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Dusty Brown Library Dedication

Dear Dusty,
We will all miss
your happy smile
and fantastic travel tales!
Thank you for volunteering
these past 6 years as
our extraordinary librarian!

ORCA Fever - Catch It!

"Dusty Brown" Library

On Friday, May 27th, 2016, the OCEAA library was named the "Dusty Brown" library. It is dedicated to OCEAA's long serving volunteer librarian Ms. Dusty Brown.

Dusty has spent the past 6 years growing and managing our wonderful library. Along with library duties, Dusty was also an active participant in the education of OCEAA students. She would read books and share stories of her worldwide travels with students and has brought numerous books and artifacts back from her travels, which she generously donated to OCEAA.

Before and After

Gratitude Book From Classes

English Language Development

RECLASSIFICATION

For the 2015-16 year, OCEAA's reclassification rate increased from a 5% in 2014-15 to a 7% in the current year! 22 of our English Learners in grades 1-8 redesignated to the English Language Status of Reclassified (as student) with Fluent English Proficiency [RFEP]! These students met the OCEAA and state-adopted criteria for reclassification which included a 4 or 5 level on the CELDT and an overall grade-level competency in English. Students were recognized during the morning assembly that took place on May 18th.

This celebration once again validates OCEAA's successful trajectory of exceeding the state's AMAO targets for our students who have received English instruction for 5 years or more.

Congratulations to our students!

Awards and Kudos

Outstanding Arts Educators Awards

Orange County Music and Arts Administrators (OCMAA) held their annual Outstanding Arts Educators Awards Banquet at the Samueli Theater at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts on Wednesday, May 4th, and we are pleased to announce that 1st Grade teacher Mrs. Patty Valadez was awarded Outstanding Elementary Dance Teacher!

Congratulations Mrs. Valadez and thank you for being such a great dance teacher!

English Learner Success Awards

We are so proud of two OCEAA teachers who were honored by the Orange County Department of Education on Thursday, May 12th in Seal Beach for their outstanding work with our English Learners during the 2015-16 school year.

Congratulations to 6th Grade teacher Mrs. Nicole Kubasek and 5th Grade teacher Ms. Dolores López who were recognized for making a big difference in the lives of their students!

The theme the Orange County Dept. of Education selected for this year's English Learner Celebration was "Journeys". To highlight the challenges and successes that come with the journeys that thousands of immigrant children make to the United States, OCDE selected Ms. Sachs to be part of the panel of guest speakers who shared their journey as immigrants and who also spoke in advocacy for English Learners and teachers alike. It was a moving experience for all.

OCEAA students also provided the entertainment for the evening! Our Mariachi band played to welcome the guests, a group of 4th Grade students performed a Vietnamese song and dance while Mrs. Valadez' 1st grade class performed to Los Machetes. Mr. Salazar's Mariachi students opened the event and gave everyone a warm and energetic welcome!

The performances were spectacular and very well received by educational leaders from across the county.

Awards and Kudos continued...

5 Year and 10 Year Pins

Congratulations and a decade of thanks to the following staff members who will receive their 5 year and 10 year pins this year! Our school is much richer for having such amazing staff members who choose to use their talents at OCEAA!

5 Year Pins

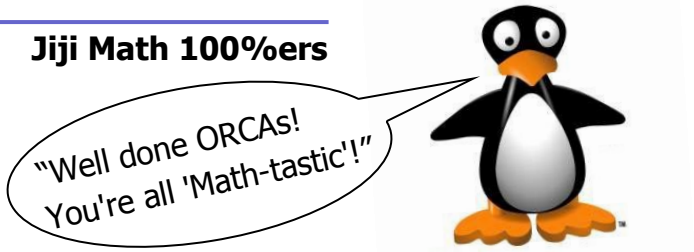
Ms. Margarita Chavez, Ms. Mirna Hernandez, Mr. Louie Oliveros, Ms. Zoila Reyna, Ms. Nora Barreto.

10 Year Pins

Mrs. Elizabeth Bausman, Ms. Crystal Guzman, Ms. Patty Leedom, Ms. Clara Olivan, Ms. Yeslene Reynoso, Mr. Sean Smith.

Jiji Math 100%ers

Congratulations to Ms. Aguilera's Kinder class and the 1st Grade classes of Mrs. Valadez, Ms. Jimenez and Ms. Grajeda - they all reached 100% in Jiji Math this year!



Ms. Aguilera ~ Kinder

Mrs. Valadez ~ 1st Grade

Ms. Jimenez ~ 1st Grade

Ms. Grajeda ~ 1st Grade

Awards and Kudos continued...

Award of Excellence

This year makes **10 years in a row** that, thanks to Chef Sean and his dedicated staff, OCEAA has been presented with the Award of Excellence from the County of Orange County Environmental Health Division for '*consistently maintaining exceptionally high food safety and sanitation standards'.*

Thank you Chef Sean for being a consistent, caring, nutritional voice at OCEAA and helping our students grow healthy in body and mind!

Math Field Day

4th grade students Gelsie R., Omar F., Jason L., and Pablo I. participated in a Math competition on Saturday, May 14th at Capistrano Valley High School. This was the first time ever that OCEAA students had participated in this competition. Coached and motivated by Mr. Aguilar, they spent time getting prepared for the competition and enriching their Math knowledge.

To find out more about Math Field Day, click the link... http://www.ocmathcouncil.com/

Jog-A-Thon Trophy

Congratulations to Mr. Aguilar's 4th grade class! His class raised the most money with $515.50 and took home the Jog-A-Thon trophy!

~ OCEAA Pledge ~

Today has been given to me, fresh and new.
I can learn from it, or throw it away.
I choose to do my best in thoughts, words and actions.
This day will be used, not lost.

Arts Update

Bowers Family Day

What a great family event! It was a beautiful day and wonderful to see so many families enjoying the student performances and artwork! Bowers Museum is looking to continue our partnership and event next year. All students received free field trips to Bowers this year.

Starbucks Art Exhibit

Saturday, June 4th, 2016 was our last Starbucks Art Exhibit until September 3rd, 2016, but please don't let that stop you from popping in over summer and letting Starbucks know you appreciate their support! We have had a wonderful partnership this past year and look forward to it continuing in the coming year!

Vietnamese Workshop

Thank you to Mai Nguyen and Tran Nguyen, OCEAA guest artists who taught our 4th graders a traditional folk from Vietnam. They performed on May 12th at the OCDE EL Celebration along with our Mariachi.

Gold Dust or Bust!

4th grade students and teachers Mr. Aguilar and Ms. Arce put on a wonderful presentation on the OCEAA stage!

Arts Update - Continued...

End of Year Extravaganza

Another fabulous concert with fantastic performances! Thank you to Arts Coordinator Mrs. Erica Vicario for organizing this amazing event again this year and to the teachers and volunteers who do so much behind the scenes work!

DVD's are on sale for $15 - pick up an order form in Reception!

6th Grade ~ Bhangra

Service Learning Projects

Students in 7th grade chose a Service Learning Project for 2nd semester during their ORCA pod class with the help of Mrs. Vicario, Ms. Mandujano and Dr. Cervantes. The purpose of the service learning assignment is to give students a voice in their school and community. Students learn communication and collaboration skills. This year the following projects were led by the students:

7th Grade Dual Class Big Buddies

Students in Dr. Cervantes' class chose to be Big Buddies to students in Mrs. Jimenez's class. Students met with their Little Buddies, did an art project and even a science experiment! How does this project benefit our school? "It builds community and helps the children to be confident in themselves." Carlos R. (7th grade).

7th Grade English Class

Students in Ms. Mandujano's class chose to host an International Night and partnered with the Literacy Team. They chose a country, researched the country and came up with a craft or game for their booth. Thank you to Ms. Brown who also shared her International Costumes with the students for the project. How does this project benefit our school? "It benefits our school by bringing different cultures and celebrating others". Monique V. (7th Grade).

Summer Section

Adventure Island Summer Camp

OCEAA's fantastic Summer Camp is happening again and this year, we're going to.... *ADVENTURE ISLAND!*

Adventure Island welcomes ALL TK-6th Grade students *including non-OCEAA students!*

Here are all the details...
6 weeks ~ June 27th - August 5th, 2016
Regular hours: 9:00am-4:00pm. Extended hours: 7:30am-6:00pm
Classes will be in Spanish and English.
Lunch and snacks are provided daily.
Weekly field trips available at an additional price.

Registration Forms available from the KEDS office and Reception Desks. Registration Forms must be filled out and turned in to the KEDS OFFICE ONLY along with the $40 Registration Fee and the $80/ $120 for the first week. The Registration Fee saves your spot and includes a camp T-shirt as well as the last field trip to Irvine Park. Sign up for the full 6 weeks or weekly, depending on your summer schedule!

Jump in quick as spots fill up fast!

Summer Camp Music Classes

During the 6 weeks of Summer Camp, OCEAA will be offering music classes for BOTH summer camp students AND non-summer camp students! Please ask at the KEDS office for information.

Barnes & Noble Summer Reading

You can earn a FREE book just for enjoying some summer reading! Click the link: Barnes & Noble Summer Reading to download your reading journal, follow the instructions and the world (and a free book) is yours!

Read for the Win!

Santa Ana's Public Library Summer Reading Program runs from June 20th - August 6th. Click the link for details...
http://www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us/library/newsevents/documents/srpflyer2016.pdf

Free Summer Lunch Programs

During the school year, 30 million children in the U.S. receive lunch through USDA's National School Lunch Program. Of these, 21.4 million children receive their lunch at a reduced-priced or at no charge. Yet when school lets out for the summer, only 3.8 million children participate in the summer meal programs.

To find a summer meals site near you, call; 1-866-3hungry (1-866-348-6479) or 1-877-8hambre (1-877-842-6273) for Spanish or visit; Summer Food Rocks! The summer meal locator will be updated throughout the summer as new sites are added.

Summer Section continued...

OCSA Summer Programs

Click the link for details and registration information on all OCSA's summer programs...
http://www.ocsarts.net/Summer

Fireworks Stand ~ July 1st - July 4th, 2016

"Because we're TNT, we're dynamite!"

That's right! We are again selling fireworks in the same spot as last year!

Please send your family, friends and neighbors our way to purchase their fireworks - all money goes to support OCEAA programs.

We are also still in need of volunteers to work the stand so if you have not signed up yet, please go to www.volunteerspot.com to register your hours.

Questions? Please contact Ms. Alondra Díaz: adiaz@oceaa.org

ORCA Registration ~ August 1st-4th, 2016

OCEAA's Returning Registration (ORCA) will be held August 1st-4th. **ALL** returning families must attend or make arrangements prior to July 1st, 2016 in order to remain enrolled in OCEAA for 2016-2017. The registration site will be available July 1st. We are excited about offering a prescreening for families who complete registration by July 20th, which will shorten the registration time for those families. Our English Learner 1st grade students will be taking their CELDT test during this time, which will allow them to spend more time in class at the beginning of the school year.

You will also be able to make much needed donations for 5th-6th grades overnight field trips, 8th grade Promotion, agendas, red folders, purchase FSO memberships and spirit shirts as well as place money into your child's Nutrition Services account.

We encourage all students and parents to each have at least one Spirit Shirt to wear during events, for Spirit Days and on Field Trips.

We are so excited about this upcoming year! We will continue to have more integrated arts and technology programs blended into the curriculum, all building on the solid educational foundation OCEAA established over a decade ago and fueled by a healthy diet prepared and served daily by Chef Sean and OCEAA Nutritional Services!

Nurse's Notes

Vaccination Reminder

In order for your child to start 7th grade next school year, you will need to bring vaccine documentation proof (original and copy) that your child has received the following vaccines by August 4th 2016, the last day of ORCA Registration.

Students entering 7th grade who *do not* meet the immunization requirements will not be able to attend to school for the 2016-17 school year.

1. Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td) - 3 doses (4 doses required if last one was given before 2nd birthday)
2. Polio (OPV or IPV) - 4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 2nd birthday)
3. Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) - 2 doses
4. Varicella (chickenpox) - 1 dose (for ages 7-12 years) 2 doses (for ages 13-17years)
5. Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) booster - 1 dose (given on or after 7th birthday)

These vaccines needed for school entry are also doctor-recommended vaccines. Please contact your child's doctor right away about these vaccines. If all required vaccines were administered, please bring a copy to school now.

Under a new California law (SB 277), vaccines required for school may no longer be excused due to personal beliefs, including religious beliefs.

For information about medical exemptions to immunizations visit: http://www.shotsforschool.org/ or please contact our Health Clerk, Ms. Nora Barreto: 714-558-ARTS(2787) x3150 or email: nbarreto@oceaa.org

Thank you for helping us to keep your child, our school, and our community safe and healthy!

FSO Update

If you missed our meeting last Wednesday, June 1st, and you would like to find out more about the FSO Leadership Team or how to become more involved in the FSO or OCEAA in general, please contact: fso@oceaa.org

"ORCA"-tunity Drawing Fundraiser

Please make sure to buy a ticket in our last fundraiser of the year! All students were given 5 tickets to sell and there are more available in Reception.

You are just $5 away from watching the playoffs on a big screen TV in the comfort of your own home, but..... ***You have to be in it to win it!***

OCEAA Bingo Nights

Coming August 2016!

It's only $10 for 5 games and a free beverage! Even if you don't win a prize, OCEAA wins as 70% of the proceeds go to the FSO!

Every Monday night during August at 7:00pm.

It's not a late night but it's a great night!

BINGO

Chapter One: the modern local

Corner Broadway and 3rd Sts, Santa Ana.

Notices

Uniforms - From the Student Perspective

Approximately a month ago, my classmates and I were informed about the possibility of a uniform policy being adopted at OCEAA. As you can imagine, students had a lot to say and at first I was confounded by this idea, however once we started debating this topic in class I was surprised that the student feedback was not one sided.

On one hand, as a pupil at OCEAA I always greatly appreciated the free reign in our choice of garments. However, on the other hand, a uniform policy might bring about a positive change. In the spirit of sharing a student's perspective, and sharing both sides of the argument, I have written an open letter to the OCEAA community with the pros and cons of OCEAA adopting a uniform policy.

Please go to our website: www.oceaa.org or Facebook page to read this letter and share your stance on the topic - remember that your opinions matters as much as ours do!

Nancy E.
Class of 2017.

Girl Scouts

OCEAA Girl Scout Troop3126 is looking for girls in Kinder-3rd grade! Our troop is a multi-level troop ranging from Kindergarten to 8th grade. We meet as one big troop and then separate into our level groups to work on age appropriate activities. Each level group has their own set of leaders. We meet at OCEAA every other Tuesday from 6:15pm - 7:30pm.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please have a parent/guardian contact one of the leaders at: girlscouts3126@gmail.com

Lost and Found

All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the school year. We have an overwhelming amount of clothing in our Lost and Found box so please check for any clothing that belongs to your children. Alternately, please be respectful of other's property and do not take clothing which does not belong to you.

Assistance

We are a charter school and as such, we welcome donations from our families, friends and the community to help us with the enrichment of our children's education. If you or your company would like to donate equipment, time, skills or would like to financially contribute to our wonderful school, please contact our Director of Operations, Ms. Vanessa Besack at; 714-558-ARTS (714-558-2787) or by email at: vbesack@oceaa.org

Final Edition

This is the final edition of the OCEAA Times. Look for a new shorter, faster, lighter version in the coming school year! If you ever want to take a walk down Memory Lane, hard copies of all OCEAA Times editions are located in the OCEAA Times binder, available in the Main Campus Reception.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Please mark you calendars and check our website for more details!

June

May 31-June 3 - CAASPP (Grades 3-5)
1 - FSO Leadership Team Meeting
4 - Dental Health Fair - Concorde College
4 - Student Art Exhibit - Starbucks
7 - Volunteer Appreciation
8 - OCEAA Board Meeting
9 - 8th Grade Graduation Luncheon
10 - Coffee Chat with the Administration
10 - Jiji Party
10 - Rock the CAASPPah Party
12 - Santa Ana Street Breakfast
14 - 8th Grade Promotion
15 - Last Day of School
27 - Summer Camp Begins

July

1-4 - Fireworks Booth
13 - OCEAA Board Meeting
12 - ORCA Help Desk
14 - ORCA Help Desk

August

1-4 ORCA Registration
1- Bingo Night @ Chapter One
5 - Summer Camp Ends
8 - Bingo @ Chapter One
10 - OCEAA Board Meeting
15 - Bingo @ Chapter One
22 - Bingo @ Chapter One
24 - School Begins
29 - Bingo @ Chapter One

Have an ORCA-tastic Summer OCEAA!

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OCEAA is a non-profit California public charter school serving approximately 550 TK-8 students located in downtown Santa Ana, across from the Orange County School of the Arts, between the Artist's Village and the Museum corridor.
The school offers dual-immersion and English-only programs with an arts integrated focus and is dedicated to nurturing all learners to become creative, critical thinkers by providing high quality standards-based instruction.