



NEWS

MARCH 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.

CALEN

CALENDAR

- ▶ **March 9 - 19:** FCAT Testing
- ▶ **March 26:** Dress Down Day
- ▶ **March 29 - April 2:** Spring Break



Stay tuned for news about our school-wide celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Odyssey Families,

I would like to thank you for supporting our school. At our last Wellness Committee meeting, we talked about how great our program is, but how tough it can be also. Please remember, no unhealthy snacks for our classes and no "fast food" intrusions into our lunchrooms. Please also remember to hang up your cell phone while in car loop. Please remember that we begin school at 8:00 a.m. and that unexcused tardies add up to absences. Please continue to talk to your children at home about their behavior and academics while at Odyssey. Please remember to be positive and uplifting at home during FCAT. I think that is enough reminders! Our new building is coming soon and we plan to have a simple meaningful ceremony for that. Our Healthy Cafe is reporting more and more children enjoying our tasty and healthy fare. We give our homeroom teachers Friday without lunch duty, so I am in there with other non-homeroom staff, and it is really great to see. The atmosphere is lively and positive. Come let us serve you lunch one Friday! Our readiness scores for kindergarten are available so we can chart our growth so far in that important first year. In first and second grades, parts of the FAIR assessment are also available for your review. Our MAP scores in third through eighth grades indicate that we should do pretty well on the upcoming FCAT. We trust our teachers, though, to really tell you how things are going so be sure to keep in touch with them: They know. Thank you for trusting us to teach the whole child, and thank you for choosing Odyssey. As always, touch base with me when you need to do so.

Love,
Dr. Revis

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

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

- **TWO MEN and a TRUCK**
- **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**

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The kindergartens have spent the month learning about several of our presidents, the history of our country, and some of our country's symbols. The students have worked on projects at home and brought them in to present to their classmates. The projects are on display in the first hallway. We encourage you to come by and see what we have been learning!

PERFORMING ARTS



Thank you to the families who have pre-ordered the tickets and DVD's for our Annie performance. We still need to raise more money to help us purchase the projector we need for the backdrops and props. Order forms are available on the home page of our website and in the front office. **Please fill them out and bring to Mr. Hoffman as soon as possible.**

As a reminder, we will be performing Annie on May 11th and 13th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for Odyssey students and children under 5 are free. This cost entitles you to attend both shows. All members of the glee club, middle school orchestra and all 2nd graders will be performing. The DVD of the show will be \$10.00.

2ND HALLWAY NEWS

The courtyard garden beds are filled and ready for planting, thanks to the help and efforts of our third grade students and parents, Mansa Walston, Andrea Mantilla, Jacob Meeks, Dominick Sylvain, Jakob Brockhausen, and Isabel Camba.

The Flower Power fund raiser is in full swing. Remember to order your bulbs, flowers, and plants before March 12th. 3rd and 4th grade students are taking orders, or can you order directly through our site at http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=919

The proceeds will help us raise funds for outdoor seating for our students while leaning and working in the gardens.

HEALTHY CAFE

Children need your help! Congress is looking to invest more money in every child's school lunch with the impending reauthorization of the Child Nutrition and WIC act. Join with us in asking them to spend \$1.00 a day on fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and whole grains to change the way our kids eat school lunch. We here at Odyssey are well on our way to doing this but would be happy to see others schools follow in our path. Together we can transform the system so that our children don't have future costly health problems associated with poor eating habits. Please visit the website at: www.lunchboxadvocates.org to let your voice be heard.

Thanks,
Deb Chapman, Healthy Cafe

KEEP UP TO SPEED
AND CHECK OUR
SCHOOL WEBSITE
WEEKLY!

www.odysseycharterschool.com



FPL TEACHER GRANTS

Congratulations to the following award winners in the FPL Teacher Grant competition.

Here Comes the Sun	Alexis Rotstein
Let the Sun Shine	Amanda Kassabian
Blowing in the Wind	Kathryn Archibald & Mandi Rasch
Electricity- It's a SNAP	Tara Jankovic

READERS ARE LEADERS

We just celebrated our reading clubs in k-3rd grades. 52 students that read 5 Junie B. Jones books or Magic Tree House books came to our celebrations on Feb. 19th. We will soon be celebrating our Sunshine State Readers in grades 3-5 after FCATs are over. We will be choosing a team of students to represent our school for Book Bash from this group. Our Spring book fair will be April 19-23. It is after Spring Break this year. We had a 2-day book fair for Middle School in early February. This will be the last book fair this year. Finally, the Reading Dragon that has grown first semester will be coming down soon. Our fourth graders have read the most books, followed closely by second graders. Congratulations to all our readers! Becoming an excellent reader will help you to become a better student.

Odyssey's Media Specialist and loving it!
Mrs. Baker

SPANISH

I want to thank Spanish Honor Society and La clase de espanol for helping with the gardens in the second hallway. Spanish Honor Society does community service at school whenever is needed. Spanish Class I and II also got pen pals. They are writing with kids in Colegio Champagnat de Surco en Lima Peru. Kids are very excited to be writing to each other to improve their writing abilities in Spanish.

- Deb Munoz, Spanish teacher

Grievance Procedures

- Step 1: Request Teacher conference to clarify issue.
- Step 2: Contact Principal if unresolved with the teacher
- Step 3: Contact identified person at Academia Central Florida Management Company
- Step 4: Contact the President of the Governing Board
- Step 5: Present issue at the next monthly Board of Directors Meeting if unresolved
- Step 6: Seek mediation with the Sponsor

ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL • 1755 Eldron Blvd. S.E.
Palm Bay, Florida 32909 • Phone: 321.733.0442
Fax: 321.733.1178 • www.odysseycharterschool.com