



Open Classroom Community News

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Co-Opers' Corner

We are a couple of weeks into the co-oping workshops, and our committee hopes those of you who have already had the opportunity to participate found them helpful and worthy of your valuable co-oping time. During our workshops the focus has been on discussing the school wide agreements (or C.L.A.S.S). The conversations have produced some wonderful ideas for positive ways to support our classrooms.

Now let's put those ideas into action!

We are extending a Co-oping Challenge to all co-opers: Focus on one idea from your workshop

that you feel you can improve on as a co-oper and find a way over the next two co-oping sessions to practice it.

If you need a spark of inspiration, here are some ideas for goals to bring into your classroom: Learn the names of all the kids, sit by someone new in circle, skip the side-talking with other co-opers during class time, arrive 10 minutes before your co-oping shift starts.

We love to hear about your positive experiences practicing new skills while co-oping. Feel free to share them, as we can all benefit from learning about ideas that work.

From the co-op committee



We Would Love to See You in the Library

The Library Committee is working hard at getting our amazing library up and running for the 2010-11 school year. Please visit us and invite your children to browse thru our collection. Once everyone is settled into their new classrooms (teachers, co-opers and children alike) children will be able to check out books. Please be patient as we take the time to properly train our committee members and teachers on the check in and

out processes. Your donations of new and gently used books to our library are always welcome and can be dropped off in the white basket on the library desk. Stay tuned to your future copies of the OCCN for more library updates!



Come out and see all your friends at the...

Fall Family Social

THURSDAY, SEPT 16 • 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Liberty Park

900 South 500 East - Northeast Pavilion

Fun for the whole family

**Potluck - bring your favorite dish to share,
plates, utensils and something to drink**



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We Work Bunches to Create Healthy Lunches

Greetings from the kitchen, where we're working hard every day to provide our community with healthful, tasty lunches!

Just a quick note to families with dietary restrictions and/or food allergies; We try very hard to have dairy free, vegan, even gluten free options every day. If you need that option we'd like to know ahead of time so that we can be sure to have a lunch ready for your child. As we get into the swing of things this year and get to know each other, especially our new families, please take a moment to check in with your friendly lunch ladies to let us know if your kids have an actual sensitivity or restriction and will be having lunch with us. That way we never have to turn anyone away or tell them to "just take the meat off".

We will also be working with faculty in the coming weeks to talk about what a healthy lunch tray looks like. A lot of thought, work and planning goes into our lunch menu every week and it's really important that our kids get the most nutrition they can from the choices given. While we always have choices - encourage your kids to try what's offered. You never know, they might discover that they like potatoes after all

A word about seconds. Seconds are available after everyone has had firsts. We know the kids are growing and HUNGRY - and believe us, there isn't anyone among us who wants to say 'no' to any of our kids... but we cannot guarantee seconds on our entrees. Again, we do our best to

prepare the right amount of food everyday, to make sure everyone is fed and to avoid waste - we cut TONS of fresh fruits and veggies every day, so remind your kids that they can ALWAYS go back for more from the choice cart!

Finally, BIG THANKS to all of our volunteers and committee members for all their help already this year We couldn't do it without you (plenty of volunteer opportunities still available)

Till next month ~ Happy Eating the Ladies who Lunch (This issue's Lady Rachel Kade)

Playground Transformation

Thanks to the huge support of the OC and Urban Village community we won a \$1000 grant from 350.org for the first phase of the playground transformation!! But that is not all...join us at our Community Meeting to view the proposed playground plans, grab a donation packet to help us reach our goal of \$3000 and sign up to volunteer for the Playground Work Party.

Community Meeting

Come view the proposed playground plans and sign up to help!!

Thursday, Sept. 23rd

Open Classroom Gym
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Playground Work Party

Work hard, make friends, and celebrate!!!

Saturday, Oct. 9th & Sunday, Oct. 10th

Open Classroom Playground
9am - 5pm

(celebration to follow immediately afterwards on Sunday)



Did you know that there's an unofficial Facebook page started by and for OC parents? If you're on Facebook, check out P*O*C*K*Y (Parents of Open Classroom Kids, Yeah!)

Enrichment Class Updates

In the OC After School program . . . please remember, your child need NOT be enrolled in our regular program to sign up for an Enrichment class, and there are no additional after school charges after class tuition or lesson fees. Additional questions can be directed to Kathleen Smith Ferdon at 801-440-3827, or by email at k.smithferdon@gmail.com

- **Delicious-Yet-Nutritious Cooking** (K-3rd grade) on Mondays (3:30-5:00) . . . we only have one or two spots still available for fall term.

- **Drumming** (4th - 8th grade) lessons offered Mondays and Thursdays by appointment with Darrell McDonald, contact number is 801-466-2254. Darrell is eager to do a demonstration sometime after school to show students and families more about what he teaches--keep on the look out for exact time!

- **Photography** (2nd - 8th grade) on Tuesdays (3:30-4:30), still has at least 2-3 spots available, and will include a show of their work in an exhibit. Start shooting pictures!

- **Yoga** (all grades) on Wednesdays (4:00-5:00) is back in the library for the next three weeks, and is always open for drop-ins, as well as on-going registration. Contact Amy Conn for details, 801-809-0713, or email her at connjob@earthlink.net

- **AM Spanish** (M-F) is currently FULL.

- **PM Spanish** (all grades) on Wednesday (3:30-5:00) & Friday (1:30-3:30) option still has spots available, and will include at least a couple of

- **Mad Science / NASA: Journey Into Outer Space** (grades K-6th) on Thursdays (3:30-4:30) requires several more spots filled in order to bring the program to the OC. There may be a demonstration during one of our lunch hours next week to show students a bit more about their offerings. Registration is online through MadScience <http://register.madscience.org/greatersaltlake>.

- **Tap Dancing** (1st - 3rd grade) on Thursdays (3:30-4:30) is currently still open. We would love another student or two; actual tap shoes are not

required, but are certainly welcome.

- **Chess** (all grades) on Fridays (1:30-2:30) is still accepting new students through the fall term. Come learn the basics, develop your game, or join the OC team. We welcome all levels, ages, and both genders! Tournaments may be part of the fun, but are not at all required for the class. Broaden your child's curriculum with this strategic, ancient game.

- **Guitar** (all grades) Lessons offered on Fridays with Chris Wilson. If Friday fills up, he will be adding one more day . . . contact Chris at 801-809-3381 for additional information.

We welcome suggestions, feedback, or referrals. Thanks for making our program a success!

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The OCCN is a newsletter produced, approximately every two weeks, by and for the entire OC community of students, parents and teachers. Please consider submitting any written articles or artwork about OC life and happenings.

Submissions will be accepted at any time, but deadlines for each edition will be the Monday before publication at 7:00 PM

The upcoming deadlines are Mondays, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 8, November 29, and December 13.

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

