

Dear Open Classroom Families,

It was exciting to see such a great turnout at our Prospective Parent Information Night! Our enrollment numbers continue to climb! If you still have a referral for the open classroom, we will continue to conduct tours and enroll students throughout the remainder of this school year.

Parent, Teacher, Kid (PTK) conferences are this week. If you have not signed up for a time with your student's teacher yet, please reach out to their teacher and schedule a conference time. PTK conferences are a vital part of your child's education in which you can discuss progress and set goals as a Parent, Teacher, Kid team! We will have early release days on Wednesday and Thursday this week at 1:30 pm.

The yearbook committee needs your photos! Please send photos for the yearbook to this email: ocyearbookphotos@gmail.com with grade, teacher, or event in the subject line.

With our enrollment on the rise, we have many new families that are learning all about the OC philosophy. I will share our mission and vision statements in this letter, and I will be starting a separate monthly letter to discuss OC philosophy.

The Open Classroom has operated for 45 years as an optional education program with Salt Lake City School District ("SLCSD" or "District"). Sixteen years ago, the Open Classroom transitioned to a district-supported charter school within SLCSD.

The Open Classroom's Mission Statement reads:

The Open Classroom is a parent-cooperative learning community in which teachers and parents collaborate to educate the whole child and empower lifelong learners.

The Open Classroom's Vision Statement reads:

The Open Classroom inspires authentic learning by engaging everyone in dynamic and evolving practices in a welcoming environment.

At the heart of the school are the following principles which have been the foundation of our success:

- ◆ Every person in the learning community plays a role in creating and maintaining a meaningful, purposeful learning environment.
- ◆ We use small-group collaborative learning that builds on students' interests.
- ◆ Parents assist ("co-op") in the classroom, which gives students more individualized attention from both parents and teachers.
- ◆ Multi-age classrooms encourage students to learn from each other.
- ◆ Every child is treated as an individual.

- ◆ Every child is treated as a whole child, with their social, emotional, creative, cognitive, and physical growth and development being considered and nurtured, while state academic expectations are being met.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 7-8 – PTK Conferences, Early Dismissal at 1:30

Feb. 16 – Early Dismissal at 1:30

Feb. 19 – No School, Presidents Day

Mar. 8 – Uppers Play Performance

Mar. 14 – Music Ensembles Performance, 6:30 pm

Mar. 15- Whole School Talent Show. 6:30 pm

Mar. 15 – End of 3rd Quarter

Mar. 29 – Early Dismissal at 1:30

Apr. 1-5 – No School, Spring Break

Apr. 19 – Early Dismissal at 1:30

May 10 – Art Stroll, Early Dismissal at 1:30

May 27 – No School, Memorial Day

May 30 – Last Day of School and Early Dismissal at 1:30

Should you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, I am available to assist you. You can reach me through our main office phone number or via email. I also encourage you to regularly check our school website and Facebook for important updates and announcements.

Sincerely,

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