



Directors' Report
January 5, 2017

ADMINISTRATION

Del Rey Campus Update:

Winter Faire Reflection

What an amazing parent body we have! The 2016 Winter Faire was a huge success thanks to the tireless efforts of parent leaders Jackie Krutz and Nadine Leonova, plus hosts of parent volunteers in every class within our school. Our community once again experienced the magic of Winter Faire. We appreciate them from the bottom of our hearts and want everyone to know how much they make our school the wonderful place it is. We also thank our teachers for preparing the class songs and music. There really is no greater joy than seeing the students share the music and songs that they have been practicing with their teachers. Thank you to our parents for hosting the faire, thank you teachers for shepherding your classes, and thank you students for your presentations!

Westchester Campus Update:

- ❖ OCS and WESM will again host a joint assembly in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in February. The assembly will feature performances by students from both schools as well as a performance by Mr. Gerald Rivers, OCS percussion teacher and the voice of Dr. King.

- ❖ In response to parent feedback about wanting more time to be with our community in the mornings, we have made the following adjustment to the driveway gate schedule. The driveway gate will continue to be open until 8:30am daily, then it will be closed per high school guidelines until 9am, but will open a second time at 9am to allow parents who have stayed on campus to plan events, water the garden, connect with each other, etc. to exit easily. We hope this schedule better supports our community connections.

State of the School Meeting:

The entire OCS parent community is invited to attend the State of the School Meeting on Tuesday, January 31st from 6:00-8:00pm at the Panama Campus. We are excited to share an update on the design for our future TK-8th grade campus. We will also discuss our budget and the top priorities for this year and beyond.



2017-2018 School Year Calendar:

The OCS 2017-2018 calendar will be determined in collaboration with Ocean Charter School and the Ocean Charter School Teachers Association. Consideration will be given to the LAUSD Board decision to start district schools the week of August 22, 2017.

John Oliver Video Contest:

The Center for Education Reform (CER) recognized the OCS "Hey John Oliver, Back Off My Charter School!" video submission as one of the top 50 finalists. Thanks to the entire team: Stoeps Langensteiner (camera), Keli Carter-Osterberg (interviews), Ben Watkins (editor), and Damir Price (sound) for completing the film in less than a month! The CER sent the attached letter and a check for \$1,000!

New OCS donor development film:

A rough cut of the new film is scheduled to be available for the Board's review this month. We thank our fabulous team of dedicated parents, Katja Lau (director/producer), Ligia Lotus (editor), and Stoeps Langensteiner for working on the film over the winter holiday!

Enrollment Update:

Snapshot by grade as of 1/3/17

TK=39
K=68
1st=56
2nd=51
3rd=53
4th=56
5th=55
6th=51
7th=40
8th=50
Total=519



Parent Tours and Information Meetings:

We have three more Parent Tours and Information meetings scheduled on January 11th, 18th, and 25th.

As of today, 1/3/17, we have received 346 applications for the 2017-2018-enrollment lottery. (This is compared to 325 applications received by this same date last year.)

Outreach Events:

On December 5th, we presented at the annual Kindergarten Fair at Loyola Marymount University. Many parents were in attendance and expressed knowledge and interest in our TK-8th public Waldorf program. Several parents indicated they are planning to attend upcoming January Parent Tours and Information meetings.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Internal Benchmark Assessments:

First grade students will complete their first internal benchmark assessments using EasyCBM for English Language Arts and Math in mid January as one method of tracking student progress. The internal assessment results combined with teacher made assessments are used to determine which students need academic intervention support. Our intervention teachers target specific skills such as decoding/phonics, reading fluency, reading comprehension, math fluency, and math concepts based on students' needs.

Coming School Events:

- January 10th, Tuesday, Diversity Meeting at WC, 6:00-8:00pm
- January 11th, Wednesday, Prospective Parent Tour at DR, 8:15-10:15am
- January 16th, Monday, MLK Jr. Holiday, NO SCHOOL
- January 18th, Wednesday, Prospective Parent Tour at WC, 8:30-10:30am
- January 25th, Wednesday, Prospective Parent Tour at DR, 8:15-10:15am
- January 31st, Tuesday, STATE OF THE SCHOOL MEETING, 6:00-8:00pm, Panama Campus