



Director's Report

August 6, 2026

Receive the children in reverence.
Educate them with love.
Send them forth in freedom.
~ Rudolf Steiner

Educational Program

OCS' Commitment to Public Waldorf Education:

OCS continues to invest in mentoring to support teachers in deepening their practice of public Waldorf Education throughout the year in various forms, including: individual mentoring for main lesson; grade level mentoring for teaching standards-based lessons with a Waldorf approach in ELA and Math; singing and flute or recorder support; visual arts support (watercolor painting, chalkboard drawing, main lesson book drawing, pastels, charcoal)

OCS will again host the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education annual conference in January 2027.

Operations

Staffing: All positions are currently filled except one kitchen staff role that is in process. Temporary staffing may be needed to fill this role until an appropriate hire can be made. A long-term substitute teacher is starting the year with one fourth grade class as the class teacher is out on leave.

Enrollment: We expect to meet budgeted enrollment number (556) with pending offers. Enrollment will continue to adjust into the first few weeks of school with the priority continuing to be to fill classes from the lowest grades up.

Community

Start of School Events:

Ice Cream Social –

OCS' annual Ice Cream Social will be held Thursday, August 6th from 3 – 5pm. Several food vendors will be on site so the community can enjoy a relatively healthy treat. Families will be able to say hello to their teacher(s) and see where their classroom is. Information will be available about the Parent Collective and volunteering, Aftercare, Enrichment, Valet Placards, and more.



First Class Meetings –

The TK teachers are holding a parent meeting one evening this week to introduce themselves to parents in their class in a quieter environment than the Ice Cream Social. They are also welcoming both parents and students before the first day of school to visit the classrooms, say hello to their teachers, and practice their drop off routines. Our goal is to support the students and parents feeling as comfortable as possible about their step into OCS.

TK/K/1st grade first class meetings will be held 8/24.

2nd – 4th grade first class meetings will be held 8/25.

5th – 8th grade first class meetings will be held 8/27.

PC Beach Meet-Up – all families welcome

8/12 after dismissal

Green Day at Ballona Creek for OCS Families –

Saturday October 3 from 10-12 am

Work Day – tbd

Projects will include front of school beautification and possibly logo painting on exterior gym wall facing Beethoven