership, Lesley University gave OCEAA another APPLE lap top computer cart filled with 20 Apple computers, a digital white board, printer, and scanner!

Lastly, in August, Helena Hanna, the Director of one of the dic regional centers in TCAP, held a professional development for our teachers on how to align theatre lessons with language arts lessons. Teachers worked hard to create a unit that integrated theatre with language arts and is teaching the essential standards of their grade levels. Great Work!

We look forward to announcing our Art Committee meetings and are actively looking for community members to join us, once a month, for our meetings. Please keep your eyes open for next month's announcement!



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 1....Back to School Night -5th Grade
- 2....Back to School Night - 1st Grade
- 3....Back to School Night - 2nd Grade
- 4....Parent Tour
- 7....No School - Labor Day Holiday**
- 8....Back to School Night - 4th Grade
- 9....Fall catalog orders due
- 9....OCEAA Board Meeting - Library
- 10...Back to School Night - Kinder
- 18...FSO Family Event - Hispanic Heritage Festival
- 22...Parent Education - CST/APRENDA Tests (English)
- 23...No School - Staff Development**
- 24...Parent Education - CST/APRENDA Tests (Spanish) Sept.
- 28-Oct 2...Goal Setting Parent/Teacher Conferences (**Modified Days**)

