



Directors' Report
March 7, 2019

ADMINISTRATION

Westchester Campus Update

Co-Location Event:

The annual MLK assembly took place on February 20th, led by OCS percussion teacher and Dr. King orator, Mr. Gerald Rivers. Our co-located schools: WESM, WISH HS, WISH MS, and KJ Stem participated in the assembly made possible by a generous grant from Great Public Schools Now (GPSN), a California not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring all Los Angeles students receive a high-quality education by accelerating the growth of high-quality public schools. The assembly included presentations by Mr. Gerald Rivers and colleagues that included Dr. King's speeches, rapping, singing, spoken word, and poetry as well as performances by the OCS Peace Players, and a Q and A session with students.

Ms. Carol's 6th grade play, *Roma Amor*, will be performed this Thursday evening in the Social Hall.

Del Rey Campus Update

Play Season:

Mr. Wolcott's third grade will perform the play *Moses* outdoors in the "Egg" starting March 22nd-27th. The first grade students in Mrs. Jaques/Ms. Jodi's class will perform their very first play entitled *Tooth Fairy* the week of April 8th. Be sure to attend at least one of these beloved and cherished plays performed by the 1st-3rd grade classes! Invitations to the plays, including dates/times are posted around campus and are available in the OCS main office.

Prospective Parent Campus Tours and Information Meetings

The annual Enrollment Lottery took place on Wednesday, February 27th and many parents were in attendance to witness the event! We thank Ms. Debbie Tripp for her diligence and effort in preparation for a seamless lottery! Parent Information Meetings and Tours are scheduled on each campus March through April 2019. We encourage parents to extend a personal invitation to friends outside OCS for our Prospective Parent meetings and tours. Tour dates and times are listed on the OCS website.

2019-2020 School Calendar

The start date for the 2019-2020 school year is **Tuesday, August 13th**, with the annual **Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 8th**, and the last day of school on **Friday, May**



29th. The tentative date for Winter Faire is Saturday, December 7th (the week following Thanksgiving break).

Total Enrollment as of 3/4/19

K=54

TK=26

1st=80

2nd=56

3rd=56

4th=45

5th=55

6th=51

7th=50

8th=51

Total enrollment = 524

OCS Class Size

The current class size allows for up to 27 children in Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten classes and up to 28 students in grades 1st-8th. The OCS Finance Committee is exploring possible ways to adjust class sizes while maintaining the programs we currently offer. OCS administration is simultaneously participating in discussions with our OCTA (Ocean Charter Teachers Association) labor partners about teacher's thoughts, ideas, and desires for class size.

WASC Self-Study

Preparation for the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation self-study is underway. The new dates for the self-study onsite visits are Monday, March 30, 2020 through Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Faculty has begun to discuss the process and several teachers have committed to participating in key roles. The entire faculty and administration will help shape the self-study during regularly scheduled faculty meeting time, and the additional work and writing will be completed by key teachers outside school hours and via a stipend.

The Board's participation in the self-study process will be led by volunteer trustees and will be included as a regular agenda item during the monthly meetings. However, the bulk of the discussions will take place during Governance Committee meetings and Focus Group meetings. The writing will be accomplished outside of the meetings.

In preparation for the self-study, faculty, staff, administration, and Board will be using the updated document "ACS WASC/CDE Focus on Learning, 2018 Edition (For 2019-2020 SY Visits)". OCS will have a 4-member Visiting Committee and in addition to the

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WASC accreditation fees, will need to budget for committee member transportation, lodging, food, and other materials not directly provided.

ACG (All Community Group)

Key parent leaders, including ACG Governors and administration met this week to review the structure of ACG, and how to reshape what is in place, with the possibility of changing the name to better reflect how it functions. Another meeting is scheduled in a couple of weeks to continue to reimagine how ACG can best serve the school community.

Potential Summer Waldorf Training at OCS

Administration is working with Liz Beaven, president of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, with the goal of creating a week long training this summer at OCS for public Waldorf Education. The training is inspired by the Public School Institute formerly offered at Rudolf Steiner College, and it will also be the start of training leading to Waldorf Certification. The training will meet the recommendations of the Alliance for Waldorf teacher training, and may be eligible for LAUSD salary point credits. A few current OCS teachers will join the faculty of the training in collaboration with Liz. Other public Waldorf schools in Southern California have expressed potential interest in attending the training as well. The team is currently working on the budget and schedule. The lectures for the training will focus on the following elements.

1) Overview/introduction of Waldorf education, including introduction to Alliance Core Principles; 2) Child Development and Curriculum – 2 lectures; 3) Trauma-informed education or Healing education; 4) The role/path of the teacher. We are also hoping to include a community lecture and celebration one evening. The lecture will focus on Pulling it all together – education for the whole child/education for the future.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Grandparents' and Special Elders' Day

This year, grandparents and special elders were invited to a introduction of OCS and public Waldorf Education with Ms. Edwards at the Del Rey campus and Ms. Kristy at the Westchester campus. We are so grateful to all our grandparents and special elders who traveled from afar to join our students in their school activities on February 14th! Every year, our hearts are warmed to witness the joy of the children, grandparents, and teachers as we spend time together on this special day. We hope grandparents enjoyed this glimpse into OCS' daily life, and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

Alumni and High School Sharing Night

Over twenty-five 9th, 10th, and 12th grade OCS alumni from over 14 different high schools returned to share their experiences of high school with current OCS students and parents. Alumni shared the highs and lows of their high school experiences, their current class load, how they manage their time, how they made friends in high school,

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what the seniors' plans are for next year, and what they most carry with them from their time at OCS. It was a heartfelt evening of honest sharing, laughing and connecting. It reminds us all what an incredible community we have and what amazing young people leave OCS and make a difference in the wider world.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Intervention Conferences

Monday, March 11th – Wednesday, March 13th are minimum school days to allow time for Parent/teacher Intervention Conferences. Parents or teachers may schedule an Intervention Conference to discuss student performance.

California Assessment of Student Performance of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Teachers continue to prepare students in grades 3rd – 8th for the CA standardized assessment in May. 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. Parents may access the CAASP website at: www.caaspp.org to learn more.

Coming Events:

- March 8th, Friday, Beach Clean-A-Thon, Dockweiler Beach at the end of Culver Blvd.
- March 11th – 13th, Mon – Wed, Intervention Conferences, Short day schedule all 3 days
- Saturday, March 30th, 5:30-10:30pm, SILENT AUCTION