



Open Classroom Community News



Co-oping Corner

Happy New Year to our amazing amazing Open Classroom community! Your challenge this month is to bring a sense of newness and freshness to your co-oping. Are you a long time co-oper with 8 years experience? Or are you just starting out on your co-oping journey? Wherever you are, we encourage you to step into your classroom this month with a sense of new beginnings. Sometimes it's easy to slide into a resigned, all-too-comfortable place while you're co-oping. And for the long-time veterans, it can even begin to feel a bit like "Groundhog's Day". Maybe you don't have the same enthusiasm that you did at the

beginning of your co-oping years....? This month, look around the classroom with new eyes and remember what it was about co-oping that got you excited and enthusiastic in the first place! Remember that co-oping is the heart of the Open Classroom and it's a wonderful opportunity and use of your time to be in your child's classroom. Happy 2011 and Happy Co-oping!"

OC Community News

Upcoming deadlines are Mondays, January 17, January 31 and February 14.

Please send any submissions including OC articles, announcements, photographs, and artwork, to oc.communitynews@gmail.com

Philosophy Committee

What is Self-Directed-Learning (SDL)? SDL is a process in which the student takes initiative for their own learning. With self-directed learning, the individual learner can become empowered to take increasingly more responsibility for various decisions associated with the learning endeavor. During this process the role of the instructor develops from a "sage on the stage" to more of a "guide on the side."

Often, SDL is considered contradictory to traditional methods of education in which the teachers decide what will be studied and when, have complete control over how they assess the student's success and determines when students are ready for educational subjects.

On the way to becoming Life Long Learners, the students at the OC are also being taught to be responsible for their own learning. Choice time and planners are some

ways in which our kids are being involved in this process. They are learning to assess their own needs and goals and then decide how to implement and attain these goals.

If you are interested in more information on self-directed learning check out these articles: http://www.education.com/reference/article/Ref_Self_Directed/ and http://www.ehow.com/about_6327479_self_directed-learning-children.html

Counselor's Corner

Dear OC Community,

I want to share a HUGE thank you from the families who received your generosity from our Sub for Santa Swap. Here is a note from a teacher at the other school who helped me gather the list of wants/needs from one of the families.

Rose,

I met with Mrs. ---- today and got the list compiled for you. She is VERY grateful and wasn't sure if it could be true. She said that her husband has

been out of a job for over a year and this is a HUGE help for her and her family. She was surprised that the adults got things too. Very humble and excited. When I asked her what she "wanted" she said that she wanted food. I told her that was separate. She got so excited. Anyway, it was a good choice for a family. I put the paper in your box. Thanks for letting me be a part of this! *Kaelynn*

It was such a delight to be one of the people to deliver your generosity. Both families were in great need and were so

very grateful. Our community provided food, clothes, books, diapers and some fun things to each member of both families. We are also looking into getting the stove replaced for the family who didn't have a working one.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and from the families who had some joy this holiday season.

May the New Year bring you health, happiness and peace.

My best,
Rose Evans
OC Counselor



Open Classroom Fundraiser with The Pampered Chef!

Hello Ocer's,

We are happy to announce that the Open Classroom will be holding a Fundraiser with The Pampered Chef in February! Your family will be asked to forward an email to your friends, families, co-workers, and other contacts (even those not in the area). Everyone will have the option to order products through the online Catalog. In addition, we will ask each family to gather orders for Pampered Chef Gift Certificates. So, folks have two ways to support the OC through this fundraiser 1) Order products through the website 2) Order Gift Certificates for future purchases or as gifts.

WE NEED THE ENTIRE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS! We have over 300 families at the OC-let's work together to make this very profitable.

Here are some potential numbers:

Example 1:

100 participating families x 10 orders = 1000 orders
 1000 orders x \$40 average order = \$40,000 sales
 \$40,000 sales x 20% profit = \$8,000 donation
 5 Bookings for future Cooking Shows x \$10 = \$50 donation
 Your organization's total donation = \$8,050

Example 2:

200 participating members x 10 orders = 2000 orders
 2000 orders x \$40 average order = \$80,000 sales
 \$80,000 sales x 20% profit = \$16,000 donation
 10 Bookings for future Cooking Shows x \$10 = \$100 donation
 Your organization's total donation = \$16,100

Here are some reasons why we chose The Pampered Chef:

- With over 200 products to choose from, The Pampered Chef's products are practical and useful for every kitchen and every person. From can openers and microwave cookers for those that

"don't cook", to mixing bowls and lifetime guaranteed cookware there is truly something for everyone!

- The Pampered Chef® has an outstanding reputation of offering quality products and excellent customer service. EVERY product is always a risk free purchase.
- Our products are affordable. Over 60% of our product line is under \$15!
- Our entire catalog is available on-line so all non-local contacts can easily be made and have direct shipping provided.

I believe, equally as important, is the message and inspiration The Pampered Chef offers to help bring families "back to the table". The Pampered Chef offers time and money saving ideas that can benefit all families and all types of cooks.

Please keep a look out for additional information in the weeks to come on "Chat" and in your child's mailbox. Thank you in advance for your continuing support of The Open Classroom.

Tonya Linky, Director (Emma, Leslee's Class)
 The Pampered Chef,
 801.910.2293 www.pamperedchef.biz/kitchenlady



WINTER / SPRING 2011

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

After School / PM Spanish Immersion:

Rose Rothfeder, Instructor

TWO AFTERNOONS PER WEEK / WED 3:30-5:00 pm & FRI, 1:15-3:30 pm. Begins January 12, ends May 25 / 35 classes. (fall session was 23 classes) NO classes on April 13, 15, or spring break April 20, 22. All grades welcome / beginning or continuing students

Cost is 3 payments of \$140 due on Jan 12, Feb 25, April 8th (\$420 total) Checks should be made payable to Rose Rothfeder. PM classes will include occasional off-campus outing

Cello:

Megan Titensor, Instructor

Lesson times on Fridays, by arrangement, contact Megan at (435) 764-5051. Starting date by arrangement, continuing through the school year. All grades welcome, (cellos can be rented for all ages of students) Students must check in at After School program prior to start of lesson. Approximately \$100/month, paid at the beginning of the month. Checks should be made payable to Megan Titensor

Chess:

Marti Olsen, Instructor

Fridays, 1:30-2:30. Begins January 14, ends April 15 / 14 total classes (fall session was 11 classes) All grades, beginning or continuing students. Cost is \$120, payable to Marti Olsen. Opportunity to participate in tournaments, but not required or necessary. www.utahchess.com for tournament information . . . Open Classroom ChessTeam will participate on the tournament on Sat., Jan 29

Chess For Girls Only Workshop:

Marti Olsen, Instructor

Fridays, 1:30-2:30. Begins after Spring Break for 4 introductory or beginner lessons. Starts on April 29, ends on May 20. All grades welcome, only girls please. Cost is \$40, payable to Marti Olsen. Opportunity to participate in Open Classroom Chess Team the following school year

Delicious Digestion cooking class:

Matthew Snyder, Instructor

Mondays, 3:30-5:00, for grades K-4. Begins January 24, ends March 28 / 8 classes. No classes on Feb 21 or March 7. Cost is \$50 upon registration, payable to Matthew Snyder

Digital Storytelling, Making Your Own Documentary Film:

Tony Sams, Instructor, Storyrobe

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45. Begins Feb 1, ends March 29, (no class on Feb 22), 8 classes total. Grades 1-8 Cost is \$60 payable to Open Classroom. 90% of proceeds will go to new cameras for Open Classroom students here at school

Drum lessons:

Darrell McDonald, Instructor / Grotto studio

30 minutes, lesson times on Tuesday, by arrangement. Starting date by arrangement, continuing through the year. Grades 4-8. Students must check in at After School program prior to start of lesson. \$100/month, payable to Darrell McDonald. Contact Darrell at (801) 466-2254, or drumslc@gmail.com

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Guitar lessons:**Eric McKenna Spreng, Instructor**

Lesson times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, by arrangement. Starting date by arrangement, continuing through the school year. All grades welcome. Students must check in at After School program prior to start of lesson. Approximately \$100/month, paid at the beginning of the month. Checks should be made payable to Eric McKenna Spreng. Contact Eric at (801) 703-1584

Jazz / Hip-Hop dance:**Dawn Levingston, Instructor**

Mondays, 3:30-4:30 (or after Glee ends), ages 8 years and up
Begins Jan 24, ends April 11. No classes on Feb 21, Mar 7
knee pads a plus, but not required. Cost is \$60 upon registration, payable to Dawn Levingston

Mad Science / Crazy Chemworks!:

Wednesday, 3:40-4:40. Begins February 2, ends March 30 / 8 classes. grades K-6 welcome. No classes on March 2 during PTK conferences. Register prior to January 26 for \$90, After Jan 23, \$93, credit cards accepted. Register ONLINE through Mad Science: www.madscience.org/greatersaltlake (though please fill out registration form for OC for authorized pick-up persons)

Before School / AM Spanish Immersion:**Daniel Lara, Instructor**

7:40-8:30 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
AM begins week of January 10-14, ends on May 26. No classes on NO school days
All grades welcome / continuing students have priority for spots. Cost is 3 payments of \$140 due on Jan 12, Feb 25, April 8th (\$420 total)

Tap Dancing:**Dawn Levingston, Instructor**

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30, grades 1-4
Begins Jan 20, ends April 14
No class on March 3 during PTKs

Tap shoes not required, though tap or hard sole shoes preferred. Cost is \$72 upon registration, payable to Dawn Levingston

Team Kitchen:**Matthew Snyder, instructor**

Mondays, 3:30-5:00, for grades 5-8
Begins April 4, ends May 23 / 7 classes
No classes April 18
Cost is \$45 upon registration, payable to Matthew Snyder

Yoga:**Amy Conn, Instructor**

Wednesday, 4:00-5:00, all grades
Begins Jan 12, ends April 14
No class on March 3 during PTKs
Cost is \$78 upon registration for all 13 classes, payable to Amy Conn
Drop-in students welcome for \$7.00/class, payable to Amy Conn

Yoga Kids 2011



When: Wednesdays, January 12 - April 21st, 2011

Time: *4:00-5:00

Where: In the library at the OC

Fall session fees: \$78.00 for thirteen classes (\$6.00 per child)

Drop in fees: \$7.00 per child/adult student

*Includes a snack in the after school room between 3:30 - 4:00

Registration has started and spaces are filling up.

Please contact Amy Conn upon registration:
connjob@earthlink.net

Thanks!



Please contact the Before/After Program Director, Kathleen Smith Ferdon through email at kathleen.ferdon@slcschools.org with any questions, comments or concerns.