

Dear Open Classroom Families,

It was nice to see everyone involved in PTKs last week. We know that a collaborative approach between Parents, Teachers, and Kids is best for your child's education.

We are so thrilled with our growing numbers at Open Classroom! Because we have had many new enrollments mid-year, we will be having a New Family Night on February 29 at 6:30 pm. This event will be held on Zoom. We will be providing beneficial information about Open Classroom and help you be successful.

The Open Classroom philosophy is that students learn most effectively when they are immersed in authentic learning experiences where they can:

- ◆ Practice self-reliance
- ◆ Assume responsibility for their own learning
- ◆ Develop positive self-esteem and confidence
- ◆ Experience decision-making opportunities
- ◆ Learn cooperatively in multi-aged settings
- ◆ Receive guidance and support from caring, licensed teachers
- ◆ Receive guidance and support from parents who actively participate in classroom activities and school operation

I am impressed every day as I walk through the halls of OC and have students of all ages come up and talk to me about how they are doing in school, sharing their achievements, or advocating for their needs. Students at OC learn the skills to be friendly, independent, and caring individuals.

I would like to remind everyone that our After Care program is now open to all grades Pre-K through 8th grade. If you would like to enroll your child in our After Care program, please contact the front office.

Signups for the Open Classroom Talent Show will go out on February 20, but you can start practicing now!

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 16 – Early Dismissal at 1:30

Feb. 19 – No School, Presidents Day

Feb. 29 – New Families Meeting, 6:30 pm – on ZOOM

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. 16 – S.T.E.M. Night

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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