

# NEWS

JANUARY 2010

*"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 much achieve a balance of intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual and social skills as a foundation for life.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Odyssey Families,

We are so proud of our progress this year! From having Governor's Awards for Service Learning to having parent participation increase exponentially at PTO performances, it has been a great first half of the year. We ask that you continue to help us in the second semester by: reminding your children of what you expect of them in school, both in their behavior and in their grades; keeping in contact with our faculty and staff as needed; and by simply asking your children about their day, every day. Research tells us that if you do the previous three things, then your child will simply do better-and that is our collective goal. Thank you for using your cell phones outside of car loop, keeping "fast foods" outside of our school, and for being on time every day. Those things matter too. As always, just shoot me an email or leave me a voice mail or drop by. Email is [revisr@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:revisr@odysseycharterschool.com), and phone is 733.0442 x107.

Love,  
Dr. Revis

## GLEE CLUB



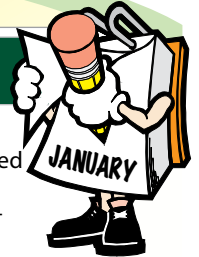
If your child is in the glee club, and would like to audition for a lead role in Annie, please make sure your child has been memorizing that part in the script and listening to the CD and watching the movie. The glee club has several volunteer needs and opportunities listed below.

- Dance choreographer to help teach the glee club dance steps from the 1920's-1930's (the lindy, the charleston, ballroom dancing)
- Fundraising to purchase a high tech projector to project a backdrops onto the wall
- Stage design, building props, etc.

If you can help with ay of these or would like to help out on Tuesday rehearsals, please contact Mr. Hoffman at [hoffmang@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:hoffmang@odysseycharterschool.com).

Happy New Year!!!

## CALENDAR



- ▶ **Jan 13:** K-6 Report Cards Issued
- ▶ **Jan 14:** PTO Meeting @ 6pm - Kindergarten performs
- ▶ **Jan 15:** Wellness Committee Meeting at 3:00 p.m. / Spirit Day
- ▶ **Jan 18:** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday/Holiday for All
- ▶ **Jan 20:** 7-8 Report Cards Issued
- ▶ **Jan 21:** Science Fair
- ▶ **Jan 28:** Board Meeting
- ▶ **Jan 29:** Dress Down Day
- ▶ **Feb 6:** PTO 5K Run/Walk
- ▶ **Feb 9-11:** FCAT Writes

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



Odyssey would like to thank our business partners for recent donations of food and gift items to our school.

- Fellowship of United Methodist Church
- Tropical Fruit Trees & More
- Standard Publishing Services, LLC
- Bayside Lakes Dev. LLC
- Home Depot in Palm Bay
- Papa John's Pizza, Bayside Lakes
- Publix Supermarket
- Winn Dixie
- Major's Golf Course
- Brevard Florist
- Emma's Florist
- Beautiful Bouquets & Baskets
- Larry Cherry & Mary at Sam's Club
- Ace Hardware
- Home Depot
- Lowe's

## BIKE SAFETY WEEK

The week of the 11th-15th of Jan. will be bike safety week here at Odyssey. The students will need to bring in their bikes and helmets starting this week. For those kids that ride their bikes to school this does not apply to them. When their class goes to PE I will have them retrieve their bike from the rack in time for PE. For those kids that do not ride their bikes to school, if the parents can drop off the bike before or after school that would be greatly appreciated. The bikes will need to be placed in the parking lot area in the back near the dumpster. Please do not throw the bikes on the floor. Please indicate that we are not responsible for stolen or damaged bikes, but they can have some ease that the facility is locked with a gate/key and we do have cameras facing that parking lot. If they decide not to bring their bikes, that is okay. On the afternoon of the 15th, the bikes will need to be picked up by the parent or an authorized adult. Also if the bikes and helmets can have their child's name marked with a sharpie or any other label that would avoid students taking bikes that do not belong to them. This is the first time representatives from the state will be coming in and teaching the children the safety procedures of bike riding...THIS IS NOT A TRAINING SESSION ON HOW TO RIDE A BIKE.....

## BUS INFORMATION

We still have availability on all four buses, it varies by stop and bus. Please note that we can not make last minute changes on the transportation of your child. For example, if it is dismissal time and your child goes on the bus, a parent or any other authorized person can not take the child(ren) off the bus. Also let the parents know that switching or adding students from one bus to the other is not accepted or allowed by the state of Florida. We will not allow the students to switch or add friends to their bus....

## ESOL

Students are doing great and that their teachers, ESOL coordinator and the students are working together. There is a new computer program in place and it is individualized to help each child grow in their English proficiency and the understanding of the five areas of academics: language, math, reading, science and history.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### BOOK FAIR at your Media Center:

OK, Middle Schoolers, this one's for you! We are having a Middle School book fair two days only-- Feb. 2nd and 3rd. Our Middle School Book Fair features a special mix of up to 600 high-interest, age-appropriate books and exclusive titles designed to help kids reconnect with books at a time when many have closed the door on reading.

The proceeds of this bookfair will go to purchase more books for our new Young Adult Section of the Media Center and some extra shelving. It is an exclusive sale for 6th, 7th and 8th graders only.

## VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

Students have the opportunity to access online education through the Brevard Virtual Instruction Program. For more information - call 321-633-1000 x382 or visit <http://virtualinstruction.brevard.k12.fl.us/>

### Grievance Procedures

Parents having a grievance with a teacher are asked to try to work out the problem with the teacher first. If this is not possible, please contact Dr. Reggie Revis, Principal, at 733-0442. If problems cannot be resolved at the school level, parents are welcome to present their problems at the next monthly board meeting by following the presentation procedures mentioned above.

## WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wise Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles Wellness Committee Meeting Friday, January 15, at 3:00 p.m in the Media Center.

Odyssey's Wise Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles Wellness Program invites Parents, Students and Teachers to join the Wellness Committee!

The purpose of our Wellness Program is to promote, protect and enhance the health and learning potential of students and staff. For more information on the goals of this program, please review the Wellness Policy on our Website (click the link on the Healthy Café page) or read the copy in our front office.

Volunteers are always welcome (and needed!) to help with activities such as farm-to-school produce harvests, grant writing, and gardening. To join the committee, please contact :

Jane Martin,  
Wellness Committee Chairperson, at  
[drjanemartin@bellsouth.net](mailto:drjanemartin@bellsouth.net) or  
[martinj@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:martinj@odysseycharterschool.com).



## THANK YOU

TO OUR WELLNESS PROGRAM PARTNERS:

Odyssey Charter School Parent Teacher Organization  
Osceola Organic Farm, Kevin O'Dare  
Valkaria Organic Farms, Jean Lacarte  
Trevena Bee Farm, Lyndon Jones  
Waste Management, Erin LeClair  
University of Florida Agricultural Extension Service Agents  
Master Gardener Margaret Vidacs  
Sams Club of Melbourne, Larry Cherry and Mary

## VOLUNTEER NEWS

Odyssey Families, please remember that each family is supposed to volunteer 18 hours for one child, and 25 hours for two or more children. We are starting our second semester, and volunteer hours are low. We always have plenty of opportunities to help, whether it be coming in to help in your children's class, reading to small groups, helping in the cafeteria at lunch, participating in PTO functions, or even the at home Read Aloud program. For more information, please contact Donna Marciniak at : [marcinikd@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:marcinikd@odysseycharterschool.com) , or 733-0442 xt 101 Thank you.

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