



Directors' Report  
February 1, 2018

## ADMINISTRATION

### **Del Rey Campus Update:**

- **Rainbow Day Diversity Celebration-** First through third grade students participated in the first Rainbow Day Diversity Celebration on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>! All of the grades classes at the Del Rey campus gathered together in a circle, with children adorned in bright rainbow colors to sing songs and celebrate the beauty of diversity at Ocean Charter School! Many parents joined in as the students sang, "The World is a Rainbow", "We are All Connected", "Martin Song", "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", and "Wonderful World".
- **Celebration of 100 years of Waldorf Education** - Unique new and artistic Waldorf 100 postcards from students enrolled in Waldorf/Steiner schools from around the globe are being added to the World map located in the upstairs hallway each day! Please be sure to stop by the Del Rey campus to view the beautiful display!

### **Westchester Campus Update:**

- **4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert:** Congratulations to all our 4th-8th students for an amazing concert! The performances were outstanding, and the concert etiquette was remarkable. The students showcased the progress they've made in all their strings, band, percussion, photography and dance classes. Newspaper students covered the event, as was featured in last week's "Current".
- **Annual Alumni Night:** Mark your calendar for this memorable night! Hear our graduates share about their transition from OCS to high school, as well as learn from them about their individual high school experiences at various schools around the city. This evening is a great way for middle school students to learn about the path ahead and get advice from the experts regarding how best to use their middle school years effectively. For parents, this event offers unique insight into how to support your child in making a successful transition, as well as what some of the high school choices are in our area. **Tuesday, Feb. 6th, 5:30-7:30pm in the WC Social Hall**



- **Diversity and Equity Event featuring Gerald Rivers in Honor of Dr. King's Words and Legacy:** Mr. Rivers, OCS percussion teacher and nationally revered Dr. King presenter, will share Dr. King's words and co-host with our Diversity and Equity Committee a dialogue about diversity and equity at OCS and in our larger community. This is a unique opportunity to hear Mr. Rivers present, and to engage in our community dialogue. All OCS community members are encouraged to attend. Childcare is being provided to support access for all those who wish to attend. **Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm in the WC Social Hall**

#### **Prospective Parent Campus Tours and Information Meetings:**

Campus tours continue to have 60-70+ parents interested in Public Waldorf Education at Ocean Charter School! Upcoming tour dates are: February 21<sup>st</sup> – WC (8:30am), March 14<sup>th</sup> – DR (8:15am), March 21<sup>st</sup> – WC (8:30am), April 11<sup>th</sup> – DR (8:15am), and April 18<sup>th</sup> – WC (8:30am).

#### **Enrollment as of 1/31/18:**

K=81 (1 offer pending)

TK=26

1st=56

2nd=56

3rd=48 (1 offer pending)

4th=53

5th=56

6th=52

7th=47

8th=48

Total=523

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:**

##### **Standardized Testing:**

##### **ELPAC:**

English Language learners in grades TK – 8<sup>th</sup> will be assessed in English language proficiency using the new ELPAC assessment this year. The ELPAC replaces the CELDT as the standardized, annual measure used to track EL student progress. OCS' EL students will be assessed in April.

##### **CAASPP:**

Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will participate in the CA standardized assessment in May. While addressing the Common Core standards throughout the year, specific preparation for the testing begins when students return from the winter break. Preparation includes



taking practice tests on the CAASPP website, learning testing strategies, building typing skills, practicing relaxation and concentration, and reviewing key concepts and skills in ELA and Math.

**Alliance for Public Waldorf Education Annual National Conference and Training:** Teachers, De'Andra Montgomery, Abby Malan, Lisa Kuter, and Elizabeth Seward, along with Directors, Kristy Mack-Fett and Stephanie Edwards represented OCS and participated in the annual conference and training held at George Washington Carver High School in Sacramento over the long MLK weekend. Conference participants presented highlights from their training at the January 17<sup>th</sup> Faculty meeting. Presentations included: *Social Inclusion, Restorative Discipline and Learning Support, Diverse Learners* and *Literacy*. Information from keynote speaker, Kim John Payne, *Being At Your Best When The Kids Are At Their Worst*, was shared. Based on Kim John Payne's work, teachers were led through a "Compassionate Response" exercise, a method to assist teachers through some of the challenges they often face as a result of teaching students being parented via various philosophies.

Rhythm, including body percussion was demonstrated as a method of getting students to move their bodies, an especially effective way of easing transitions! Building Community through Rhythm is the mantra of Kim Atkinson, the professional percussionist who inspired each and every Alliance Conference participant.

### **Coming School Events:**

- **\*\*SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>, Silent Auction\*\***
- February 2nd, Friday, Diversity Meeting, DR Campus, 8:30 AM
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Alumni Night, WC Social Hall, 5:30-7:30 PM
- February 8th, Thursday, Finance Meeting, DR Campus, 5:30 PM
- February 15th, Wednesday, Diversity and Equity ACG Event: WC Campus, 6-7:30pm
- February 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday, Grandparent's Day
- February 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday, President's Day, NO SCHOOL
- February 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, Prospective Parent Tour WC Campus, 8:30-10:30
- March 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, Diversity Meeting, WC Campus, 3:30 PM
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Silent Auction
- March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday-Sunday, Spring Break, NO SCHOOL