

Dear Open Classroom Families,

### **Parent Teacher Kid (PTK) Conferences:**

PTK's are coming up on October 9 & 10 and are embedded in the Open Classroom Philosophy! Students are more successful as all team members work together for the success of our students. If you have not signed up for a conference yet, please refer to the latest parent letter from your child's teacher for sign up information, or you may reach out to your child's teacher.

### **Walk-A-Thon:**

Thank you for all the generous support and efforts towards our school's Walk-A-Thon!! Our goal this year is to raise \$18,000. **We will be accepting donations until 9/27.** Please return donation collection envelopes to the office (even if they are empty - we re-use them every year).

Online Donation: <https://www.ocslc.org/community/make-a-donation>

All proceeds from the Walk-A-Thon will supplement school activities, field trips, after school sports, classroom supplies and activities, and visual & performing arts.

### **Enrollment:**

We are currently accepting enrollment in grades 1, 2, 6, 7, & 8. Please feel free to refer your neighbor, friend, and family to check out our amazing school!

### **Co-oping:**

Co-oping is probably the most distinctive feature of the Open Classroom. It creates a learning community where inclusiveness and lifelong friendships are fostered among students and families. Parent participation contributes to whole child development and provides important resources to the school. It also keeps the parents informed about their child's education. We have also found that students thrive on having a parent or other adult they know in the classroom helping them and their friends. **Flexible Co-oping** allows parents to co-op for one or more hours weekly to meet the instructional needs of the class. Students are supported by co-ops in small group work, independent work, and friendships. Parents gain a deep knowledge of the learning methods and objectives and offer their own unique experiences to the class or grade level. Teachers gain a greater ability to provide small group and individual support to enhance personal development and learning outcomes. **Alternative Co-oping** allows

parents to participate by assisting the teacher or the school with 5 assignments that are performed outside of the classroom.

### **Field Trip Volunteers:**

It is required that parents who volunteer to attend field trips as chaperones must be fingerprinted and background checked. If you are planning to attend field trips this year with your child's class, please stop by the office and fill out the fingerprint application. If you have already been fingerprinted by the district after 2017, you do not have to do it again, and once you are fingerprinted, you are covered year-to-year while your child is in the Salt Lake City School District!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- October PTK's and Book Fair– October 9 & 10 1:45-6:30 – Early Out
- October 16 – Picture Day
- October 17 & 18 – Fall Break
- October 21 – No Student Day – No School
- October 25 – End of First Quarter
- 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.

Sincerely,

**Craig Pitts**