



Open Classroom Community News



**We Love The
Open Classroom**



From Our Principal

Drop off and pick up in front of school has again become a little harried and dangerous for our / your children. Please take an extra minute or two to walk your children to the crosswalks if you are parking across the street. When dropping off your children please take an extra minute to make sure no children are near your vehicle as you pull away. I will make an effort to be outside more regularly at start and end of school to help be an extra set of eyes. **Let's all make an effort to ensure the safety of our children.**

Some of you have received letters from the school district regarding your child's current reading level. SB 150 requires schools / school districts to inform the parents of any 1st through 3rd grade student that is not currently reading on grade level of the interventions that are in place to address the issue the student is having. The

intention behind the bill is to make sure that students who are struggling will receive the appropriate support at their school to increase individual reading achievement. Here at the Open Classroom our teachers are already implementing a number of strategies to support struggling readers. Small group instruction, tutoring, pull out support groups, etc are just a few of the things we are doing to ensure as much support for these students as possible. Our teachers spend a great deal of time talking about, reflecting on, and problem solving for their struggling readers. If you have any questions about the letter or the assessments used to determine the status of your child please do not hesitate to email or call me.

Chris Gesteland,
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After School Program

Some New Opportunities in the After School Program at the Open Classroom....

In addition to individual lessons being offered in guitar, drums, and cello, we have an opportunity to have individual Voice lessons by Linda Rollins studio. Linda has been singing since she was four, performing since she was nine, and teaching for the last ten years a lifetime of music at 67 years young! She is in The Choral Arts Society of Utah and will be traveling with their director, Sterling Poulson, to sing at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC over Memorial Day weekend, however, Linda will be offering a 10 week session on



Tuesday afternoons, beginning March 1st, to May 17. She will also be back right before the Art Stroll to see any performances her students may wish to bring to the evening. **Please contact Linda at 801-964-6338 for details.** Students should come with the type of music they would love to learn and sing.

And some quick updates and information

The Enrichment classes in the After School program have gotten into full swing for the winter/spring term. We had some cancelled classes (yoga, Jazz/Hip-Hop dance) due to low enrollment numbers, but may try to bring them back to our schedule in the fall. In terms of the dance classes, we will look into our drama department scheduling for next year to try not to overlap weeks if possible. We still need to hear from more students for our classes offered after Spring Break and will keep you posted about those.



For those Chess players out there, we would love to meet you at a Chess tournament as an Open Classroom Chess Team, joining up with some of our students in our chess class on Fridays. There is no need whatsoever to have taken the class in order to be included in our Open Classroom Team. We would love the group to grow and support each other regardless of gender, age or experience. Tournaments are a great deal of fun, too. Please contact Marti Olsen to inquire about upcoming tournaments, marti.art@hotmail.com to be on her mailing list or with any additional questions you may have.

Enjoy the early Spring weather!

Kathleen Smith Ferdon

THE GLEE CLUB

Greetings Families -

As per request, O'Lynn and I will do another session of Glee- where kids, k-8, are invited to come and learn music through singing!

Glee will be on Monday afternoons in the LIBRARY from 3:30-4:00 PM.
This session will run from Feb. 28th to May 26th.

If you have any questions, please email me!
Thanks!

Lena Foster
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Do you like to get your Irish on?

**Then help us represent the
Open Classroom in the
St. Patrick's Day Parade
at the Gateway.**

**Saturday, March 12
10 a.m.**

Details will be coming soon.



Clothing EXCHANGE




The free clothes rack is right outside the office near the west entrance. People can drop off and clean, ready to be worn clothes, shoes or jackets and coats and anyone can take what they want from it. We would appreciate everyone helping to keep it tidy. Thanks and we hope that is a service that helps our community!

OC Community News

The OCCN is published approximately every two weeks during the school year. Please feel free to submit parent or student announcements, articles, photos, artwork and important dates for the Open Classroom.

Please send any submissions to
oc.communitynews@gmail.com

**Upcoming deadlines are
Mondays, February 28,
March 14 and March 28th.**

LEARN TO PLAY

GUITAR



In the Open Classroom After School Program

Individual lessons for ages 7 and up. \$20 per half hour session

TO SCHEDULE:

Call Eric at 801.703.1584

-or-

Email ericmckennaspreng@gmail.com





TICKETS:
25¢ EACH
*Number of tickets
needed to play
each game vary

OC FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2011

CAKE WALK

6 -8:30PM, GYM

DANCE GAMES

VIDEO GAMES

OBSTACLE COURSE

ALL AGES!

PRIZES

FOOD & FUN

...AND MORE!

HAVE FUN WHILE RAISING
MONEY FOR THE OC!

QUESTIONS?

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