



Directors' Report
February 7, 2019

ADMINISTRATION

Westchester Campus Update

Co-Location Event:

On Feb. 20th, OCS will host our annual MLK assembly with our percussion teacher and Dr. King orator, Mr. Gerald Rivers. We will be joined this year by our co-located schools: WESM, WISH HS, WISH MS, and KJ Stem. Mr. Rivers will be joined by his colleague and professional performer, Charles Holt for the show. The assembly will include presentations by both artists, performances by the OCS Peace Players and a Q and A session with students.

LAUSD Teachers' Strike:

During the LAUSD teachers' strike, OCS teachers and families supported the protesters at the bottom of our driveway. As a result, WESM teachers held a "Thank you OCS for your support" sign on the final day of the strike.

Del Rey Campus Update

Play Season:

First –third grade classes will be performing their annual plays over the next few months. Del Rey teachers use creativity and imagination when they choose the venue for class plays. Most of the teachers transform a portion of their classrooms into a stage or they perform outdoors in the "Egg". Be sure to attend at least one of these beloved and cherished plays performed by the 1st-3rd grade classes! Invitations to the plays are posted around campus and are available in the OCS main office.

Repairs:

Needed plumbing repairs have been made to the downstairs first grade restrooms. An electrician is troubleshooting the electrical power issues occurring since the most recent storm.

Prospective Parent Campus Tours and Information Meetings

We have a full calendar of Parent Information Meetings and Tours scheduled on each campus February through April 2019. We encourage parents to extend a personal invitation to our Prospective Parent meetings and tours to families of diverse backgrounds. Tour dates and times are listed on the OCS website.



2019-2020 School Calendar

OCS administration met with leadership from the Ocean Charter Teachers Association to draft the instructional calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. OCTA membership will be voting on the calendar this week.

Annual District Review and Oversight Visit

The LAUSD team from the Charter Schools Division (CSD) spent the day meeting with OCS Administrators, visiting classrooms, conducting the fiscal review, and reviewing the new electronic binders at the Del Rey campus on Friday, January 25th. Some of the key areas of focus observed in the classrooms were use of cooperative movement activities to build class culture and the use of collaborative learning strategies. The team was impressed by the life sized heart formation of Kindergarten children observed from the upstairs balcony, the first grade step-by step instruction of a main lesson book drawing, the multiplication songs and movement demonstration in second grade, and the collaborative shelter project groups in the third grade!

The CSD team will return on Friday, February 8th to visit the Westchester campus and observe the 4th – 8th grade students. The key areas of focus include the use of rubrics in student self-evaluation and teacher evaluation, as well as collaborative learning strategies and cooperative movement to build class culture.

The final Annual Performance Based Oversight Visit Report includes ratings in the following four areas:

- Governance
- Student Achievement and Educational Performance,
- Organizational Management, Programs, and Operation
- Fiscal Operations

The outcome of the final Annual Performance Based Oversight Visit Report will be shared at the next Board meeting, as soon as it has been received.

Total Enrollment as of 2/4/19

K=54

TK=26

1st=80

2nd=56

3rd=56



4th=45
5th=55
6th=51
7th=49
8th=51
Total enrollment =523

SCHOOL EVENTS

Grandparents' and Special Elders' Day

The students, teachers, and administration look forward to seeing all our wonderful OCS grandparents and special elders on Valentine's Day, February 14th! Grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to enjoy a special Reef Café and a photo session with Nicolas Sage. Prior to visiting their grandchild's classroom, the Grandparents are invited to a special welcome and introduction to OCS with Ms. Edwards at the DR campus. Grandparents with grandchildren at WC will enjoy a special greeting and introduction to OCS by Ms. Kristy as well as class performances in the Social Hall. Afterwards, Grandparents will visit their grandchild's classroom and participate in recess!

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Standardized Testing:

ELPAC

English Language learners in grades TK – 8th will be assessed in English language proficiency using the ELPAC assessment this year in April.

CAASPP

Students in grades 3rd – 8th will participate in the CA standardized assessment in May. While addressing the Common Core standards throughout the year, specific preparation for the testing began when students returned 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 (English Language Arts) and Math.



Internal Benchmark Testing:

EasyCBM

Students in grades 1st - 8th participate in the EasyCBM (Curriculum Based Measurement) benchmark assessments multiple times during the school year to measure growth in the common core standards. The internal assessments help inform instruction in the classroom and assist teachers in referring students to Intervention.

Kindergarten Assessment

Transitional Kindergarteners and Kindergarteners participate in internal benchmark assessments in the fall and spring each year. The assessments measure growth in common core standards integrated with developmental milestones and Waldorf standards. The internal Kindergarten assessments help inform instruction and assist teachers in determining whether a student would benefit from the gift of more time in Kindergarten.

Coming School Events:

- February 14th, Thursday, Grandparent's Day
- **February 18th, Monday, Presidents' Day, NO SCHOOL**
- February 26, Tuesday, Alumni High School Presentations, Social Hall, 6pm
- **SAVE THE DATE, SILENT AUCTION, Saturday, March 30th, 5:30-10:30PM**