

Dear Open Classroom Families,

I would like to report that our enrollment numbers for next year are looking amazing! Referrals from current OC families continue to be our most successful source of referrals. I encourage you to invite family, friends, neighbors to attend any of our upcoming events and see what Open Classroom is all about and why we would be the best choice for their students.

OC Philosophy - Students as Teachers:

Students are also integral to the creation of a unique, child-centered learning environment and often help select the manner in which curriculum is implemented. Under the direction of the teacher and parents, they supplement and enrich the curriculum. Below are some of the activities in which children may be engaged. These activities vary, based on age or grade level.

- "Kid Co-oping": Students plan, prepare, and facilitate small group activities with their peers. They learn what it is like to be a "teacher" and "co-oper."
- Multi-age mentoring: Students have the opportunity to be leaders as the older ones in a multi-aged classroom, and model what they know for the younger students. Younger students have the opportunity to be coached and learn from their peers through the multi-age experience.
- Directing curriculum: Students have a voice in guiding the direction of the curriculum through conversation with the teacher. Teachers learn from the students what their interests and strengths are and use these to create a student-centered curriculum. Students help to transform classroom learning so it makes sense to them and interests them.

Silent Auction: Watch for upcoming information announcing the opening of the silent auction this week!

Prospective Parent Information Night: May 2 @ 6:30 – Please invite anyone you think may be interested in Open Classroom to attend.

Art Stroll: May 10. This is our biggest night! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this event. I am looking forward to seeing the entire school transform into an art gallery displaying student work. There will be carnival games, student music performances, vendors, food trucks, dunk tanks, and LOTS of fun.

Upcoming Events:

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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