



Odyssey Breeze

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Odyssey Charter School is a community of parents and educators working together to prepare students with the intellectual, cultural, moral and physical balance necessary to successfully navigate the human experience.

Hello everyone from the OCS Board,

An update on what's been happening with the board. We had a great board meeting Jan 15. Dr. Carpenter once again gave us some terrific training as well as some expert advice on our Director Search. The Director search is going well and we have several excellent candidates. The search committee rates the candidates 1 to 5 where a 1 rating is poor and a 5 rating is a person with 20 years of experience running charter schools and having brought them from underachieving to excellent during their tenure. Dr. Carpenter gave some of our top candidates a 4.5 out of 5 rating. With these quality candidates it will be our pleasure to choose the best one for our school. Our final interviews with Director candidates will be the week of Jan 25-29, with the announcement of the new Director shortly thereafter. This is getting exciting!

The board's plan is to choose goals for Odyssey (called "ends") to make our school one of the top schools in the state. Part of our recent board training was being introduced to excellent charter schools across the nation. By seeing what other schools have accomplished, it gives us an idea of what we can accomplish. You can find out more about these wonderful schools at www.kipp.org, www.aimschools.org, www.hightechhigh.org, www.bigpicture.org, www.achievementfirst.org, and www.yesprep.org. Each of these schools is an inspiration to see what can be achieved as we all work toward the same goal; an excellent education for our children.

Thanks again for all you do to help make Odyssey a great place for our children to learn.

Rob Corniea
OCS Board Chair

Need Volunteer hours?

Contact your child's room parents for available at-home projects. If you don't know who the room parents are, contact the front desk.

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The STAR reading program needs YOU! If you need volunteer hours and would like to help, please contact ncarpenter@odysseycharter.net

Carnival Committee Needs You!

Email volunteer@odysseycharter.net to find out how you can help with the Spring Carnival — coming in May!

Do you own a CANOPY??

The Spring Carnival is in GREAT need of 15 canopies to help make our carnival more comfortable! If you have one we could BORROW please email volunteer@odysseycharter.net

Study Your Words!



Classroom Spelling Bees took place Jan. 19-22. The OCS Spelling Bee is on February, 3 and the District Bee is scheduled for March.

The School Spelling Bee is for grades 4-8 only.

DWA Testing

Students who are in the 5th and 8th grades will be taking The Direct Writing Assessment (DWA) starting on February 22. This is an online assessment designed to assess student writing skills in the fifth and eighth grades. If you have a child who is in 5th or 8th grade it is very important that your child be in attendance the week of February 22, 2010. Please try to maintain a regular routine at home (bedtime, breakfast) during this week. If you have any questions please contact me @ the school ext. 1410

Thank you,
Jaime Holst
Assessment Director



Want to help your child build focusing skills?

Check out Ms. Jepperson's article on the school website. You'll get ideas for how to help strengthen your child's concentration and help them visualize goals.



Upper Grades Cotillion

The Cotillion is coming and the kids are warming up the dance floor. The Cotillion has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 11th from 1-3 pm.



Get Ready, Get Set, GO!

Please come join us in our newest after-school adventure "Track Club!" Track Club begins Wednesday, February 17th. Practices will be held on Wednesdays from 1:15-2:15. EVERYONE is welcome K-8th!

Here's an idea of what we'll do!

- Running (of course!)
- Sprinting
- Jumping
- Throwing
- 8 Track Practices
- 2 Track Meets with Participation & Placement Awards
- Workout Tracker
- Nutrition & Diet
- Stretching
- End of Season Party
- Better Health & Fitness!



Come RUN with us! Registration sheets are available online at www.odysseycharter.net or at the front desk.

Reach for the Stars!! Reading Challenge

Odyssey is sponsoring a Reading Challenge beginning Wednesday, January 27. This program is very simple and students will receive BOOKS & AWARDS if they participate. There are just 2 parts to the program.



1. READ. Children are required to read and/or be read to a minimum of 300 minutes in 10 days. This breaks out to be 30 minutes a day. Minutes read in class and at home count!



2. LOG YOUR READING TIME & GET SPONSORS. The students should log their reading time and sponsors they have signed up in the journal provided. (This will be handed out to the students on Wednesday, January 27.)

On Monday, February 8, the students will bring their signed journals and money collected to school. All money must be received by Wednesday, February 10.



On Wednesday, February 17 awards will be handed out for students who participated in the Reading Challenge. They will also receive a voucher for 50% of the pledge money they collected to spend at the Book Fair which will be held the following week (February 22-26). The other 50% of the pledge money goes directly to the school. WOW!



Examples:

\$50.00 pledge money collected

\$25 voucher for student
\$25 in books to the library

\$100.00 pledge money collected

\$50 voucher for student
\$50 in books to the library

If you have questions, please contact Erin Hughes, (801) 768-0879, erin@BooksForYourSchool.com



**Reading is the key that unlocks the
mind!!!**



ODYSSEY CALENDAR

January / February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28 CET - 3rd Grade - Early Explorers of North America	29 CET - 5th Grade - Constitution and Bill of Rights	30 <i>Sundance Skiing</i>
			Reach for the Stars Reading Challenge			
31	1	2 	3 School Spelling Bee 12:15 - 1 p.m.	4	5 Early-Out Day 1:15 pm Professional Devel- opment Day	6
		Reach for the Stars Reading Challenge				
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Upper Grades Cotillion 1- 3pm</i> 	12 Midterm Committee Chair Meeting with Mr. Schelhaus, 2 p.m.	13
	Reading Challenge - Pledges Due					
14 	15 No School— President's Day	16 First Lottery 2010- 2011	17 Track Club Begins! 1:15 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.	25 Charter District Science Fair at UVU	26 Maturation - 5th Grade	27
	DWA Testing—5th and 8th Grades					
			Book Fair			

If you have information you would like included in the Breeze, submissions are due each Friday by 5:00 pm for the following week 's Breeze. Email submissions to comms@odysseycharter.net.