



Open Classroom Community News

Co-op Corner

As the school year begins to wrap up, I find myself trying to deal with the fact the 8th grade kids will be moving on. I feel excited to see them move in different directions and off to pursue their dreams and also sad to not have them as part of my daily life. I'm wondering if others are feeling the same way and wanted to dedicate this co-op corner to the parents transitioning with their 8th grade. I was reminded of a "Survival Kit" Jamie passed out on the 1st day of Kindergarten and find this may also apply to graduating 8th graders.

The kit contains the following items;

- A candle to remind you to celebrate the many victories in your child's daily life.
- A penny to help out with the extra purchases high school brings.
- A rubber band to symbolize the flexibility needed with a busy teenage schedule.
- A playing card to remind you, life is simply a game for fun.
- A Band-aid for the "ow-ies" that occur while your child grows more independent.
- An eraser to help you forgive and forget the many mistakes you and your child may make.
- And a kiss to encourage you to love your child and tell them often.



I guess it's true, everything you every need to know you learn in Kindergarten! Good luck graduates and parents!



Fun Reading Marathon

The Library Committee would like to announce a fun reading marathon that will finish out our 2010-11 school year. Once the kids have finished all of the CRT

testing, they will be introduced to the rules. For now, we can tell you that the school will be divided into 2 teams and that their at-home reading time will be tracked for the 3 weeks leading up to the last day of school. At which time, the



library will announce the winner. We hope that this will get your children inspired to pick up books over the summer as well.

Please start getting your kids excited about this fun event.



Carolyn's Summer Garden Concert Series is now Carolyn's Private Garden Parties with Live Music

Same event, new name. Magnificent and magical music, fabulous friends, fantastic food. Every Saturday night from June 4th to September 23rd. Find me on Facebook for the schedule and other information about the parties.

I hope to see you there!
Carolyn Turkanis



MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THE

Open Classroom

ARTstroll

June 3rd

Not only is it a really fun time, it's also a perfect opportunity to promote your business or trade, by offering a gift certificate or service to our Silent Auction. The more options to bid on the better, so see what you and your family can come up with for a cool donation.

Sign-up sheets will be appearing near the end of May. Also remember to pitch in with the Theme Baskets each classroom creates to donate for the Silent Auction.

Thank you for all of your support!
The Art Committee

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

**The final deadline is Monday,
May 23.**

Just 1 Issue of the OCCN left this school year!

Please consider submitting something for the last issue.

- ◆ Tell a story about how this was a great year for you and your children.
- ◆ Write about how you think the O.C. is a fantastic school.
- ◆ Acknowledge a teacher, staff member, or fellow community member.
- ◆ Explain why your committee is great - start recruiting for next year!