



Odyssey Academy Newsletter

May 28, 2010

Come Join the Parade!

The Brooklyn Center Earle Brown Days parade is the evening of Thursday, June 24, and has a new route this year. The parade will travel down 63rd Avenue North and end at Odyssey Academy! The awards ceremony will be held in our backyard on Odyssey grounds at the conclusion of the parade.

All Odyssey families are welcome to join us and walk in the parade. Let's show the Brooklyn Center community what a great place Odyssey is for students and families alike! Please contact Shel Auld at (763)971-8200, or mskbauld@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the parade walk, and to obtain more information, like meeting place and time.

End-of-the-Year Program

The last day of school, June 10, we will be presenting our annual End-of-the-Year program in the gymnasium. All families are welcome to join us, as we celebrate another fantastic school year at Odyssey Academy!

Kindergarten Graduation will be from 8:30 – 9:30, and then those classes and families will move their celebration to the kindergarten classrooms.

Then at 9:30, the 1st – 8th grades will enjoy an hour-long program. We will view our "a year in photos" slide show, recognize the middle school Trimester III Honor Roll students and other awards, the choir will perform, and there will be the 8th grade Graduation Ceremony.

Remember, the last day of school is an Early Release Day! Students will be dismissed at 11:30.

Outstanding Odyssey Partners!

Odyssey Academy partners logged a whopping 546 partnership hours in the month of May. That equates to approximately \$7,371!

Thanks to all the parents and community members whom have supported our school and encouraged our students this year! You are all appreciated beyond words!

Activities for the 2010-2011 School Year!

We are pleased to announce the addition of 7th and 8th grade athletics for next school year. In partnership with Brooklyn Center schools, Odyssey Academy will be able to offer 10 sports opportunities, including Summer Strength, which runs June – August, 2010. The other nine sports will run during the school year.

More information on specific sports will be announced as each season approaches. Please contact Shel Auld if you have any questions at mskbauld@yahoo.com or (763)971-8200.

Kindergarten News

June is an exciting month as we prepare for first grade. Kindergarteners will have the opportunity to visit one of the first grade classes during the school day! We will also take a trip to the Como Zoo to celebrate all that we have learned about the different animal kingdoms. Our year together will conclude with a program on the last day of school, showcasing all of our kindergarteners.

As the school year ends, learning doesn't have to! Read with your student throughout the summer. Play with numbers and counting. Tell your child what is needed from the grocery store and let him/her write the grocery list!

Recycling, Race to Ribbons Results

As previously reported, our fourth and fifth grade recycled-parts-go-cart engineers competed in a race at Becker Field House recently.

The car was fashioned out of a table and three bikes! Our students learned about many scientific standards including electricity, friction, and carpentry.

Odyssey won the award for "Creative Use of Materials & Switches," as well as

ribbons for: 1st place in slalom in our heat, 1st place slalom overall, 25 laps in endurance race, and second in our heat for the Drag Race! Congrats, Speed Racers!

Saturday, June 12

Whole Kids Club Presents: Take A Dip!
11:00-12:00 p.m. **Cost: \$5 for Whole Kids Club members, \$8 for non-members**
With Chef Ani

When it's hot out and you're hungry for a snack, but you don't want to get hot in the kitchen, what do you do? Have a dip! We'll talk all about dips, the different ways to make them, and make four fun, cool savory flavors! Come hungry! Class is *vegetarian* and appropriate for ages 5-14. *Pre-registration is required.* Salsa, Hummus, Cheese Dip and Pesto. Yum!

Saturday, June 26

Whole Kids Club Presents: Fun with Fruit!

11:00-12:00 p.m. **\$5 for Whole Kids Club Members, \$8 for non-members**
With Chef Ani

Did you know you're supposed to eat FIVE servings of fruit a day to grow up big and strong? How can you eat all that fruit in one day? Here's how! In this fun class, we'll explore all kinds of different fruit, from apples and oranges to some that you've probably never tried before. We'll mash them into smoothies, grate them into salsa and make beautiful fruit tarts for you to take home and enjoy. Yum! Class is appropriate for ages 5-14. *Pre-registration is required.*

Saturday, August 21

Whole Kids Club Presents: Make Your Own Ice Cream
1:00-2:00 p.m. **\$5 for members, \$8 for non-members**

You'll be screaming for ice cream after this class! Join Chef Ani in making your very own batch of ice cream! You'll be able to flavor it with a variety of choices from fruit to chocolate cookie crumbles. Then enjoy it before it melts away!

Remember These Dates:

May 31, Monday – No School.

June 1-4 – grades 6-8 Wolf 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.

End of Year programs (Kindergarten @ 8:30, 1st-8th grades @ 9:30)