

Directors' Report May 4, 2017

ADMINISTRATION

Del Rey Campus Update:

<u>Kindergarten Faculty Part 2 Temperaments and Biography ACG presentation</u> The Kindergarten team presented Part 2 about the four Temperaments on April 28th. We thank the Kindergarten team for sharing their wisdom and knowledge during ACG meetings throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

Westchester Campus Update:

<u>Spring Faire is this Friday May 5TH at the WC campus, 3:30-6:30</u> This annual faire celebrates the arrival of spring with dancing, singing, music, drumming, crafting, eating, and relaxing together as a community! Students throughout the grades share a performance, and older classes run carnival games for the younger students to enjoy. Consistent with Waldorf Education, we mark the changing of the seasons with joy, reverence, and community.

LAUSD Annual Oversight Visit:

The LAUSD team returned to complete the second half of the annual oversight visit on April 12th at the Westchester campus, where they observed the 4th-8th grade classes. The oversight team commented on OCS' diversity, both in terms of ethnic/racial diversity as well as special needs diversity as a strength. They also noted how successful OCS is in integrating the arts throughout the academic disciplines. Through the student discussion panel they held, they observed how much clarity students had about writing expectations, and how much the students value the family like atmosphere in the classroom due to staying with the same group of students and teacher for multiple years. Finally, the team praised the progression evident in main lesson bookwork from 1st-8th grade, not only in terms of artistry but also in terms of in-depth content. Now that both campuses have been visited, the district team will evaluate OCS overall 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 4/28/17

K-65 TK-40 1-56 2-50 3-55 4-56 5-54 6-50 7-40 8-50 Total-517

Parent Tours and Information Meetings:

The April 26th tour at DR was well attended despite the fact that the lottery has already passed. We have one more opportunity for parents to tour and participate in an information meeting at the Del Rey campus on May 31st at 8:15am

Diversity and Equity Committee Update:

Dawn Kasey-Lovelace and administration will present an update on this year's Diversity and Equity Committee work at the board meeting.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Curriculum:

Beach Clean-A-Thon:

We want to thank all of our students for doing a terrific job cleaning the beach during our 8th annual Beach Clean-A-Thon! We also want to thank all the teachers, staff and parents who helped the day run smoothly. The time together as a unified school felt right, and builds our collective ability to imagine a single campus housing all our wonderful students. Special thanks to Diversity and Equity Coordinator *Dawn Kasey Lovelace* for garnering political support for our event and to 6th grade parent of Julius, *Tara Barauskas,* for soliciting local green business support!

Finally, thanks to our community sponsors, especially our political supporters, Councilmember Mike Bonin, Assembly Member Autumn Burke, County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, and County Supervisor Janice Hawn and our business sponsors, Travis Sage of Green Dinosaur and Adam Boucher of Promise Energy, both in Culver City.



<u>California State Smarter Balanced Assessments Testing:</u> Students in grades 3rd-8th will be participating in the annual standardized testing May 8th-19th.

Faculty Professional Development:

In our ongoing work on diversity and equity, OCS hosted LGBT training for faculty and staff provided by LifeWorks through the Los Angeles LGBT Center on April 12th. Over the years, the number of students and parents who identify with LGBT at OCS has grown. Working with experienced and qualified trainers like LifeWorks will help build our capacity as an organization to mindfully support our students.

Coming School Events:

- May 5th, Friday, **Spring Faire**, WC Campus, 3:30-6:30PM
- May 8th-May 19^h, State Smarter Balanced Assessments Testing, 3rd-8th Grade
- May 12th, Friday, **5th Grade Pentathlon**, Waldorf School of Santa Barbara
- May 18, Thursday, **Diversity & Equity Meeting**, DR Campus, 2:45-4:45PM
- May 23, Tuesday, ACG: 8th Grade Project Presentations, WC Social Hall, 6-8PM
- May 26th and 29th, Friday and Monday, **Memorial Day Holiday**, NO SCHOOL
- June 13th, Tuesday, **Spring Concert**, WC Auditorium 5:00pm