



Directors' Report
October 5, 2017

ADMINISTRATION

Del Rey Campus Update:

ACG Meeting and Habit Life at School and Home Part 1:

Approximately thirty-five parents gathered in the DR library on Friday, September 29th to hear a lecture presented by Kindergarten teachers, Ms. Marlene and Mr. Castillo. The focus of the talk was that all of life has a rhythm, the calendar, the seasons, the day, what we eat, and when we sleep. The Waldorf rhythm of color for each day is as follows: Monday – purple, Tuesday – red, Wednesday – yellow, Thursday – orange, Friday – green, Saturday – blue, and Sunday – white. There is rhythm in the color of each grade in Waldorf Education. The rhythm of the heartbeat is aligned with spoken and sung curriculum. Rhythm and routine help children to feel calm and safe.

Westchester Campus Update:

High School Information Night:

A wonderful group of parents of alumni with Ms. Kristy shared their processes of researching high schools and finding the right one for their child. The large crowd of 6th-8th grade parents and students learned about the wide variety of high school options in Los Angeles; the magnet point system; the financial aide application process for private schools; and much, much more. A follow-up, complimentary event, our annual Alumni Night, will be held on Tuesday, February 6th. Parents were encouraged to attend this follow-up event to hear directly from our graduates about their transition to high school, as well as learn about various high school programs in our area.

Japan Trip Presentation:

Ms. Kristy shared photographs and stories from her almost two week trip in Japan as part of the Japan Business Association program for educators. Attendees saw and heard about her travels through the beautiful sites of Japan, along with her stories of meeting many wonderful Japanese people. Her account of visiting Hiroshima and the peace memorial were very touching and made us think about the real meaning of "Peace". Thank you to our Japanese Program faculty - Hiromi Yoneda-Matsue, Tomoko Driscoll, Yoriko Hongo, and Noriko Peet - and to all the Japanese parents who brought delicious hand-made rice balls and created our own shaved ice to enjoy before the presentation! Special thanks to Hiromi Sensei and the JBA (Japanese Business Association) for making Ms. Kristy's trip possible!

**Diversity and Equity Committee:**

The committee continues its work to support our diverse families in becoming familiar with Waldorf Education, as well as our work to reflect the wonderful diversity of our school community in our curriculum and festivals. Specifically, the committee focused on the Festival of Courage at the end of September. Our next festival will be the Festival of Light as we move towards the darker time of our year. The group of roughly 20 parents engaged in conversation about their personal experiences of diversity as well as asked questions about the goals of the committee. Future meetings will include targeted outreach efforts to increase our diversity, as well as making updates to our charter renewal application as related to our outreach and diversity work.

Meetings will alternate between Del Rey and Westchester campuses.

Please join us for the upcoming Diversity and Equity Committee meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017, 3:30pm at the Westchester campus.

Charter Renewal:

Our intake appointment to submit the Charter Renewal Petition is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2017. The purpose of this meeting is for the Charter School Division to verify that all the required pieces of the petition application are present. Prior to the intake appointment, the OCS Board will need to review and approve the Charter Renewal Petition at the November 2, 2017 Board meeting.

Mentoring for Faculty members new to OCS:

All seven teachers new to OCS continue to participate in ongoing training with individual mentor teacher(s). In recognition that jumping into chalkboard drawing and wet-on-wet painting can be a daunting task at first, we offered a six-day intensive technique class led by Ms. Mendoza. The goal is to help teachers develop techniques for chalkboard drawing and wet-on-wet painting so that they are able to incorporate these skills into their daily lesson planning. As needed, teachers are also receiving targeted support for singing and recorder playing from Joan Newton, long-time Waldorf educator and regular OCS singing instructor.



Enrollment as of 10/3/17:

K=79 enrolled/3 offers pending/of those, 1 is in the registration process

TK=25 enrolled/1 offer pending

1st=55 enrolled/1 offer pending

2nd=56 enrolled (full)

3rd=47 enrolled (no wait list pending)

4th=54 enrolled/1 offer pending/1 space held for possible retention

5th=56 enrolled (full)

6th=49 enrolled/2 offers pending/of those, 1 in the registration process (no wait list pending)

7th=45 enrolled (no wait list pending)

8th=46 enrolled/1 offer pending/of those, 1 in the registration process (no waiting list pending)

Total= 512 enrolled

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

CAASPP Standardized Testing Results:

The school-wide results were officially released this week by the state so are now available for public viewing. OCS faculty and administration have begun analyzing our positive results, as OCS overall performed higher than the year before. These results will be included in our charter renewal application. Administration will bring a detailed analysis to the board over the course of the next two board meetings.

Coming School Events:

- October 10th, Tuesday, WC Picture Day
- October 12th, Thursday, DR Picture Day
- October 12th, Thursday, Diversity and Equity Committee meeting, 3:30pm, WC
- October 16th-20th, Monday-Friday, WC Book Faire
- October 17th, Tuesday, WC Open House
- October 18th, Friday, DR and WC Neighborhood Clean-Ups
- October 20th, Friday, 7th and 8th Grade Fall Dance, WC Social Hall, 6:00-8:30PM
- October 21st, Saturday, DR Beautification Day, 10am-2pm
- October 23rd-27th, Monday-Friday, DR Book Faire
- October 26th, Thursday, Knight of the Bedtime Stories and DR Open House
- October 27th Friday, DR Pajama Day
- October 31st, Tuesday, **EARLY RELEASE**
- November 1st, Wednesday, Professional Development Day, **NO SCHOOL**