



Directors' Report  
March 9, 2017

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

#### Kindergarten Faculty Nine Year Change ACG presentation

Once again, our team of esteemed Kindergarten teachers shared a powerful presentation on "The Nine Year Change" with 40+ parents present from both DR and WC on the morning of February 24th. The faculty panel discussed the signs of the nine-year change, what parents may experience, and how parents can support their child during the nine-year change. We thank the Kindergarten team for such an impactful presentation to the community.

Mark your calendars now for the next presentation, Part 1 - "**Temperaments and Biography**", **Friday, March 31st at 8:30am in the DR library.**

### **Westchester Campus Update:**

#### WC Campus Open House Review

Thank you to all our students and teachers for sharing their beautiful work with our community during our WC Open House on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watching the younger students wander through the upper grades and discover the beauty and complexity of the curriculum they will meet is magical. We hope you enjoyed the experience and we thank our teachers and students for their sharing.

The day following the Open House, all 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in our annual "Walk Through the Grades" so that those students who did not attend in the evening can see the other class' work, and so teachers can guide their students through the grades. Teachers find it extremely helpful for students to get this preview of the coming years' curriculum as it builds enthusiasm, excitement, and a strong sense of motivation and interest within the students to challenge themselves as they encounter their future work.

### **Grandparents' Day:**

Thank you to all our grandparents who braved the rain to join our students in their school activities on February 17th! Every year, our hearts are warmed to witness the joy of the children, grandparents, and teachers as they spend time together on this special day. We hope grandparents enjoyed this glimpse into OCS' daily life, and we look forward to seeing you again next year.



### **2017-2018 School Year Calendar:**

The OCS 2017-2018 calendar was finalized in collaboration with Ocean Charter School and the Ocean Charter School Teachers Association with consideration given to the LAUSD Board decision to start district schools the week of August 14, 2017. The OCS start date of the 2017-2018 school year will be Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

### **LAUSD Annual Oversight Visit:**

The annual oversight visit has been postponed until March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, due to an illness with one of the key team members. The district team will evaluate OCS in the following areas: Governance, Student Achievement and Educational Performance, Organizational Management, Programs and Operations, and Fiscal Operations.

### **Enrollment Update:**

Snapshot by grade as of 2/6/17

K=67

TK=41

1st=56

2nd=50

3rd=55

4th=56

5th=55

6th=50

7th=40

8th=50

Total=520

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

Given the demand, we have scheduled the following additional tours and information meetings:

- March: WC - 3/22 - 8:30am and DR-3/29 - 8:15am
- April: WC- 4/12 - 8:30am and DR-4/26 - 8:15am
- May: DR - 5/31 - 8:15am

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:**

#### **Curriculum:**

##### Joint Dr. Martin Luther King Assembly:

OCS and WESM hosted a joint assembly in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The assembly featured performances by students as well as a performance by Mr. Gerald Rivers, OCS percussion teacher and the voice of Dr. King.



Fourth-Eighth grade students and a few parents learned the backstory of Black History Month and received the gift of Mr. Gerald Rivers' performance of two of Dr. King's speeches. A noted scholar on the words and works of Dr. King, Mr. Rivers considers it his life's work to bring these truth filled reminders to audiences all over the US and internationally. Dr. King had a lot more to say than 'I Have A Dream'. He was a true visionary and his words are as relevant to us today as they were when he first spoke them over 50 years ago. Thank you Mr. Rivers for this experience!

#### Faculty Professional Development:

The faculty participated in a full day of Professional Development on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. All K-8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers participated in Breakout Sessions by grade, including Writing Curriculum, Leveled Reading Curriculum, the Singing Curriculum through the grades with Joan Newton, Singing practice for the Beach Clean-A-Thon with Stephanie McGurk, and a Movement Presentation and Activity with Annette Parry.

OCS Resource teachers were provided a Special Education refresher course with Case Manager, De'Andra Montgomery. The agenda included: Writing Notifications and Deadlines, Writing IEP's, Present Levels, Informal Assessments, Phonics and Decoding Lessons, How to hold small groups, Incorporating Sight words into Lessons, Demonstrations, Emails, Headings for Emails, Keeping email trails organized, DVR, Importance of Providing Services, and Consistency in Providing Services.

During the morning Professional Development, OCS Games Teachers received specialized Games training at Environmental Charter School with Annette Parry. In the afternoon, all faculty, including class teachers, resource teachers, and games teachers participated in Games Activities with Annette Parry, OCS Games Mentor.

#### **Coming School Events:**

- March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday and Tuesday, **Intervention Conferences, EARLY RELEASE**
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday, **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track and Field Meet**, Orange County Waldorf
- March 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday, **Alumni Night**, WC, 6:00pm
- March 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Medieval Games**, Highland Hall
- March 31<sup>st</sup>, Friday, **ACG: Temperaments and Biography (Part 1)**, DR Library, 8:30-9:30am
- April 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, **Silent Auction** – mark your calendars now!
- April 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Japanese Play "Momotaro"**, WC Social Hall
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, **Beach Clean-A-Thon**
- April 14<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday-Sunday, **Spring Break, NO SCHOOL**