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.

2015-16 School Year Registration

It’s time to register your student for the 2015-2016 school year. Please plan on attending one of the mandatory registration dates for your student’s grade level. You will be given a registration packet to complete and return while at registration. Elementary campus registration will take place in the multipurpose room for returning students and in the café for new students. Please make certain to bring with you any of the required documents listed below. All parents will be notified of our final registration dates via a newsletter this summer. Finalized papers such as transportation form, health form, lunch form, bus registration and class assignments will be completed during final registration. Please remember that attending our summer final registration is mandatory.

Please gather the following required documents in preparation for registration:

• Birth Certificate (all NEW students)
• For Kindergarteners, 7th graders or 1st time in Brevard County Public school system ONLY:
  • Physical- dated within one year of registration
  • Physical used for VPK registration will not qualify if dated more than one year from registration.
  • Current shot records (7th graders require TDAP)
  • Legal Guardianship documents (if applicable)

Jr/Sr High Campus, Grades 7th-10th
Friday, March 13th 10:00am - 1:00pm
Monday, March 16th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Elementary Campus, Grades K-6th
Friday, March 13th 10:00am - 1:00pm
Monday, March 16th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Save the date for Odyssey Charter School’s annual book fair at Barnes and Noble. Discover the fun of learning games from ThinkFun, play, learn, explore. Students will be sharing their musical and vocal talents and teachers will be reading their favorite stories. Please join us on Thursday, April 2nd from 5:30–7:30. Look for your voucher with our school’s book fair ID number to be sent home the week of the event. Please mention this number when you make your purchases so our school gets credit. Funds raised from the book fair will be used to continue building your child’s classroom library.

FSA

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) will be taking place this spring. A few reminders: a good night sleep before a testing day is always encouraged; please also make sure your student has a healthy breakfast with protein; and please make sure your students arrive on time. The FSA website is a great place to get lots of information about testing, dates, rubrics and practice tests. Visit http://www.fsassessments.org/. Click on Students and Parents for information.

FSA Dates:

• FSA ELA 3rd and 4th grades: March 31st and April 1st
• FSA Math 3rd and 4th grades: April 7th and 8th
• FCAT Grade 5 Science: April 13 and 14th
• FSA Grades 5/6: ELA-Weeks of April 13th and April 20th
• FSA Grades 5/6 Math-Weeks of April 27th and May 4th
• FCAT Grade 8 Science April 13th
• FSA ELA Grade 7 April 13-17
• FSA ELA Grade 8 and 9 April 20-24
• FSA ALG II (one student) April 27-28
• FSA Math Grade 7 April 27 – May 1
• FSA Geometry April 28- May 1
• FSA Math Grade 8 April 29-May 1
• FSA Algebra May 11th – 14th
• Pearson Biology May 19th
• Pearson Civics May 20th-22nd
• Semester Exams May 25th – 29th (and possibly June 1st)
Blazing the Trail 5K Fun Run/Walk

Odyssey Charter School we are dedicated to teaching our students to succeed in all aspects of their lives. The mission of our school is to help every child reach full potential. One very important aspect is helping them reach their physical potential and optimal health. Each year our school host a 5K run/fun walk for our students and families. The purpose of the 5K is to enhance our student’s health and wellbeing, to bring our community together, and to raise funds for a special project. Funds raised this year by our 5K will be used to purchase a trophy case. We are working to secure a space to hold our 5K. Please stay tuned for our date and location to be released soon!

Exceptional Student Education Survey

Each year the Florida Department of Education (DOE) conducts a Parent Survey designed to provide the DOE as well as the United States Department of Education, with information on how well Florida’s schools are supporting parents’ involvement in their disabled child’s special education and related services program(s). If you have a child with an Individual Education Plan (IEP), we ask that you complete the survey. The window to complete the survey will be open until May 31, 2015.

The survey is located online at www.esesurvey.com. The DOE maintains a secure website for the survey. The website provides assurance that information provided by the parents is kept confidential and will not be linked in any individually identifiable way to the parent or child. Parents who have more than one child with an IEP are asked to complete a survey for each child.

If you have any questions, or you do not have access to a computer, please contact Odyssey’s ESE Coordinator, Felicia Aldridge and she will be happy to assist you. Ms. Aldridge can be reached at 321-733-0442 ext. 128 or by email at aldrigdef@odysseycharterschool.com

Fluency

What is it?
Reading fluency is the ability to read
• with accuracy – reading words correctly
• at an appropriate pace - not to fast, not to slow
• with expression – reading with feeling, not sounding monotone or robotic
• punctuation – reading with expression based on given punctuation

Fluency practice is an essential component that allows students to bridge the gap between word recognition and comprehension. It allows the reader to focus on understanding of text over struggling to decode what is being read. Parents can support reading fluency at home by:
• make reading a priority in your home - as you build a reading life at home your child will come to value the love of reading for themselves
• model – reading to and with your child enables them to hear what good reading sounds like
• building your home reading library – make available a variety of reading texts for your child including literature and non-fiction texts, magazines, on-line reading resources, etc.
• Visit your local library/book store on a regular basis – make visiting your local library or book store a weekly event.
• Read, read, and read some more – the very best steps to take to build fluency is read, read, and read some more.
• Make Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) part of your nightly homework routine – SSR is a tried and true way to have students engage in reading as part of their nightly homework. As children see the value of reading they are more apt to look forward to uninterrupted reading time rather than seeing it as another homework assignment or dreaded chore to complete.
• Encourage your child to read with a buddy/friend – have your child read to younger siblings, family members, or friends.

Positive Discipline – The Message of Caring

Positive Discipline was developed by Dr. Jane Nelson, and Lynn Lott. Positive Discipline’s “Message of Caring” states that respect and encouragement are two basic ingredients of caring. It also states that there are five common behaviors (barriers), which adults use with young people who are seen as disrespectful and discouraging and five behaviors (builders), which are respectful and encouraging to students. The first two barriers and builders are provided below:

Barrier 1: Assuming. It is easy to assume we know what students think and feel; therefore you may deal with them according to your assumptions, preventing you from discovering their unique perceptions and capabilities.

Builder 1: Checking. When you check instead of assume, you discover how students are maturing in their ability to deal with problems and issues that affect them.

Barrier 2: Rescuing/Explaining. You may feel you are being caring and helpful when you do things for your student rather than allow them to learn from their own experiences or all them to discover how to explain things for themselves.

Builder 2: Exploring. We explain and rescue when we say things such as, “It’s cold outside, so don’t forget your jackets”. We can explore when we say, “As you look outside, what do you need to think about before you go to recess? What do you need to do to take care of yourselves?” This allows the student to learn to make choices as well as understand themselves, others, and situations through their own experiences.

Please consider taking some time at home and practicing these first two builders with your student and take note if you notice any changes in your student’s behaviors. If you would like more information on Positive Discipline we have books available for parent check out through our media center.

Read Aloud Book Club

The Read Aloud Book Club is a great way for parents to fulfill their volunteer hours. All that is required is for parents to read to their child every night for 15 minutes!

Here’s how the program works:
• Read to your child each night for at least 15 minutes.
• Refer to the Read Aloud Recommended Book Lists at the school’s website (http://www.odysseycharterschool.com/read-aloud.html) to select a book to read – parents may select other high quality literature as well as student text books, etc.
• Record the book title, author, and minutes read on the Read Aloud recording form which are available at the front office or at the school’s website (http://www.odysseycharterschool.com/read-aloud.html).
• At the end of each month, return the form to your child’s teacher.
• You will receive volunteer hours, up to 1 hour per week, 4 hours per month per child.

Note: parents must be registered through KeepNTrack to receive volunteer hours. Please contact Chris Montefu, volunteer coordinator for help registering.

Parents as Partners (PASP) Meeting

We would like to encourage you to attend our Parents as Partners meeting on Wednesday, April 1st from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the elementary campus. All parents of students in grades K-9 are welcome. Your support is vital to the success of our students and we need you to make our school the very best it can be. “Parents as Partners” is our Parent and Teacher Organization. We are looking for families who want to partner with our school to help organize and spearhead school wide events such as our annual 5K. Remember, we count on your pledge to volunteer 18 hours of service yearly to benefit our students and our school community. We are counting on your presence on Thursday, April 1st.
**Healthy Healing Fundraiser for Students with Cancer**

Our Odyssey family came together to support Savannah Bowen, a 2nd grade student at Odyssey Charter School, who in November was diagnosed with Stage III, Myeloid Sarcoma. Savannah is currently at Arnold Palmer Hospital undergoing treatment. Odyssey Charter School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy held a joint fundraiser in January that raised over $5,000 for Savannah’s treatments. A check was presented to Savannah and her mom in February when they came to school to visit her classmates.

To further support these students, Odyssey Jr/Sr High is coordinating a healing fundraiser which is an afternoon/evening of healing and fun, aligned with the mission of Odyssey Charter School. At the event, natural healing practitioners and vendors will be on hand to display and provide samples of their services and products. Healthy food and drinks will be available for purchase.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 14, 3-7pm  
**WHERE:** Odyssey Charter School Jr/Sr Campus  
1350 Wyoming Drive, S.E., Palm Bay, FL 32929  
**WHY:** Benefit students with cancer  
**COST:** $8.00 (Tickets may be purchased by calling Jennifer Bachman or may be purchased at the door)  
**ORGANIZERS:** Parent, Jennifer Bachman  
phone: 321-210-3527 or email: bachmama@gmail.com

Each guest will receive 1 ticket at entry, which is good for use for 1 healing session or 1 food item. There will be opportunities to purchase additional tickets at a ticket booth. Student and Community Entertainment will be available throughout the event.

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**Car Loop Reminders**

During arrival and dismissal it is important that you keep the inner lane of the car loop directly in front of the school clear. These routes have been designated for the safety of all children and for the efficient movement of automobiles and school buses. For the safety of our children, Please remember:  
- No cell phone use in the carloop  
- Follow the posted 5mph speed limit.  
- Watch for families in the cross walks.  
- Unless you are walking your child into the school, please use the car loop drop off to safely deliver your child to the building entrance. NO drop-off or pick-up in the parking lot or from community sidewalks.

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**OCS Facebook Page**

Please “like” our new Facebook page as we will be keeping it updated throughout the school year with events that we have going on and it is a great way to keep up with what we have going on. Visit our website at www.odysseycharterschool.com and look for the facebook links.

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**Volunteer News**

Please do not forget to register as a volunteer in KeepNTrack. You can sign up to be a volunteer from home at the Brevard County School website under the Parents and Students tab. The price to register does vary depending on which level you register under. It is important to get registered because your volunteer hours are tracked in the KeepNTrack system. If you have any questions about registering for volunteering or volunteer opportunities at Odyssey, please contact our volunteer coordinator Chris Montefu at 321-733-0442 or email her at montefuc@odysseycharterschool.com

Have a student at OCS Jr/Sr High and are wondering how to volunteer? We are currently looking for help with our OCS Athletic Booster Club. If you are interested, even if your child does not play a sport, please contact Mr. Davis at 321-345-4117 or email him at davism@odysseycharterschool.com

Current Volunteer Needs at OCS Jr/Sr High: Chess Coach, Math Team Coach, Assistant Track Coach, Odyssey of the Mind Coach, Future Problem Solving Team Coach

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**Yearbook Ads and Student Dedications**

Business card size ad space is available in the OCS yearbook. For just $25, we will scan your business card in full color. This is a great way to promote your business and connect our Odyssey families with our community. 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).

To place an ad or dedication in the yearbook, please submit your business card or dedication along with your name, your student’s name, your phone number and your email address along with your check or money order, payable to OCS to your classroom teacher on the elementary campus or to Bonnie Moravecky on the Jr/Sr campus. (For questions please contact Ms. Madaffari at madaffarij@odysseycharterschool.com)

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**Preschool Applications for 2015-16 School Year**

Montessori Village Green offers a Montessori Early Childhood Education Program for children 3 years old through Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK). Our program is staffed by degreed Montessori and Early Childhood teachers. Our preschool is located in Odyssey Charter School’s award winning green school building which will provide your child with a safe and healthy learning environment. Our Montessori program is supplemented with the Core Knowledge Reading program which is a rich literature based program.

Our preschool program also offers a tuition based morning and full day program for 3 year olds and non-VPK four year olds and a free VPK program. Please visit the following website http://www.elcbrevard.org/p/232/registration-information to learn if your child qualifies for VPK and steps to receiving your voucher. We accept School Readiness vouchers from the Early Learning Coalition to help parents who have a financial need with tuition. To learn more about School Readiness, please visit the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard’s Website:http://www.elcbrevard.org/p/218/school-readiness-subsidized-child-care-program

All students that attend Odyssey for VPK have priority enrollment into Odyssey’s Kindergarten Program. Applications for the 2015-16 preschool program are available at the school’s front office. To learn more about our preschool program and to set up a tour, please contact Amy White at 321-733-0442 or email her at whitea@odysseycharterschool.com
Mathematics

Below are some useful tips and resources that all students and parents can incorporate into their daily routine, whether your student is completing a primary grade level or preparing for the Mathematics-Florida Standards Assessment (3rd-6th Grade).

Fact Fluency: Even though students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade do not take the Florida Standards Assessment, all students (K-6) should be practicing grade-appropriate addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts on a regular basis.

Standards: Odyssey Charter School Students in Kindergarten through 6th grade have spent all year learning and practicing the Mathematics Florida Standards (MAFS) with the ultimate goal of achieving mastery. The following link, http://www.cpalms.org/Public/, is a great website to better understand the level in which students are taught Mathematics and to help your student achieve a firm mathematical foundation.

Homework: Math homework does not only teach students responsibility, but it is a very useful tool for classroom teachers to check for understanding on different mathematical concepts being taught on a regular basis.

Websites: Below is a list of content-appropriate Mathematical Websites that students can use at home.


For more information please contact Ms. Lopez at lopezl@odysseycharter.com

Media – Reader's Workshop

Reader's Workshop is reading program that has been used in media class this year. The students have been reading fiction and nonfiction books. The students received mini lessons on different reading strategies that will encourage better comprehension and understanding, they have listened to book passages that are read aloud, and respond to questions about the literature.

Students are taught how to make selections in the media center of books at their “just-right reading and interest level” and then are given reading time during class. Students are keeping a reading log to record their reading achievement. The reading logs are tools the students use to analyze their reading patterns. A popular part of Reader's Workshop is when the students are asked to work with partners and share what they have been reading. Students love discussing literature with their friends and it is a great learning experience.

Student Check-Out Reminder

Please remember that if you would like to check out your student it needs to be no later than 2:00pm. We understand that things do come up and we will work with families on a case to case basis, however we appreciate you adhering to the 2pm early check out time.

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten classes have been reading and learning about Presidents and American Symbols through our Core Knowledge English, Language Art curriculum. This Read-Aloud Anthology transcends many of the Kindergarten standards. They are excited about learning about our Founding Fathers: George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Many of them found it interesting that Thomas Jefferson was an author and that Abraham Lincoln did chores when he was a child. They have also learned about Theodore Roosevelt and our current President, Barack Obama. We have spent time discussing similarities and differences between the Presidents and events in their lives. In Writers Workshop the Kindergarten students are learning how to write informational pieces and are applying their writing skills, writing about the Presidents. Activities in the classroom include posters about American Symbols and Presidents as well as Presidential Timelines.

1st Grade

1st grade is participating in the Florida Farm to School Program. Florida’s Farm to School Harvest of the Month (HOM) is an educational program that highlights a different Florida-grown product each month. HOM cultivates a healthy food and farm connection by increasing students’ exposure to seasonal foods while also supporting local farmers. At the beginning of each month, classrooms receive a collection of materials that highlight a different Florida fruit or vegetable that is in season during that month. January highlighted Florida tomatoes. The students in Ms. Samways and Mrs. Krasny’s class completed a tomato lab. The students picked grape tomatoes from their garden and wrote about how the tomato felt, looked, and tasted and labeled the parts of a tomato on a diagram. The children enjoyed eating the many tomatoes that they grew!

2nd Grade

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a foundational part of Odyssey Charter School. Second graders have been studying how to maintain a healthy body through diet, exercise, and proper cleansing. They have also investigated the various systems that work together to make the body run like a machine.

Part of understanding how to maintain a healthy body also requires us to understand things that help and harm the body. Dr. Michael Cassler, an epidemiologist and Odyssey parent, shared a bit of his knowledge of the germs, bacteria, and viruses that are part of our world. Students saw stuffed toy models of viruses such as ebola, influenza and the bacteria, black plague. Don't be surprised if your second grader is now dreaming of becoming a scientist!
CLASSROOM NEWS (Continued)

6th Grade

The 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies classes have been busy preparing for the FSA writing test. We have analyzed a variety of informational texts, and as a culmination of each unit, we addressed a prompt and wrote a response to it. We have tirelessly written and learned to write an essay which includes citing evidence which is new to the standardized writing test this year. The students have come a long way in writing since the beginning of this school year. We are proud of all the hard work they are putting forth!

In 6th grade mathematics, we are beginning our statistics section. Our classes will be learning how to collect data by creating a class-based statistical question and gathering data. The students will learn how to display this data in a variety of forms and will analyze the data to determine the measures of central tendency.

In 6th grade science, we just finished presenting science fair in the classroom. We will be finishing up our chapter on energy, motion, velocity and acceleration next week and will be moving into our next chapter on forces. Students will be learning about types of forces, balanced and unbalanced forces, and Newton’s Laws of Motion.

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GROWING Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High

We are excited to share how Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School is growing. Next year, we will add 10th grade to our high school and we have already notified Brevard Public School about adding 11th grade for the 2016-2017 school year and 12th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. There are many benefits to sending your child to a small high school like Odyssey. Educational researchers throughout the United States, like Darling-Hammond (2002) and Uterman (2014) have found that small schools have:

• stronger overall academic achievement and lower dropout rates (especially for low-income students and students of color),
• better student attendance and behavior,
• greater participation in athletics and clubs, and
• a higher percentage of college acceptance.

In addition, students in these schools are more engaged in their learning, have closer relationships with their teachers, and require less remediation when entering college or universities due to their close monitoring by a more connected and small teaching staff (Pathak, et al 2013).

Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High STEM Academic Acceleration Program (STEM A2)

As our Jr/Sr High School grows, we are building important high school programs, such as our Jr/Sr High School grows, we are building important high school programs, such as our

Jr/Sr High Academic Updates

Jr/Sr High Social Science Department

In 7th Grade Civics, students continue to work hard at mastering each benchmark in preparation for our End of Course exam. Currently, the students are working on analyzing several different landmark Supreme Court cases that have impacted the lives of every American from Brown v. The Board of Education to Marbury v. Madison. Next unit, students will be comparing various types of governments. Students should make sure they are studying their End of Course vocabulary packets each week.

In 8th grade U.S. History, students are examining the way Andrew Jackson shaped the country, from the founding of the Democratic Party to the consolidation of power in the Presidency.

In 9th grade World History class, students have been studying the philosophies of the European Renaissance. Thomas More’s Utopia is the favorite of most students. We just began studying European monarchs during the Age of Absolutism.

In Psychology, we are learning about how personalities form through different psychological approaches including Freud and the Humanists.

Jr/Sr High Math Department

The Jr/Sr High School teachers and students are working diligently to prepare for the new 2015 FSA math test. Parents should expect their students to come home with homework practice workbook pages or worksheets between 3 and 4 nights a week. In addition, all Jr/Sr High students are being assigned weekly Study Island assignments as a major tool to practice and demonstrate mastery of the new Florida standards. Study Island is an internet-based computer program where students learn and practice the skills necessary to be successful on the FSA test. All students are expected to work on Study Island at home as part of their grade on a weekly basis. Each week, students have a minimum number of practice problems (usually 10 problems) to complete on Study Island in order to reach 70% mastery for that week's assigned skill(s).

Morning tutoring is available every day in Ms. O’Dea’s room from 8:30 to 8:55. Saturday Academic School is another option for Math support or enrichment, as there is always a Math teacher willing and ready to help Upper Campus OCS students from 9:00-11:30 every Saturday. If you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact your student’s math teacher by e-mail or phone.
**Florida Virtual School**

We are in the second semester and have a mixture of returning and new students excited about their new classes. There are many students who are now taking a second class because they love how they can go at their pace to finish the class. It is very exciting to see how the students interact with each other when they don’t understand an assignment. For example, Antonio Bernardo (4th period) has been an outstanding leader in the classroom. He goes above and beyond to help his fellow classmates. The FLVS teachers are also impressed because our students stay on task and meet their deadlines. For more information about FLVS, contact Ms. Castro at castrol@odysseycharter-school.com

**Jr/Sr High Club Updates**

**National Honor Society News**

National Junior Elementary Honor Society would like to ask for your support as we put together care packages for our troops in Afghanistan. We are collecting the following items: hygienic supplies (toothbrushes, sunscreen, etc.), books, magazines, crossword puzzles books, playing cards, and healthy snacks (trail mix, flavored water drops, protein bars, granola bars, beef jerky, nuts, etc.). You are also encouraged to write a letter to thank a soldier for his or her service. Donations are greatly appreciated and will go to soldiers overseas. Thank you and please bring your donations to Mrs. Williams in room #212.

**Latin Dance**

Whether your intention is for fun or fitness, learning Latin Dance is a great way to make new memories that will last a lifetime! Latin Dance Club gives a foundation of movement for any student with little or no dancing experience. In this club, members are learning the basics in ‘Salsa and Merengue’. Emphasis will be on the development of partnering skills, lead and follow, the basic principles of timing, as well as basic footwork and variations of simple turn patterns. This 9-week club meets every Monday from 4:15-5:00. Club instructors/sponsors include Ms. O’Dea, Ms. Burgoon, and Mr. Padilla. No student fee is necessary, but shoes that slide easy with a sole are preferred (rather than tennis shoes). For more information, see Ms. O’Dea in room 254 or e-mail her at odeaa@odysseycharter-school.com.

**Motor Mechanics Club**

Motor mechanics club continues to meet on Thursdays and has been working on cleaning carburetors belonging to two-stroke engines on several donated weed trimmers and a backpack leaf blower. Maintenance is also being performed on two mini bikes to include an upcoming engine install project. Students have been disassembling and attempting to reassemble, small engines and are learning hands on how motors work as well as how they are maintained.

**Robotics Club**

Robotics club is moving along and our robot is starting to take shape. We have just set up our wireless router so our robot will be able to move on its own by our next meeting. The students are working on the auxiliary parts that will help our robot pick up and/or scoop up the Whiffle balls. Soon we will be ready to compete against other local Robotics teams!

**Yoga Club**

Yoga club is in full swing meeting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this quarter from 7:45 am–8:25am in room 224. Our last meeting will be March 23rd. Come join us for some fun salutations and other Vinyasa flow sequences! Participants include: Amandine Claude, Chloe Gutowski-Selby, Sierra McQueen, Lexine Sibert, Shaude Stewart, Anuka Harden

**MS Flag Football**

This year we were able to fill two teams to play in the SCCA league which consists of the following teams Viera Charter, Bethany Christian, Park Avenue, and Calvary. The tournament will be played at Viera Charter School on March 14. Please come out and support the boys! Admission to the games: Adults $3.00 / Children $1.00

**MS Track**

Track practice will be starting soon. We hope to compete in two track events this year against other charter schools and private schools. The first track meet will be held on April 18 at Bayside High School. Times for the event have yet to be determined.
**Family Fun Dance**

Our Family Fun Dance was a Huge Success! The fourth grade hosted our first ever Family Fun Dance on January 30th. All lower campus students were invited to bring a special loved one from their household to spend the evening with. Banana bars and lemonade were served as snacks. The rest of the evening was spent dancing the night away with friends and family. All proceeds went towards the Fourth Grade St. Augustine trip. Thanks again to all of our families that came out for this special evening and helped support the 4th grade field trip!

**Physical Education**

Odyssey students participated in our annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign in February. This program ran through March 6th. Students learned about ways to maintain heart health through diet and exercise. Funds that were raised will benefit the research and educational programs offered by the American Heart Association.

**MS Boys Basketball**

MS Boys Basketball: Congratulations to the boys team for finishing the season undefeated and winning the tournament! The Titian’s played Bethany on January 23 in the semi-final game. Mike Charles led his team to a victory which could have gone either way with a final score of 58-57. This victory placed them in the championship game on January 24. If the game against Bethany wasn’t exciting enough for you the championship game on Saturday was another nail biter. They played against Viera Charter School for the championship game which wasn’t determined until the final buzzer of a score of 59-58. This time Angel Brito and Mike Charles put on some awesome defensive skills to score points at the end of the game. Thanks to everyone who came out to watch the tournament and support our middle school boys’ basketball team.

**5th Grade**

In February, the 5th grade visited the Brevard County Symphony where we listened to music that was based on a Superhero theme. The students loved hearing music from classic movies and TV shows, as well as some others that were equally spellbinding! The orchestra always puts on a great show for the elementary schools and this year was no different.

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Visit our website at **www.odysseycharterschool.com**