



Odyssey Academy Newsletter

April 30, 2010

Odyssey C.A.R.E.S.

The C.A.R.E.S. program is a component of "Responsive Classroom" teacher training and a large part of Odyssey's school climate and character-development for all the students, kindergarten through eighth grade. The letters stand for Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-control.

In March and April the focus was on "self control". The students talked about how to show self control and the classmates that they noticed often used self control, or had gained more self control over the school year. Some of the ways Odyssey students have been noticed to show self control are by taking care of their own business, communicating appropriately, and by remaining calm through stress.

At the April C.A.R.E.S. assembly the students that were nominated for "self control" were recognized. At that assembly we also recognized the teachers at Odyssey for their work this

year, in preparation for teacher appreciation day, on May 6.

Be sure to check out the C.A.R.E.S. display case in the center hallway to see the photos of the students that were nominated for representing "self control". Congratulate those students when you see them!

The Festival of Nations Variety Show is Coming Soon!

Odyssey's annual Variety Show is coming up on May 7, 2010. This year we are continuing the "Festival of Nations" theme.

Be sure this fun, annual Odyssey event is marked on your calendar, and make plans to attend. There are many Odyssey staff and students who are "getting their acts together" to entertain you!

Get involved! We can use parent helpers to assist during the event, or to help serve the "Festival of Nations" concessions following the event. Please contact Mrs. Johnson at jjohnson@odysseyacademy.org, or Shel Auld at mskbauld@yahoo.com or (763)971-8200 for more information.

Adventure Trips This Month!

They are finally here! All classes, kindergarten through middle school, will participate in an adventure trip this month. If you have questions about the adventure trip for your child's class, please contact the classroom teacher. If you have questions about your student's individual fund raising account please contact Shel at mskbauld@yahoo.com or (763)971-8200.

Be sure to get all the necessary paperwork completed and handed into your child(ren)'s teacher(s) by the due date.

Track and Field Day:

Friday, May 28 will be Odyssey's annual track and field day. All of the students participate within grade "teams". Mr. Fritschel will need parent volunteers during each of the scheduled groups. Please contact Shel Auld at (763)971-8200 or mskbauld@yahoo.com to sign up or for more information.

Thank You, Odyssey Teachers!

Teacher Appreciation day is Thursday, May 6. We encourage all families to offer a token of their appreciation (even a homemade card from the child) to the teacher(s) that has offered so much time and attention to your child(ren).

We will be serving a catered lunch to the teachers and are scheduling for them to be able to enjoy it together. We need support from all Odyssey parents! We will need parent partners to assist with the classes while the teachers eat. Most of the classes will be with a paraprofessional at lunch and recess during this time, so the parents will not be supervising the class alone.

Please give what you can to show your appreciation to the Odyssey teachers. Contact Shel Auld at (763)971-8200 or mskbauld@yahoo.com to let me know what you can do to help.

Ice Cream Social/Music Program

Music Program Reminder – Mark Your Calendars!

There will be a Patriotic music program on **Friday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the gym**. This will include grades 3-5 and some middle schoolers. The public is encouraged to attend. It will be a great evening with lots of exciting Patriotic music!

News from Grades 4-5

Odyssey=Adventures in Learning

Finally! The fourth and fifth graders got to meet Ted Kueppers! About two months ago, students were able to participate in the annual letter writing contest through the post office. Each student had the opportunity to write to Mr. Kueppers (pronounced Kippers). Mrs. Rosengren's class wrote about their hero, and Mr. Skramstad's wrote about success. On April 27 both classes entered Mrs. Rosengren's room to choruses of "yeah we get to meet Mr. Kueppers!" Garrett went right up to him and said, "Hi! Nice to meet you Mr. Kueppers" and shook his hand! Mr. Kueppers enthusiastically greeted all of the children, and then they anxiously awaited the announcement of who had

won. The winners in Mr. Skramstad's room were: First Place -Alexis Peterson, Second Place-James Qualah, and Third Place -Junior Kai. The winners in Mrs. Rosengren's room were: First Place - Amirah Watkins, Second Place - Demetria McGrone, and Third Place - Garrett Moore! The children proudly read their letters to the class! Congratulations!

Adventure Trips

We can't wait! Students are very excited to attend their Adventure Trips on May 12, 13, and 14! What an awesome privilege to be able to see the world around us and interact with it! These trips help children build background knowledge about the world around them, which also helps them connect concepts to what they are learning in school! It is a fantastic opportunity to be a better student!

Remember that final payments for Adventure Trips are due by Monday!

Go Cart Club

Did you know that a group of Fourth Grade boys have been meeting to build an electric go cart? Earlier this year all of the students had an opportunity to build a small model of a go cart. A few are building a larger car which they will race on May 15 at the Becker Field house. During this project we have also had the opportunity to work with Mr. David Fehr who is an engineer! This has been a great way for kids to learn the new science standards in engineering! Look out other teams-here comes ODYSSEY!

Big River Journey

The 4/5s will be attending Big River Journey on May 20th! Watch for the permission slip!

Kindergarten News

The end of the year is fast approaching. Kindergarteners have already started the final project for project night June 7th. We are learning about the world around us including plants, animals, and how to care for the earth.

We have two field trips before the end of the year. Kindergarteners head to Baker Park Wilderness Reserve on May 18th and to the Como Zoo June 9th.

Rehearsing for the kindergarten program has also begun. The performance is June 10th at 8:30 am. Families are invited to stay for an ice cream social immediately following the program!

Go on a Summer Adventure for Half-Price!

Are you interested in going on an exciting adventure this summer? You're in luck! The Audubon Center in Sandstone, MN offers many great summer adventures for children and families. There is a Family Fishing Weekend for all ages, a Forts, Fires & Fishing week-long camp for children ages 10-14, and a Ropes, Rocks & Roughing It week-long camp for children ages 13-15. Miss Driscoll is offering five scholarships to children that would like to attend. The scholarship would cover half the cost of the trip! Please visit www.audubon-center.org for more camp details and email Miss Driscoll at jdriscoll@odysseyacademy.org if you are interested in qualifying for a scholarship.

Dates to Remember:

May 3, Monday – Asian/So. Pacific Heritage Day.

May 4, Tuesday – Spring Flowers delivered.

May 6, Thursday – Teacher Appreciation Day.

May 7, Friday – Festival of Nations Variety Show, 7:00.

May 10, Monday – CAC meeting, 3:30.

May 11, Tuesday – Wellness and School Improvement meetings, 4:00.

May 12, Wednesday – Technology meeting, 4:00.

May 12-14 – Grades 3-5 Audubon trip.

May 13 – Marketing meeting, 3:15.

May 13, 14 – Grades 1-2 Audubon trip.

May 18, Tuesday – Kindergarten Baker Near-Wilderness Trip.

May 19, Wednesday – Middle school trip to Ordway

May 21, Friday – Ice Cream Social and Patriotic Music Program, 6:00.

May 26, Wednesday – Finance meeting, 5:00.

School Board meeting, 6:00.

May 28, Friday – Track and Field Day.

May 31, Monday – No School.

June 1-4 – grades 6-8 Wolf's Ridge trip

June 7, Monday – Tri III Project Demonstrations and Spring Picnic, 6:00 – 7:30.

June 10, Thursday – Last Day of School, early release, 11:30.