

# Odyssey Charter School

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## NEWSLETTER

Feb - March 2014

"Committed to academic excellence and the education of the whole child"

## OUR MISSION FOR EVERY CHILD

The mission of Odyssey Charter School is to work in partnership with the family and community, with the aim of helping each child reach their full potential in all areas of life. We seek to educate the whole child with the understanding that each person must achieve a balance of intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual and social skills as a foundation for life.

## All School News

### Keep the Flu Away!

#### Student Health Tips from the OCS Clinic

As you know it is flu season in Brevard County. To prevent the spread of the flu and other illnesses we encourage you to have a conversation with your children to let them know when it is appropriate to ask the teacher to go to the clinic. Here are some tips to help your family stay healthy this season:

- Students should only come to the clinic if they feel sick or are injured in order to minimize their exposure to students who are ill. Each time your child visits the clinic a form is sent home describing their visit.
- Proper hand washing is the most basic tip – but also one of the most effective in keeping germs away. Wash hands with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom or before you eat. In the classroom, we teach children to cough appropriately and wash their hands well.
- If your student has had a fever or is vomiting, they need to be kept out of school until they are symptom-free for 24 hours.

Our front office staff are trained to assist injured students and administer medications. The clinic is available to take temperatures, give out ice packs and Band-Aids. We do not diagnose illnesses. If you have a concern that your child is sick or running a fever please keep them home and seek medical attention. We have a strict medication policy for the safety of our students on campus. Some reminders are listed below and the full policy is available in the front office.

#### Attention Parents:

You can access the Parent Improvement Plan (PIP) on our Odyssey website or you may request a copy or see a copy in our Parent Involvement Binder.

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

25th & 26th – FCAT Writing Test 4th & 8th Grade

26th – Early Release Elementary @ 1:15,  
Middle/High @ 2:30

28th – Dress Down/Clean-Up Day

28th – Red and White Ball 6:30-8:30pm

### MARCH

3rd-21st – CELLA Testing (ESOL)

5th – Field Trip for 6th grade – Forever Florida

10th-14th – Spirit Week

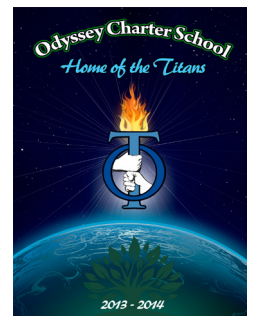
10th-14th – Book Fair – Elem Campus

18th – Middle School Open House for rising  
7th & 9th grades

21st – Spring Photos

## Yearbooks – On Sale Now!

The OCS Yearbook committee has been working hard on putting together another awesome treasury of memories for the 2013-2014 school year. The cost for yearbooks is \$25 each. Envelopes for payments have been sent home. No, cash, please. We accept check or money order only, payable to Odyssey Charter School. All orders are due by May 2nd.



## Spring Photos – Mar 21

DSP will be at our campus to take professional photos on Friday, March 21. Friday March 21st students do not have to wear a uniform since it is a dress down day. Students may choose to dress up for their photograph. Only students who intend to purchase a photo package will be photographed. Spring photos are available for purchase for any family who would like a professional photo of their student. Odyssey receives a portion of all the photo packages sold – We thank DSP for supporting our school!

## Medication Reminders

- Medication may only be administered by trained school staff with the proper forms from the parent and doctor.
- Students are never allowed to bring in any medication – even cough drops and other over-the-counter medicines.
- All medications must be in the original package, not zip lock bags.

## Car Loop Reminders

### Both Campuses:

- For the safety of our children, please:
- Refrain from cell phone use.
- Follow posted 5 mph speed limit.
- Watch for families in the cross walks.
- Unless you are walking your child into the school, please use the car loop drop off to safely deliver your child to the building entrance. NO drop-off or pick-up in the parking lot or from community sidewalks.

### Elementary Campus:

- Be friendly to our Pineapple Cove neighbors by not utilizing their parking for arrival or dismissal.
- Please refrain from parking during arrival or dismissal whenever possible. If you have an appointment in the school, please park in the lot outside of the cafeteria.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Spelling Bee

The week of December 9th, 4th through 8th grades will be hosting their classroom spelling bee. The classroom finalist will then participate in the school spelling bee on January 10th. Parents of finalists are invited to attend the school bee on Jan 10th. The event will include all 4th-8th grade finalists on the elementary and junior high campus. The spelling bee will be held in the Lower Campus café starting at 9am. The school winner will go on to compete in the Brevard County Spelling Bee on February 21st at the Brevard Public Schools Educational Services Facility. There, a winner and runner-up will be chosen to attend the Orlando Sentinel Spelling Bee in Orlando in March 2014.



## From Your Healthy Café

### Did you know:

Chef Ann Cooper (aka the “Renegade Lunch Lady”) was the inspiration for our lunch program. Check out her website @ [www.thelunchbox.org](http://www.thelunchbox.org). We have a salad bar we won from the “Let’s Move” campaign in 2010. It has increased the consumption of fruit and veggies tremendously. The USDA’s “My Plate” recommends 1/2 of your plate be fruits and veggies. Did you know you are welcome to eat lunch with your child anytime? Come see what our children are putting on their plate.

## Titans Sports

### 5th/6th Boys Basketball

We have two teams playing in the boys division which started playing games January 11. Each team will play eight games in the regular season with a tournament at the end of the season. Currently the boys practice three days a week and play their games on Saturdays at different locations in Brevard County. This year we have nine on the 5th grade team and ten on the 6th grade team. They are being coached by Ben Aubin who played at the college level and brings a lot of experience to the team. Also assisting him are our two team moms, Stephanie Anderson and Renee Pollock, who do a great job of keeping the parents informed.

Monday, Jan. 27 was the 7th and 8th grade boy’s basketball championship game. They finished a hard fought season in second place to Florida Air Academy in a tough game. Way to go, basketball Titans!

### Soccer

The games have begun! We have two kindergarten, two 1st/2nd, and one 3rd/4th teams in the league this year. The games are being played at Palm Bay Regional Park off Malabar Rd. on Sundays. Coaching this year are Brian Knaple, Margaret Burian, Anthony Gianantonio, Todd Hayward, and Gustavo Trillo. Check out the school website under Athletics, then sports calendar. This area will have all the practice times, games days, and address to all locations.

### Track Team

The track team has found lots of Titans who love to run! The Hershey Track Meet is coming up on April 12th. Last year we represented OCS with pride and we look forward to another successful season.

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## OCS Elementary News

## Pasta for Pennies

The Pennies for Pasta program runs through February 28th. This program raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Odyssey participates in this program each year.

Letters and collection boxes have been sent home with each student. Look for loose change to fill your box, or get donations from friends and family. Each classroom will also have a collection box – each student’s contribution will be added over the next couple weeks. See how much your class can collect! The homeroom class with the most money collected by the 28th will win a catered pasta and salad lunch from the Olive Garden!



## Parents as Partners (PASP) Meetings

Each family at Odyssey Charter School agrees to volunteer 18 hours each school year for each student or 25 volunteer hours for two or more students. Parent meetings include snack, childcare, and interpreters. We are always in need of volunteers to help out at the school and step up to help coordinate and support fundraisers and school events. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Margaret Capps, at the school to get connected. We are currently looking for parents who can help organize our annual 5K fundraiser coming up this spring. Help is also needed to organize our Field Day events which happen in April the week after FCATS for both campuses. Thank you to all parents, staff, and volunteers for investing your time and effort in our children's educational experience.

## THE RED & WHITE BALL™

### Red & White Ball: Feb 28th

Each year, the 4th grade hosts a wonderful family evening that includes dinner, dessert, professional portraits, dancing and family fun. The Red & White Ball is a special event designed to share some quality time with an adult loved one and raise funds for our 4th grade annual field trip to St. Augustine. Ladies and gents – be sure to arrive in style, as the event calls for formal or semi-formal dress. Last year's Ball was a great success and we look forward to another fun-filled evening with even more students and families this year!

This year's Ball will be on Friday, Feb. 28th from 6:30-8:30. Flyers/RSVP forms were sent out to your student with all the details. Only 125 tickets are being pre-sold for \$40/family or \$10/person.

## County Spelling Bee Contestant

Good luck to our very own 5th grader, Riley Sibol. Riley will be competing against the top spellers from other Brevard public schools in the county spelling bee this month.

## Third Grade FCAT Night

All third grade families: please plan on attending this important informational night. Your child's third grade teachers will be covering all you need to know to help your child test their best on the FCAT coming up this spring. FCAT Info Night will be held at the Elementary campus on Thursday, February 20th at 6pm.

## OCS Jr/Sr High News

### OCS JR/SR Campus Open House - March 18

Odyssey has a full middle school and a growing high school. Next year Odyssey will offer a 10th grade to the community. Returning families as well as families from the community will be invited to our Junior/Senior High School Open House on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30pm. Mark your calendars and invite your friends with middle and high school age children. We are excited to jumpstart another chapter of the Odyssey legacy with the addition of our growing high school program. See you there!

## Elementary Classroom Highlights

Our classrooms are busy places where our passionate teachers and staff strive to create a stimulating learning environment for your student. Our mission at Odyssey is to create an engaging classroom that fosters a love of life-long learning to students who are equipped to handle their future endeavors.

### Kindergarten:

On Friday, January 17th, the Odyssey kindergarteners took an exciting field trip to the Brevard Zoo! With a great group of chaperones and teachers, the children went off on a fun scavenger hunt and found a variety of interesting animals such as giraffes, crocodiles, and even monkeys. Thank you to all those who helped. It was a great time!

### 1st/2nd Grade:

Ms. Miller's class practices some relaxation techniques to calm their bodies and minds before their daily reading lesson. The kids also recently harvested organic broccoli from the student gardens. They enjoyed it with freshly made hummus – yum!

### 3rd Grade:

We have been researching why it is so hard for children to try to new vegetables and fruits. Students created writing stories persuading other children to try any vegetables that is new for them. Some of them decided to put them in their new year's resolution.

Our third graders have also come up with two dishes that were served in the lunch room: "Tutti Fruity Salad" and "Third Grade Vegetable Supreme Soup." Students had to research how these ingredients will help us to be healthy. They decided that having a catchy title may encourage other students to try something new.

### 4th Grade:

While studying rocks and minerals, the fourth grade hunted for fossils like archeologists using oatmeal raisin cookies. The students got to experience the importance of using small tools to dig out the raisins "fossils." Each student received a toothpick and cotton swab to use as tools. There were as many as fifteen fossils in one cookie!

### Physical Education:

We are having fun playing and learning about different games and sports. We are really working on respect, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Please remind your students to wear their sneakers on gym days.

### Book Fair - March 10-14!

The Odyssey Charter School Media Center also has many wonderful resources for the students. The Elementary and Jr/Sr High Campus is hosting another book fair in March to get our students excited about reading! The book fair will be open March 10-14 during school hours at each campus. Wednesday March 12 the book fair will be open late – you can shop until 6pm at our elementary campus and the Jr/Sr High campus will be open until 7pm. In the meantime, keep in mind parents can also open a media center account and check out books. Our media centers have a large selection of children's and young adult books. We also offer a variety of books for teachers and parents on student and child development.



## Guidance Corner: Tracking Progress

Remind your child to keep tabs on his grades throughout the semester. Your student can calculate their average after receiving test scores and assignment grades. That way, your student will know where he/she stands and be able to focus on areas of concern. – Bonnie Moravecky, M.A. Guidance Counselor

## Student Achievement

Kudos goes out to our very own Kaylee Sherman. Kaylee swims for the East Coast Swim Team and competed at Nationals in Orlando. She placed 1st in the 100m, swimming against both boys and girls; 1st in the 200m breaststroke against girls; 1st in the 100m freestyle against girls; and placed 3rd in the 300m backstroke against boys and girls. Way to go Kaylee!

## Jr/Sr Campus Classroom Highlights

In **Mrs. Arrigo's ninth grade English class**, students are studying Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet while focusing on the theme of relationships in our lives. Eighth graders are busy preparing for FCAT writes by numerous expository and persuasive essays followed by extensive peer editing of their work.

**Mr. Ayala's "Mind Your Own Business" elective**, they had two guest speakers come and talk to the students about their experiences starting and owning businesses here in Brevard County. They showed them profit/loss statements, talked about their own schooling experience, and challenged them to a competition. In two weeks they're coming back to do a "Shark Tank" type of competition (like the TV show Shark Tank) and will be giving a \$50 gift card to the person or group that comes up with the best proposal/plan/idea for a new product or a new twist on an existing product to make it better. Thank you to the elective's sponsor, Arrigo Air and Heat, for donating their time and for the generous gift card offer to our budding entrepreneurs.

**U.S. History:** My Ayala's students are developing their technology skills by learning how to use iMovie. Students are making movie trailers for the Corps of Discovery.

In **Forensic Science**, we are analyzing some human skeletal remains to determine the age, sex, stature, and maybe the cause of death of our samples.

Our **gifted students** ( Jesse Martin, Jacob Smith, Matthew Ibonnet, John Green, and Lauren Anderson) will be competing at the Viera School Board for this year's Future Problems Solvers future scenario booklet on Tuesday, Feb. 18th. Let's cheer them on--Go Titans! Special thanks goes out to our coaches/monitors: Dr. Martin, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Squire-Wiggins for all of their support and encouragement.

In 8th Grade Science, we collected soil samples from the campus forest and the pond, and are conducting a comparative chemical and morphological analysis with samples I collected from the White Sands Desert and the Salt River (NM & AZ).

In **Biology**, we just checked out a bit of my fossil collection and attempted an environmental reconstruction with some juicy samples, which included a Woolly Mammoth tooth, a Mosasaur jaw (a little dinosaur cutie), some Trilobites, and some fossilized Cretaceous turtle poop! Good Times...

**The 8th graders will be attending Universal Studios/ Island of Adventures for their field trip on May 9th. The deadline to turn money in is March 14. Any questions please contact Ms. Castro or Mr. Davis at 321-345-4117.**

## Other Highlights

### Lego Robotics



On December 7th, Odyssey Charter School took two Florida First Lego League (FLL) teams to the Pink Panther Rumble at Kennedy Middle School. The purpose of FLL, is to immerse children in real-world science and technology challenges. Teams design their own solution to a current scientific question or problem and build autonomous LEGO robots that perform a series of missions. Through their participation, children develop valuable life skills and discover exciting career possibilities while learning that they can make a positive contribution to society.

FLL's mission is

- To provide activities to improve education through the use of robotics and technology.

- To encourage students to study science, technology, engineering and math by engaging them in robotics activities

- To conduct robotic and other science related activities for educators and students in the state of Florida, including but not limited to competitions and training

- To award scholarships to outstanding Florida students who have been active in robotics and pursuing a technology degree.

**Congratulations to our elementary team:** Olivia Coon, Christian Barton, Isiah Fahl, Devin Myers, Gabe Smarglassi, Xavier Smarglassi, Derrick Wright

**Congratulations to our middle school team:** Joshua Giesdahl, Jordan Wiggins, Alex Deaette, Wilbert Nieves, Jessie Martin, Jacob Smith, Zachary Seneschal, Derek Ayala, Xavier Thomas

### National Honor Society



Membership in the Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. It is an honor to be chosen to be a member of the National Honor Society. The Honor Society recognizes students service, citizenship, leadership, character and academic excellence. Students who chose to apply and are selected for membership will be required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average each grading period, complete 16 hours of community/school service hours, and maintain the highest standards in conduct and appearance. Honor Society Students are looked upon as student leaders by school staff and the student body.

In January, students who met the grade point average were invited to a meeting to learn about the honor society. Students in 4th-6th grade may apply to the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) and students in 7th-8th grade may apply to the National Junior Honor Society.

An induction ceremony will be held for new members. This is a formal event for the students and their families. The honor society will hold regular meetings beginning in February to select a school or community service learning project.

For additional information about the NEHS, you may contact Michelle Sutton, NEHS Chair or Elizabeth Frank, NEHS Co-Chair. For additional information about the NJHS you may contact Stephanie Williams, NJHS Chair.

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## Class & Athletic Club Photos

Class, athletic team and select club photos were taken by professional photographers with Dean Stewart Photography on Thursday, February 20th. Group photos are available for purchase through DSP. Order forms are available in the front office and payments can be submitted until Friday, Feb 28th. You can visit Dean Stewart online at [www.dsp-photo.com](http://www.dsp-photo.com).

## Science News

Science Fair Parent Night was held at the Elementary Campus on Wednesday February 5th at 6:30. Families from both campuses were invited to view the projects of our hardworking 4th-6th grade OCS scientists. The evening included special recognition for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!

#### 4th Grade:

Physical Science:

1st Place – Alanna Morrow  
2nd Place – Arthur Waters  
3rd Place – Cole Sandberg

Biological Science:

1st Place – Emily Broom  
2nd Place – Joseph Menashe  
3rd Place – Olivia Menashe

Environmental Science:

1st Place – Jaiden Halliday  
2nd Place – Jada Taylor  
3rd Place – Gus Velez

#### 5th Grade:

Physical Science:

1st Place – Sashtri Laloo  
2nd Place – Jacob Gagnon  
3rd Place – Chris Matias

Biological Science:

1st Place – Zyandra Thomas  
2nd Place – Alayna Shepherd  
3rd Place – Chloe Withrow

Environmental Science:

1st Place – Irie Harrington  
2nd Place – Dileidy Brito  
3rd Place – Nicholas Tarry

#### 6th Grade:

Physical Science:

1st Place – Richard Grimaldi  
2nd Place – Maya Carter  
3rd Place – Abrielle Aubin

Biological Science:

1st Place – Kimberly Ducasse  
2nd Place – Isaiah Fahl  
3rd Place – Dylan Encarnacion

Environmental Science:

1st Place – Emma Smith  
2nd Place – Kiara Maestre



## Educational Information

### Stop Homework Headaches

Homework is important for three main reasons.

1. It helps your child reinforce skills learned in the classroom.
2. It helps you understand what skills your child is working on.
3. It helps the teacher understand how your child is progressing with the content.

*We certainly need to work together to help our students make the most out of homework. Here are a few tips for all grade levels.*

- Start homework as early as possible. Rest, recreation, family time, healthy dinners, and sleep are very important also and homework should not negatively impact these evening activities.
- Consider using a timer to help keep your child on a schedule. Pace the homework with breaks (15-30 minutes of homework and then a short break).
- Build confidence in your child by working through a few homework examples together and then give your child a chance to work on his/her own.
- Make sure the environment is set for learning. Make sure that the TV or electronic devices are off or put away. Check the lighting and comfort level of the area. Find a space that is away from smaller siblings or other distractions.
- Acknowledge, model, and reinforce good work habits during homework time. Consider leaving the room to allow your child to work independently but return every 15 minutes to provide needed support and/or feedback.
- Build a work plan for large projects. Teachers typically provide timelines to complete large assignments. Put the dates on the refrigerator and check them off together as they pass.
- Communicate regularly with your child's teacher. If your child is struggling with a concept, forgot something at school, does not have the needed materials, etc., contact your teacher through the planner or by email so that you can work together to support your child. Finally, remember to read the information coming home from the school so that you are well informed.

For more helpful homework tips, go to <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/homework-project-tips/10-homework-help-tips>

### Why Visit Your Local Public Library?

Brevard Public Libraries are also great places to visit. The public libraries carry enormous selections of books, DVDs, magazines, and much more to fulfill research and entertainment needs. Public library cards are free and checking out books is a great way for parents to get books to read-a-loud to their child. Patrons can also create an account online with their library card and view catalogs from all of the libraries in Brevard County. Those with library cards can even request materials from another library and have them sent to their local branch, all done online!

Besides the great selection of materials, Brevard County Libraries always have wonderful programming for kids, teens and adults! Check out the events happening now at Franklin T. DeGroot branch in Palm Bay, [www.brevardcounty.us/publiclibraries/branches/franklindegroodt/EventCalendar](http://www.brevardcounty.us/publiclibraries/branches/franklindegroodt/EventCalendar).

### Low Cost Internet for Students

Connect 2 Compete is a partnership between 3 different national non-profit foundations and Bright House to help families with low income to access Internet services. If they your student is registered for the Free/ Reduced Lunch Program, you may qualify for this service. The cost would be \$9.95 Monthly fee for 2 years, no installation fee, no equipment fee. For more details, please go online at: <http://www.connect2compete.org/>.



## You're Feeling Very Sleepy

By Dr. Kathie F Nunley

With all the research cropping up lately about sleep, educators, parents, and school boards are becoming increasingly concerned about students' sleep habits. The latest research is showing that sleep not only is a time for cells and general body tissues to heal, refresh, and repair, it is also the time when our brain maintenance is in full swing. Sleep is the time when nerve cells branch in our brains, hardwiring in the day's learning. Children who are sleep deprived after learning new information are unable to process and use that information as well as children who are not sleep deprived.(1)

So just how much sleep is enough sleep? While individual bodies vary, there are some general rules of thumb for sleep. We've heard for years that we need 8 hours of sleep at night, but the truth is that the length varies widely and the amount tends to decrease with age.

Young children need tremendous amounts of sleep not only because they are growing, but because their brains require a great deal of maintenance time. So how much is enough? What you really should be doing is going to bed at night and sleeping until your body says, "OK, we're done here, wake up." Unfortunately most of us override the body's own system with such things as alarm clocks, thereby depriving ourselves of a properly maintained brain.

The average adult, 33- 45 years of age needs 7 hours of sleep a night. This means, that if you need to wake at 6 am, you should be sleeping by 11:00 PM. That doesn't seem to be an impossible task for most adults. But let's look at school-aged brains.

The average high schooler needs 8.5 hours of sleep. A middle schooler, 10 hours. Children in elementary grades first through fourth should be getting 10.5 and preschoolers, 11 hours of sleep.(2)

Anyone overriding their brain's own maintenance department is losing out on the opportunity to develop their brains and their intellect to its full capacity. Because most middle and high-schooler's bodies are running on an "owl" day rhythm, meaning their bodies have a tendency to stay up late at night and sleep later in the day, it makes it nearly impossible for them to go to bed early enough at night to get all the sleep they need and still wake in time for school. After all, how many middle schoolers do you know who can go to sleep at 8:30 at night in order to be rested for a 6:00 am wake up time?

How many of America's students are sleep deprived? Ask yourself, at your school, what percentage of students have been woken up this morning by artificial means, i.e.: alarm clocks, parents, siblings? That's the percentage of students in your school who are not getting the rest they need. A bit frightening I think.

Sources:  
<http://help4teachers.com/sleep.htm>

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## Lexile Level, What Does It Mean?



A Lexile level is a tool used to help teachers and parents understand at which level each child is capable of reaching reading success. In addition, teachers look to students' Lexile level when determining which materials are appropriate for instruction for any given student in both small and large groups. It's the practice of matching students to text, which will provide them with successful comprehension so that the task of learning can begin.

A student's Lexile level is determined on the student's ability to comprehend a given text, regardless of their grade level. A Lexile measure provides valuable information about either an individual's reading ability or the difficulty of a text, like a book or magazine article. Matching students to text based on Lexile provides them with "targeted reading."

Matching students to text allows for the reader to still be challenged but still provide room to grow as reader. To make a personal reading list for your child visit [www.lexile.com/fab/](http://www.lexile.com/fab/).

Some tips to help you use Lexile levels for your student:

- Ask your child's teacher for their Lexile range, as determined by the Fall 2013 MAP assessment
- Choose books within a range of 50 above to 100 below the given Lexile level
- Parents should still screen books for content, age appropriateness, interest, or quality of the text
- Use the "5-finger test" to help your student find just the right book. The full article is in our last newsletter.

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### Grievance Procedures

- Step 1: Request Teacher conference to clarify issue
- Step 2: Contact Principal if unresolved with the teacher
- Step 3: \*\*Contact Board Designated Parent Representative
- Step 4: Contact the President of the Governing Board
- Step 5: Present issue at the next monthly Board Meeting if unresolved
- Step 6: Seek mediation with the Sponsor

\*\*Mrs. Wendi Nolder has been designated by the OCS Board of Directors as the Representative to Facilitate Parental Involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes according to charter requirements. Mrs. Nolder can be reached at [nolderw@odysseyprepacademy.com](mailto:nolderw@odysseyprepacademy.com) or 321-345-4117, ext. 129.