



Directors' Report  
January 7, 2021

"A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole **community** finds its reflection, and when, in the whole **community**, the virtue of each one is living."

~ Rudolf Steiner

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Move**

The week prior to and a couple of days during the winter break, a small group of the OCS Administrative team directed movers to transport all OCS furniture and belongings from the underground parking garage and upstairs into classrooms and office spaces. The move was quite an arduous task and those who participated shared that it seemed equivalent to a week and a half bootcamp! We thank Ms. Maryangee, Ms. Angela, Ms. Kristy, and Ms. Edwards for their extraordinary work! As soon as OCS has official access to the buildings and when it is safe to do so, the entire Administrative team will begin the task of unpacking and organizing the campus.

### **Enrollment by grade as of 1/6/21**

K=79

TK=26

1st=56

2nd=56

3rd=83

4th=55

5th=56

6th=54

7th=56

8th=54

Total=575

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:**

### **Annual LAUSD Oversight Visit**

The annual performance review and oversight visit will take place remotely this year via Zoom on April 15, 2021. The fiscal review is scheduled separately and will begin in



March. All required documents will need to be submitted via Dropbox two weeks prior to the scheduled visit.

The visit includes a thorough review of 4 areas: Governance; Student Achievement and Educational Performance; Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations; and Fiscal Operations. Last year, OCS received the following scores on a 4-point rubric:

- 1. Governance = **4 (Accomplished)**
- 2. Student Achievement and Educational Performance = **3 (Proficient)**
- 3. Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations = **4 (Accomplished)**
- 4. Fiscal Operations = **4 (Accomplished)**.

### **WASC (Western Association of School and Colleges) Accreditation Visit**

In February 2020, Ocean Charter School submitted a 172-page WASC Self-Study Report to the ACS WASC (Accrediting Commission for Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges). The WASC Visiting Committee was scheduled to conduct a formal Self-Study visit to OCS March 29-April 1, 2020 to observe classrooms, gather evidence, review main lesson book work, and meet with the various Focus Groups.

However, when school closed due to Covid-19, the WASC Self-Study visit was postponed and has recently been rescheduled to take place remotely May 3-7, 2021. The Visiting Committee will observe classrooms and meet with Focus Groups via Zoom. During the visit, the Committee will confirm that OCS's practices reflect what is written in the Self-Study Report. On the final day of the visit, the WASC Visiting Committee will provide OCS Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Board a document a written draft report of Schoolwide strengths and Critical areas for follow up.

### **Community Lantern/Festival of Light Event**

In honor of the many traditions around the world that celebrate finding one's inner light during the darker months of winter known generally as festivals of light, OCS hosted a community Lantern Walk on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. This virtual event featured beautiful singing by Ms. Vicich and Mrs. Becker, storytelling with Ms. Marlene and Mrs. Becker, flute playing by Mr. Ghiglia, and a Japanese story read by Ms. Kana. Prior to the Festival, Ms. Groom shared detailed instructions on how to build a homemade lantern. This beautiful, yet simple festival culminated with everyone lighting their own lanterns and going out into their own neighborhoods for a lantern walk.



### **Open House**

Open House will take place virtually on **Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00pm.** There will be a slideshow presentation of student paintings, drawings, crafts, sculptures, projects, and main lesson book work with a panel of faculty members to host a live Q and A session on zoom to share the wisdom behind Ocean Charter School's public Waldorf curriculum.

### **Special Education update**

We are pleased to announce that prior to the winter break, LAUSD hired Ms. Lakesha Harris, a new part-time APEIS (Assistant Principal Elementary Instruction Services) who will schedule IEP meetings and provide case management services. We welcome Ms. Harris, and we are grateful to LAUSD for providing OCS with the much needed support for our Special Education program in support of students and families.