

## Penguin Post

Dear Open Classroom Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the year! I want to thank all you parents who are involved in your child's education by co-opping, serving on committees, volunteering, and being present. Our school was founded on the principle that parents wanted/should be involved in their child's education. If you missed the first parent meeting, please speak with your child's teacher about how you can be involved here at school.

The Open Classroom has operated for 47 years as an optional education program and charter school within the Salt Lake City School District.

### **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.

### **Important Information:**

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- [Support Our School and Show Your Pride with OC Yard Signs!](#)  
Limited time offer! Sale ends at the Back to School Picnic on 9/5.  
Order Here: [bit.ly/OCyardsigns](https://bit.ly/OCyardsigns)  
We have 4 stylish designs available for just \$15 each. Help boost our school spirit, create brand awareness, and raise money for our school.
- [Save the Date! Back to School Potluck Picnic](#)  
September 5th, 5:30-8:30pm, Sugar House Hidden Grove Pavilion
- [Sign Up for a Committee!](#)  
Have fun, support our teachers and students, and add value to our school.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AFAB2DA4FBC70-49752429-20242025>
- [Drop-off and Pick-up Guidelines:](#)  
Please review the updated guidelines. Help keep our kiddos safe during drop-off and pick-up while getting through the lanes quickly!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- August 20 - First Day of School – Early Out Day
- September 2 – Labor Day – No School
- Back to school night picnic – September 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-8:30 Sugarhouse Park
- September 27 – No School
- September 20<sup>th</sup> - Walk a thon - Early Out Day – 1:30
- October 17 & 18 – Fall Break
- October 21 – No Student Day – No School
- October 25 – End of First Quarter
- October PTK's – October 23 & 24 1:45-6:30 – Early Out
- Book Fair included during PTK times in October
- October 31 - Halloween - Early Out Day – 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. I hope you all have a great summer!

Sincerely,

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**Craig Pitts**