

Odyssey Charter School

NEWSLETTER

NOV-DEC 2014

"Committed to academic excellence and the education of the whole child"

OUR MISSION FOR EVERY CHILD

The mission of Odyssey Charter School is to work in partnership with the family and community, with the aim of helping each child reach their full potential in all areas of life. We seek to educate the whole child with the understanding that each person must achieve a balance of intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual and social skills as a foundation for life.

Harvest Luncheon

Grades K-2 Nov. 12 / Grades 3-6 Nov. 19 / Grades 7-9 Nov. 20

Please join us for our annual Harvest Lunch at Odyssey Healthy Café. We are serving a baked chicken thigh, roasted root veggies, Café bread slice, pumpkin bar, fresh fruit, and milk. Salad bar comes with all meals. Elementary regular student lunch price is \$2.50 and Jr/Sr High regular student price is \$2.80. If your child receives a free or reduced lunch it will apply. Adults and non-Odyssey students are both \$3.50. Look for an invitation to be sent home with your student, please RSVP if your family will be joining us. We hope to see you there!



Family Engagement in Education Month

November is Family Engagement in Education month and November 20th is the Annual National Parent Involvement Day. Since a parent is a child's primary educator, we ask that you please pledge and commit to becoming involved in your children's education. Research indicates that schools that involve families in student learning at school and home outperform similar schools that do not. We would like to encourage all families to build a strong relationship and work collaboratively with Odyssey Charter School to promote students' academic success. Here are some ideas for getting involved in your child's education:

- Participate in Odyssey's Parent Read Aloud Program
- Volunteer at school
- Set aside time to talk about your child's day
- Help with homework

OCS Elementary Campus: 1755 Eldron Blvd. S.E.
Palm Bay, Florida 32909 • 321-733-0442

OCS Jr. / Sr. High Campus: 1350 Wyoming Drive
S.E. Palm Bay, Florida 32909 • 321-345-4117

School Calendar

Nov 11	No School - Veterans' Day
Nov 12	K-2nd Harvest Luncheon OCS Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 13	Wellness Meeting 3:15pm
Nov 18	Jr/Sr Edline Information Night 5:30pm 4th-6th grades Science Fair Info 6:30pm
Nov 19	3rd-6th Harvest Luncheon
Nov 20	7th-9th Harvest Luncheon Annual National Family Involvement Day - Title 1 Family Math Night
Nov 24	Elementary and Secondary Interim Reports Issued
Nov 25	PasP meeting 6pm
Nov 26	Early Release Day
Nov 27-28	No School – Holiday for all
Dec 6	Palm Bay Holiday Light Parade 6:30pm
Dec 9	Yearbook picture retakes (students who were absent on November 4th, will be able to have their uniform picture taken)
Dec 10	OCS Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 12	Winter Dance 7th-9th grades
Dec 17	Elementary Glee Holiday performance
Dec 18	PasP meeting 6pm
Dec 22-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan 5	No School – Teacher Work Day
Jan 6	Students Return to School
Jan 12	SAC Meeting 12 noon
Jan 12	Elementary Report Cards Issued
Jan 14	Early Release Day
Jan 16	Jr/Sr High Repot Cards Issued
Jan 19	No School - Martin L. King, Jr. Day
Jan 29	OCS Annual Board Meeting

Read Aloud Program

The Read Aloud program is a wonderful way for parents to fulfill their volunteer hours while supporting their students academically, socially, and emotionally. In 1983, the U.S. Department of Education report "Becoming a Nation of Readers" found that, "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."

To participate in the Read Aloud program, parents should spend at least 15 minutes reading aloud literature to their child that is about two grades above their independent reading level. Then complete the Read Aloud log which can be provided by your classroom teacher, the front office or downloaded on from our website. Next turn in your log at the end of each month to your classroom teacher or to the front office and you will receive volunteer hours for the time spent reading aloud to your child.

For more information about the importance of reading aloud to your child, please visit our website at: www.odysseycharterschool.com or visit Jim Trelease's web site at: <http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/>

Important Info from the OCS Clinic

BPS Medication policy states ALL prescription and over-the counter medicines MUST be signed in by a parent. (This includes inhalers, cough drops, aspirin, prescribed meds)

Medications that are not signed in by a parent CANNOT be administered to your student and will be brought to the attention of the site administrative team.

Look for the pink clinic passes for details on your student's visits to the school clinic. If you feel your child is visiting the clinic too often, feel free to contact the school so that we may partner with you to keep your child from missing instruction time.

Just a reminder that the office staff at each campus are trained to care for your students by the health department nurse. We do not have a registered nurse on staff; however we will notify you if there are any concerns that may be best handled by your family doctor.

Help stop the spread of germs! If your child is sick with a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or illness that can be spread to others, please keep him/her home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours. If your student is sent home from school exhibiting these symptoms, we will request they be kept home the following school day.

School Advisory Council (SAC) Committee Parent Elections:

Odyssey Charter School SAC committee is a group of school stakeholders that partners with the school to provide support and feedback to the school leadership team. The purpose of the SAC committee is to work in partnership with the school to support the school's mission and vision. The stakeholders who participate in the SAC are parents, community members, teachers and administrators. An election was held to vote for parent and student representatives to the SAC committee and we are pleased to announce that Beverly Squire-Wiggins, Stacey Perry and Shushanna Vignier were elected as our parent representative to the SAC committee and Layla Pineda and Josh Christenson as our 9th grade student representatives.

School Public Accountability Report

The annual Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) will be available for Odyssey Charter School in the near future. The SPARs meet ESEA's requirement for school to provide parents with an annual school status report at the beginning of each school year. The Odyssey SPAR will be posted on the school's website at <http://www.odysseycharter-school.com/reports.html>.

Enrichment and Intervention Time at OCS

Odyssey Charter School has implemented an enrichment and intervention plan in which educational support staffs are able to guide and coach students on varying abilities in a variety of academic areas. Enrichment and intervention groups were created by the classroom teachers, and three times per week students get the opportunity to work with groups of four (4) to eight (8) students on mathematical concepts, standards, and theories and the areas of reading such as listening, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and comprehension. Since enrichment and intervention groups have begun, we have found that students are becoming more aware of their own mathematical and reading needs/deficiencies and students are thrilled when they see themselves succeeding, not only in enrichment and intervention class, but within their general education class as well. We look forward to the progress and achievements that students can make as the academic year progresses.

Title 1 Family Math Night

To promote Family Engagement month, families are invited to addend the Title 1 Family Math night on Thursday, November 20th at 6:30p.m. Families are invited to come enjoy a delicious meal provided by our healthy café and then participate in a fun interactive math workshop. Please look for a flyer that will be sent home with your student and RSVP for our Title 1 Math night.

National Honor Society

The National Elementary and Junior/Senior Honor Societies at Odyssey Charter School recognize students for their outstanding academic achievement and personal responsibility. Our National Elementary and Junior/Senior Honor Society meetings will begin in November. Students who are practicing members, or who were inducted into the Honor Society last year, will be invited to participate in the monthly meetings. At these meetings, the students will choose and begin working on a service project and they will have opportunities and experiences that will strengthen their leadership skills.



Students who are interested in applying to be part of the Elementary or Junior/Senior Honor Society will be able to fill out an application after the 2nd marking period. To be considered for the Honor Society, students must have a Grade Point average of 3.0 or higher and they must display qualities of leadership, service, citizenship, and character. An application packet will be distributed to all students who are eligible after the 2nd marking period.

For questions about the National Elementary Honor Society, please contact Ms. Michelle Sutton at 321-733-0442 x 107 or by email at sutomm@odysseycharter-school.com. For questions about the Junior/Senior Honor Society, please contact Mrs. Williams at wiliamss@odysseycharter-school.com.

Duke University TIP Program

Duke University TIP program is a talent search for students in 4th grade and up who have achieved a qualifying score at or above the 95th percentile on a recent grade-level test. Participants receive recognition and a variety of benefits to nurture their academic talent including a unique online curriculum, educational resources, access to research-based advice and more. A major benefit is the opportunity to take EXPLORE, an above-level test designated by ACT for eighth grade students. Taking this optional test helps younger gifted students clarify their academic abilities and qualifies them to enroll in the 7th Grade Talent Search once they complete the sixth grade.

For more information or to enroll your student, please visit the Duke TIP website at <http://tip.duke.edu/>

Titan Sports

Titan football is off to a great start! The Alpha team is undefeated and anxious to play Ascension and Calvary on November 8th. The Bravo team is off to a strong start playing mixed 5th/6th grade teams. They are ready to play Indian Harbor Montessori and Viera Charter on November 15th. Come out and support your Titan footballers!

November Games

Team Alpha:
11/8 @ 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
11/14 @ 5:00 p.m.

Team Bravo:
11/15 @ 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

All games are played at
Bethany Christian School
1100 Dorchester Ave.
W Melbourne, FL 32904



5517.01 Policy Against Bullying and Harassment

Odyssey Charter School follows the Brevard Public Schools Student Code of Conduct. In response to state law the "Jeffery Johnson Stand Up for all Students Act", the Brevard County School Board adopted a policy that prohibits bullying and harassment.



The policy defines harassment as any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or employee that: Places a student or employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

Odyssey is committed to providing a safe learning environment and will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind. Incidents of bullying or harassment can be reported to:

Elementary Campus Site Administrator:
Ms. Nolder, nolderw@odysseycharter school.com, 321-733-0112

Jr/Sr High Campus Site Administrator:
Dr. Knight, knighthm@odysseycharter school.com, 321-345-4117

Anonymous Reports: Speak-out hotline, 1-800-423-8477

Bullying Report Form: <http://www.brevard.k12.fl.us/forms/pdf/BullyingWitnessReportFormElementary.pdf>

To learn more about bullying and find out what adults can do to help prevent it visit: www.stopbullying.gov/bullying

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Extracurricular Classes

We are pleased to announce that our extracurricular afterschool classes have begun. We will host two sessions. Session one began on November 3rd and will run through December 12th. Session two will begin on January 12 and run through March 16. We are offering many fun and engaging classes such as Yoga, Green Team Butterfly Garden and Environmental Club, Art Club, Lego Building Club, All Star Sports Club and Money Management Club to name a few.

Clubs will meet one time weekly for an hour and there is a small fee to join. For more information about our extracurricular clubs, please contact Amy White at 321-733-0442 x 126 or email her at whitea@odysseycharter school.com

Odyssey's Enrichment Program Announces their new Homework Club

Odyssey's afterschool Enrichment program has hired a certified teacher to run their afterschool homework club. Students who are enrolled in the enrichment program can participate in the homework club Monday through Thursday. Our certified teacher will support the student and help them with challenging or difficult concepts. For many working parents, the homework club is a vital service. Knowing that their children will have their homework completed before they pick them up allows families to spend relaxing time together in the evenings knowing that homework is complete.

For more information about Odyssey's Enrichment program, please contact Amy White at 321-733-0442 x 126 or email her at whitea@odysseycharter school.com

Yearbooks

Odyssey Charter School is announcing that our 2014-2015 school yearbooks are going to be available for pre-order! Each yearbook has a hardback cover with 116 full-color pages that will feature many things about this school year including all of our students from the Elementary and Jr/Sr campuses! The yearbook will cost \$27. A yearbook order form will be sent home with your student in mid-November.

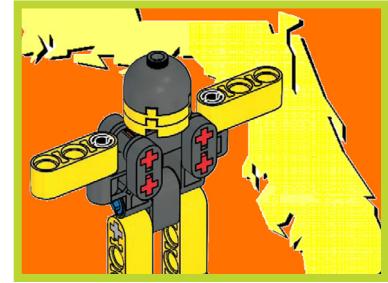
Yearbook Ads

Business card size ad space is available in the OCS yearbook! For just \$25, we will scan your business card in full color. Just send in your check or money order, payable to OCS along with your business card to Bonnie Moravecky on the Jr/Sr campus or to your classroom teacher on the elementary campus. This is a great way to promote your business and connect our Odyssey families with our community. We look forward to serving you.

In addition to selling ad space, we are also saving space for student dedications. It's just \$7 for a space (about the size of a business card), so send in a check or money order payable to OCS to Bonnie Moravecky on the Jr/Sr campus or to your classroom teacher on the elementary campus along with your dedication to your student.

Retired Teachers Needed

We are looking for retired teachers to volunteer to work with students on phonics/phonemic awareness. If you would like to support our school by donating some of your time each week to work with children, please let us know. You may contact the Site Administrator, Mrs. Nolder at 321-733-0442 x 110 or email her at nolderw@odysseycharter school.com



Florida First Lego League

Once again, Odyssey will send Team Titan to the Florida First LEGO League (Florida FLL) competitions. This year, Odyssey will send a team of five, 6th grade students to tournaments on November 8th and January 17th. The students are Denver Fenton, Evan Marinelli, Julien Moscol, Irie Harrington, and Gianna Wise. To prepare for the tournaments, the team will meet to practice three times weekly after school and on Saturday. The students will be coached by Ms. Sutton, who has coached Florida FLL teams at Odyssey for 3 years, and they will be mentored by Gabriel Sutton, Odyssey Alumni, who has competed in Florida FLL and is currently competing in Florida FIRST which is a robotics competition for high school students. We are proud of all the hard work and dedication that our Odyssey robotics students have displayed as they work together to prepare for the upcoming competitions.

Lost and Found

As the seasons gets cooler we see an increase of jackets in our lost and found box. Please mark your student's first and last name in their jackets so we can make sure they get back to them if they are misplaced. Please remind your student that the lost and found box is located in the corner of the café, beside the cashier. Items are collected each week and kept until Friday and then they will be donated.

Preschool and VPK Open House

Families who are interested in enrolling their child at Odyssey Charter School's Montessori Village Green preschool and VPK program are invited to attend open houses on Thursday, December 11 or Tuesday, December 16. Open houses will start at 6:00p.m. Families will meet in the school café for a brief presentation about our preschool and VPK program and then families will have a tour of the preschool and VPK classrooms.

Odyssey Charter School's Montessori Village Green preschool and VPK program offers an integration of Montessori and Classical education which provides a holistic program that focuses on the heart, mind and spirit of the child. The children are given individual attention by degreed Montessori teachers who have over 15 years of teaching experience. Students who enroll are guaranteed enrollment into Odyssey Charter School's Kindergarten program.

We offer tuition based preschool program for 3 and 4 year old students and a free 3-hour VPK program for eligible 4 year old students. We also accept School Readiness vouchers. For more information about our program and for tuition rates, please contact Amy White at 321-733-0442 x 126 or email her at whitea@odysseycharter-school.com



JR/SR HIGH NEWS

Jr/Sr Club Offerings

Starting this month, the Jr/Sr High students will begin signing up and participating in school clubs like Yoga, Building Computer Apps, Step Team, Green Team/Science Club, Cooking Club, Robotics, Art Club, Latin Dance, Spanish, Homework Help, and Glee. Some clubs, like the OCS Student Leadership Team and National Honor Society require students to complete an application and get teacher recommendations. Clubs will take place one to two days a week and will run for 9 weeks or longer. Students may register for more than one club. Some clubs require a nominal student fee for supplies. We are looking for parents that want to volunteer to expand our club opportunities. If you have a special skill, gardening, sewing, photography, and you would like to help us offer a club or you would like to help a teacher with a club, please contact Dr. Knight at knightm@odysseycharter-school.com.

Jr/Sr High English, Language Arts Field Trip

The ELA department has 7th and 8th graders going on a field trip to see a professional performance of Chamber Theatre's "ENCORE" production at the Osceola Performing Arts Center on Friday, November 14th. The stories students are reading in class that will be brought to the stage are "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving, "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs, "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant, and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" by Mark Twain. Over 130 students and parents are attending this performance, and a marvelous time is expected to be had by all!

Jr/Sr High Math

The Junior/Senior High School Math department is excited and prepared to begin another successful 9-week term with their students! With new Florida standards this year, the math department is using Study Island as a major tool to help students master these standards in preparation of the new Florida State Assessment (FSA). Study Island is an internet-based computer program where students learn and practice the skills necessary to be successful on the FSA test, which will take place in late April or early May. All students are expected to work on Study Island at home as part of their grade on a weekly basis.

Parents can help their children master these standards by taking an active role in monitoring their progress on Study Island. If students are struggling with a particular skill or perform below a 70%, there are lessons embedded in the program as well as Khan Academy video tutorials to help them increase their level of mastery. If students continue to struggle with the skills after reviewing the lessons, morning tutoring is available every day in Ms. O'Dea's room from 8:30 to 8:55. If you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact your child's math teacher by e-mail or phone.

Preparing for 10th Grade

Attention ALL 9th grade parents – We are setting up all the necessary components for your child to continue at OCS through the 12th grade and become our first graduating class in 2018. Please join us to hear about the expansion of our rigorous college-prep program that includes new coursework and electives during the next Founder's/Head of School's Tea or at the 10th Grade Open House in December. For more information, please contact Dr. Monica Knight, site administrator for the Jr/Sr High, at knightm@odysseycharter-school.com.

Jr/Sr Saturday Academic School

The Jr/Sr High will begin offering a Saturday Academic School each week from 9:00-11:30 AM at the Wyoming campus for students that need additional assistance to complete their class assignment or projects. Students will be able to use the media center resources and computers during the program. During the program, students will complete reinforcement and enrichment assignments using the Study Island program.

Indian River Lagoon Day

Celebrate Indian River Lagoon Day at Riverview Park and Earn Community Service Hours for National Honor Society & Bright Futures Scholarships!

Date: Saturday, November 8, events begin at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Riverview Park in Melbourne (2400 Riverview Drive) just south of U.S. 192.

Activities: Hook Kids on Fishing 9 - 11 a.m.; Kids from age 6 to 16 can participate to learn about casting, fishing safety, knot tying, the tackle box, catch and release tactics, fishing habitat and conservation. Participants will receive a free rod and reel plus the Anglers for Conservation's (AFC) free HKOF program booklet.

Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 50. Call Elizabeth Melvin at 321-633-2016, ext. 56721.

Also: free IRL kayak tours, music, bounce houses, and numerous environmental activities such as the turtle obstacle course, habitat hopscotch, feed the storm drain bean bag toss and Brevard Zoo's animal ambassadors.

Volunteers are needed to help the AFC teach fishing safety, knot tying, casting, tackle and rigs, and boating safety are needed. Please contact Rodney Smith info@anglersforconservation.org or 321-750-3374 to volunteer.

Odyssey partners with Bridges

(Formerly the Arc of Brevard)

Bridges, formerly "The Arc of Brevard," has provided services and supports to children and adults with disabilities for more than fifty years in Brevard County and Central Florida. Bridges serves more than 400 individuals each day, many of whom have been with them for more than twenty years.

Ms. Laura Sturtevant is an intern from Bridges at the Odyssey Charter School Jr/Sr High Campus who works with Ms. Julie Chapman, (Front desk attendance clerk). Laura helps us make copies, distribute student notifications, stamp letters, and complete other office tasks. We enjoy having her here at Odyssey Charter School.



PAST EVENTS

Head of School's Tea

Several parents joined Founder and Head of Schools, Ms. Constance Ortiz for to hear about our programs and curriculum that have been introduced in the 2014-15 school year. Ms. Ortiz shared with parents our new English Language Arts program, Core Knowledge, which has been met with great reviews from our students and teachers. Ms. Ortiz also shared our commitment to improve classroom instruction by having our teachers attend Professional Learning Communities meetings each week where grade levels meet in teams to analyze the new Florida Standards and develop lesson plans that will increase the rigor of instruction in the classroom.



Odyssey Charter School Florida Green School and Student Finalist

Odyssey Charter School was recognized again this year for demonstrating excellence in environmental mission, vision and practices. Odyssey Charter School's Founder, Ms. Constance, and the Flagship Eldron campus won the statewide inaugural honor in 2009 and was awarded the "Governor's' Serve to Preserve Green School Award". As a result of these best practices and sustainability efforts, including the energy efficient building and campus design, water conservation, and the efforts of our students, teachers, administrators and Founder in green projects, Odyssey was chosen as one of three finalists in the state for this prestigious award!!

Odyssey had the additional honor of being a finalist in the student category as well. Jesse Martin, currently an 8th grade student, was selected as one of three finalists in the entire state for the student project category at the Florida Green School Award ceremony. Jesse's work monitoring and documenting blue crab species population in the Indian River Lagoon and his efforts to help restore the health of the lagoon ranked alongside two other finalists. Kudos to Jesse for demonstrating the mission and vision of Odyssey Charter School by working on solutions to real world environmental problems.



International Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 8th, Odyssey students and staff participated in the International Walk to school day. International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school each October. Odyssey students and staff enjoyed getting exercise and reducing their carbon footprint by walking from the Publix shopping plaza to the elementary campus and from the Wyoming Fire Station to the Jr/Sr High campus. Thank you to all who participated this year!

Ms. Bernardo and Ms. Wyman's 2nd grade class

The second grade has been studying ancient Asian civilizations in our listening and learning portion of the English, Language Arts curriculum, Core Knowledge. The Chinese New Year was our final learning piece to this Unit. The students compared and contrasted this tradition to the New Years' practices in the United States. Students also compared and contrasted the festivals associated with Chinese New Year and Diwali, a holiday observed in the Hindu religion. On this final day, Mr. Zhou, an Odyssey parent and owner of Lin's Garden, came and shared some of the traditions that his family observes during Chinese New Year with Mrs. Bernardo and Ms. Wyman's class.



Social Science News

The Social Science department has been working diligently with the 7th grade classes in helping them to understand their rights as U.S. Citizens. The 8th grade has been working on understanding the role of propaganda in the American Revolution and our society at large. Our freshman World History classes are working on the economic, political, and social roles during the middle Ages in Europe. The department as a whole is currently working on Student Government elections (covered by many Civics standards) that will be held on November 4 at the Jr/Sr High. Students will vote on the Governor, as well as the OCS Student President (9th grade), Vice-President (8th grade), Secretary (7th grade), and Treasurer (7th – 9th grade) and Amendment 1 (Reduction in Dress Down Days). It will be great seeing what our candidates come up with for their campaign slogans, ads, and speeches. Polls will be set up by 9th grade poll workers in the media center on November 4th.

Titan Sports

The Jr/Sr High Co-ed Soccer team, led by Coach Kevelin, showed outstanding progress this year; the team narrowly missed taking first place in the championship round! Despite taking second place overall, the team is victorious in demonstrating commitment, leadership and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the team for representing Odyssey with excellence! Team members this year included: Damian Line, Hannah Tower, Gustavo Trillo, Watbins Berthil, Jesse Martin, C.G. Goddard, Vlad Stavtcev, Frankie Pierre, Cole Thomson, Zachary Bux, Michelle Azarre, Kaylee Cottrill, Oscar Vega, Julio Guzman, Robert Hemingway, Zachary Seraphin.

The 7th/8th grade Volleyball team had an amazing season; they worked hard and were extremely dedicated to their team. The girls won 4 matches during the season and they were great competitors. The wins/losses does not appropriately reflect what a great job the girls did. Congrats to Kristi Howell, Kiara Sanchez-Mejia, Macy Ysaguirre, Sierra McQueen, Marlyssa Mauricin, Emily Wilson, Cassidy Ciano, Tamia Stewart, Lexine Sibert and Sindy Bonilla-Moreno.

Ms. Krasny and Ms. Samways' 1st grade class

Mrs. Krasny and Ms. Samways had some special visitors in October. They had three therapy dogs along with their handlers come to our classroom. The students all had the opportunity to read from our reading books to the dogs! These dogs are registered therapy dogs with Space Coast Therapy Dogs. The dogs seemed to enjoy the experience as much as the kids!

Learn more about this wonderful organization: <http://www.spacecoasttherapydogs.org>



Owl Pellet Lab

Odyssey's fourth grade classes have been studying food chain and food webs in science. They have been looking at how energy from the sun travels through the food chain from the producers to consumers to decomposers in the ecosystems. Students were able to dissect an owl pellet and investigate the owl's food chain through the bones they found. Everyone was excited to find skulls of mice, moles and even a bird! Students were able to glue the bones on to paper to reconstruct skeletons of the owl's prey.



Montessori Village Green Preschool and VPK class

October was fire awareness month, and the preschool children had the opportunity to learn about fire safety first hand from the Palm Bay Fire Department. After the Firemen gave the students a classroom demonstration on fire safety, they were able to tour the fire trucks outside. The most exciting moment for the children was when they got to turn the valve to the hose on and water was sprayed way up into the air.



Rainbow Lab

The 6th Grade Students investigate the use of fundamental laboratory equipment and scientific methods as they apply Nature of Science standards to discover the Colors of a Rainbow in the "Rainbow Lab".



NASA Partnership

9th Grade Biology Students Participate In a NASA Engineering Design Challenge To Create A Plant Based Ecosystem Chamber Capable Of Growing Foods In Space!



Grievance Procedures

- Step 1: Request Teacher conference to clarify issue
- Step 2: Contact the Site Administrator if unresolved with the teacher
- Step 3: **Contact Board Designated Parent Representative
- Step 4: Contact the President of the Governing Board
- Step 5: Present issue at the next monthly Board Meeting if unresolved
- Step 6: Seek mediation with the Sponsor

Visit our website at www.odysseycharterschool.com

**Dr. Reggie Revis has been designated by the OCS Board of Directors as the Representative to Facilitate Parental Involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes according to charter requirements. Dr. Revis can be reached at revis@odysseyprepacademy.com or 321-345-4117, ext. 122.