

# Odyssey Charter School

## NEWSLETTER

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**OCS Jr. / Sr. High Campus:** 1350 Wyoming Drive  
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"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.



**Odyssey Charter School Awarded the 2015 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School for Exemplary Practices and Initiatives in Reducing Environmental Impact and Cost, Improving the Health and Wellness of Students and Staff, and Providing Environmental Education Incorporating Stem, Civic Skills and Green Career Pathways.**

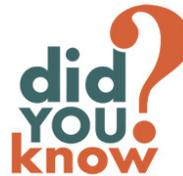
On April 22nd U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan was joined by Managing Director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality Christy Goldfuss to announce the 2015 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools award honorees. Fifty-eight schools, 14 districts, and nine postsecondary institutions were honored for their promising efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, promote better health, and ensure effective environmental education, including civics and green career pathways. In addition, nine colleges and universities were honored with the Postsecondary Sustainability Award, in the first year of that award category.

"These honorees are compelling examples of the ways schools can help children build real-world skillsets, cut school costs, and provide healthy learning environments," Duncan said. "U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools are an inspiration and deserve the spotlight for embodying strong examples of innovative learning and civic engagement. We also are thrilled to add institutions of higher education to the list of honorees this year for the first time in the award's history." "With so many tough challenges facing our planet, it is more important than ever to inspire and prepare the next generation of environmental stewards," said Goldfuss. "By creating healthier learning environments, reducing their carbon footprints, and teaching students lasting lessons about innovation and sustainability, today's honorees are leading the way for schools and districts across the country."

Congratulations to Ms. Constance, our school's Founder and Head of School's, and all faculty, staff and students on receiving this prestigious award. We thank everyone who has supported Odyssey now and in the past for building a beautiful "green and healthy" learning environment for the children of Palm Bay.

## School Calendar

May 28-June 1	Early Release / Exam Days
May 29	6th Grade Stepping up Ceremony
June 1	Last Day of School for Students
June 2-3	Teacher Post Planning Days
June 8-July 2	Rising 7th Grade Mathematics Camp
June 17	OCS Board of Director's Meeting
Mid-June	Secondary Report Cards Issued



### DID YOU KNOW?

Odyssey Charter School outperformed all of the local middle schools last school year.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Odyssey Jr/Sr High is one of only two Project Lead the Way schools in Brevard County to offer PLTW Engineering and the only school to offer PLTW Computer Programming courses. Check out PLTW at <https://www.pltw.org/our-programs/experience-pltw>.



## Teacher of the Year

*Special Congratulations to...*

**DeAnna Bernardo** – K – 2nd Grade Teacher of the Year

**Debora Munoz** – 3rd - 6th Grade Teacher of the Year

**Michele Romeo** – 7th – 9th Grade Teacher of the Year

*The Best Teachers*  
By Joanna Fuchs

*Teachers open up young minds, showing them the wonders of the intellect and the miracle of being able to think for themselves. A teacher exercises the mental muscles of students, stretching and strengthening, so they can make challenging decisions, find their way in the world, and become independent. The best teachers care enough to gently push and prod students to do their best and fulfill their potential. You are one of those. Thank you.*



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our teachers and staff who work diligently to educate our children.

## Summer Registration

If your family has not completed a registration packet please come in to the front office as soon as possible to fill out your registration forms and to save your spot for the 2015-16 school year.

Please watch for our summer newsletter for the date to attend our FINAL SUMMER REGISTRATION event. During registration, you will complete the paperwork for the upcoming school year and find out your student's class assignment (paperwork/activities to be completed: free/reduced lunch from, bus registration and payment of student fees).



## Summer Camp at Odyssey – Under the Sea

Odyssey will once again offer a summer program for students. This summer's theme will be Under the Sea. Summer camp will run from June 8th to July 31st and will be open to children entering Kindergarten in the 2015-16 school year through 6th grade. Students will enjoy Science Discovery, Yoga, Soccer Instruction, and Conscious Kids & Martial Arts. Each Wednesday, students will go on a field trip. The cumulating field trip will be to Sea World, Orlando!

Odyssey's Under the Sea Summer camp is open to Odyssey Charter School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy students, as well as the general public. The location for camp will be the Odyssey Elementary Campus at 1755 Eldron Blvd SE. Registration forms are available through the school's front office. Registration forms are due by FRIDAY, 5/29. Space is limited, so sign up today!

For more information about our summer camp, please contact Amy White at 321-733-0442 or email her at [whitea@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:whitea@odysseycharterschool.com).

## Young Engineers & Scientists Summer Camp (YES)



With the success of our YES After School Program, we have partnered with Dr. Larry Chew to offer YES Summer Camp. YES camp will run from June 15th - July 10th. Students in grades K-2, 3-5, & 5-9 will engage in STEM explorations with our YES trained, certified teachers and will have three distinctly different weekly themes to choose from. YES is from 9:00am-3:00pm, with before/after care, breakfast, lunch & snack included in the weekly fee.

**Register ON-LINE ONLY at [www.youngengineer.us](http://www.youngengineer.us).**

For more information about YES summer camp, please contact Amy White at 321-733-0442 or email her at [whitea@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:whitea@odysseycharterschool.com)

## Volunteer News

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to register as a volunteer in KeepNTrack. It is important to get registered because your volunteer hours are tracked in the KeepNTrack system. You can find the link to sign up to be a volunteer on Odyssey's website, located under the "Parent Tab." Look for the Volunteer Opportunities listing or you can register at the Brevard County School website under the Parents and Students tab. The price to register does vary depending on which level you register under. If you have any questions about registering for volunteering or volunteer opportunities at Odyssey, please contact our office manager, Melissa Todd at 321-733-0442 or email her at [toddm@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:toddm@odysseycharterschool.com)

## OCS Face Book Page



Please "like" our new Facebook page as we will be keeping it updated throughout the school year with events that we have going on and it is a great way to keep up to date with our many activities and events. Links to the Facebook page can be found on the school's website at [www.odysseycharterschool.com](http://www.odysseycharterschool.com)

## PRESCHOOL, VPK, AND ELEMENTARY NEWS

### Preschool Applications for 2015-16 School Year

Montessori Village Green offers a Montessori Early Childhood Education Program for children 3 years old through Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK). Our program is staffed by supportive degreed Montessori and Early Childhood teachers. Our preschool is located in Odyssey Charter School's award winning green school building which will provide your child with a safe and healthy learning environment. Our Montessori program is supplemented with the Core Knowledge Reading program which is a rich literature based program.

Our preschool program also offers a tuition based morning and full day program for 3 year olds and non-VPK four year olds and a free VPK program. Please visit the following website <http://www.elcbrevard.org/p/232/registration-information> to learn if your child qualifies for VPK and steps to receiving your voucher. We accept School Readiness vouchers from the Early Learning Coalition to help parents who have a financial need with tuition. To learn more about School Readiness, please visit the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard's Website: <http://www.elcbrevard.org/p/218/school-readiness-subsidized-child-care-program>

All students that attend Odyssey for VPK receive priority enrollment into Odyssey's Kindergarten Program. An application for the 2015-16 preschool program is available at the school's front office. To learn more about our preschool program and to set up a tour, please contact Amy White at 321-733-0442 or email her at [whitea@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:whitea@odysseycharterschool.com)

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### 2nd Grade

All second grade classrooms recently finished learning about those who helped shape America by fighting for a cause in which they believed. The lives of Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Cesar Chavez, Suzan B. Anthony, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Robinson and Mary McCleod Bethune were examined and discussed with the students.

Throughout this study the students identified injustices that occurred and, most importantly, how these people fought for change without violence. This opened discussions where students began to examine the world around them and identify injustices that they see in their own world. We asked the students what they would not stand for in their lives, such as bullying, hatred, discrimination, or violence.

This year for field day the second grade created T-shirts that share the injustices that they will personally not stand for in their life. Their shirt was then printed with the words "I will not stand for...." They were excited and proud to share the cause they believe in fighting for! We are so proud of their courage!



To enhance environmental stewardship, the fourth grade recently completed a one day study trip to the Indian River Lagoon, which is staffed by the Brevard Zoo. To prepare for this trip, students have spent the last month learning about the different species of wildlife that live in and around the Lagoon. During the study trip students were able to identify species found in or near the Lagoon, collect aquatic organisms while wading in the water, and discuss water pollution causes and effects with an Enviroscape model. Our "Lagoones" now understand the importance of caring for the Lagoon and its watershed.



### Support Odyssey when Shopping at Target or Amazon

Target and Amazon have programs where customers can support the schools they love! We would greatly appreciate your support by signing up for these simple programs.

#### Target's Take Charge of Education

*(need to be a holder of a Target REDcard credit card)*

- Go online to [Target.com/TCOE](http://Target.com/TCOE)
- Go to the "sign me up" section in the left, bottom corner of the page
- Go to "Select by Target School ID," enter the school ID # 113492 and hit search
- Enter your name and REDcard number.

**Now, for every purchase you make at Target using your REDcard 1% will be donated to Odyssey Charter School.**

#### AmazonSmile program

- Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
- Log into your Amazon.com account (If you do not have an account, you can create one by going to Amazon.com)
- Search Odyssey Charter School Palm Bay, FL
- Select our school

**Now 0.5% of your purchase will go to our school.**

Thank you for your support of our school!

### Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High Dual Enrollment

Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School now offers Dual Enrollment with Eastern Florida State College to rising 10th grade students. Next year, this program will expand to other colleges/universities, including Florida Institute of Technology and University of Central Florida. This program enables qualified students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades to enroll in selected college and vocational credit courses offered by these colleges/universities. The credits that students earn count toward both a college degree or certificate and a high school diploma.

The eligibility criteria for dual enrollment is based on the student's selected program of study, either an Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree or the technical Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree. To enroll, students must present an unweighted cumulative high school GPA of at least a 2.5 or 3.0 (depending on the course of study) and college-ready Reading and Writing scores from the ACT, SAT or PERT.

For more information about Dual Enrollment, please contact Dr. Knight, Site Administrator for OCS Jr/Sr High.

#### EASTERN FLORIDA

- For more information on the Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) dual enrollment program, go to <http://www.easternflorida.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment/publicprivateschoolstudents.cfm>

#### FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

- Florida Tech's current dual enrollment policy dictates that applicants must be in 11th or 12th grade. In some circumstances, very high achieving students have been permitted to enroll in more than 12 total credit hours. These students are evaluated on a case by case basis. If you wish to look into FIT early dual enrollment, please contact Dr. Knight.
- For more information on FIT's dual enrollment program, please see their website. <http://admission.fit.edu/>

### OCS Jr/Sr High English Department Update

As the school year draws to a close, it is important to remember that learning takes place all year, not just when students walk through the doors at Odyssey. We would be thrilled if students read a minimum of thirty minutes a day during summer vacation. Students could read to younger siblings, take trips to the local area libraries, and participate in on-line book chats. In addition, if your children see you reading (and enjoying it) they are likely to follow in your footsteps!

The ELA department has selected several books for your child to choose from for the summer reading assignment. All the books may be purchased at Barnes and Noble book store or other locations. Students will be required to complete a summer reading project-based assignment that will be handed out the last week of school with due date information and project rubrics.

We also want to let you know that UFC is offering developmental reading programs for grades K-12 at the Eastern Florida Campus that students may attend (for a fee). Space is limited and classes meet once a week for two hours for six weeks. If you are interested in having your child participate in this great opportunity, please contact the Institute of Reading Development at 1-800-483-5013 or visit their website at [www.ucf.readingprograms.org](http://www.ucf.readingprograms.org) for more information.

Students may continue to utilize the Study Island curriculum online all summer! Simply have them select the grade level ELA/Reading content they will be studying in August. Student passwords remain the same through the summer as during the school year. Finally, we'd like to thank our students for the fantastic attitude and behavior displayed during ELA testing this month. They rose to the occasion and have made us proud!

### OCS Jr/Sr High Mathematics Department

Now that the state math tests are over, the math department will be preparing students for next year! Students can prepare over the summer by using [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org). This completely FREE website offers a diagnostic test to identify the student's weaknesses and strengths, an individualized lesson plan that meets the student's needs (based on the diagnostic results), instructional video tutorial lessons, and practice questions designed specifically for each individual student based on their individual needs. Furthermore, it offers printable progress reports and optional e-mail updates on the student's progress for parents.

Rising 7th and 8th grade students that are high performing in mathematics can talk to Ms. O'Dea, Math Department Leader, about early Algebra placement this spring. Students interested in taking

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## Mathematics *(continued)*

Algebra before 9th grade will take a placement exam to determine their best mathematics course trajectory. We are offering a Rising 7th Grade Math Camp to help select student prepare for middle school math. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact Ms. Laura Lopez, our elementary mathematics coach.

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns on how to help your student be more successful in mathematics, always feel free to contact your student's math teacher by e-mail or phone. We are here to help!

## OCS Jr/Sr High Science Department

The science department is in the process of completing the final science standards related to genetics and life science. In the closing month, students will be introduced to concepts that will be covered next year. Parents may aid in preparing their children for 8th grade science by reinforcing concepts related to outer space in addition to the study of the atom. For those going on to 9th grade, life science will be the focus. This month, the rising 8th and 10th graders will start working on foldables/interactive notes outlining upcoming Chemistry concepts, while rising ninth graders will begin working on next year's Biology standards.

Welcome to Ms. Perez, our newest Science teacher. Ms. Perez' Biology and 7th grade Science have gone through a "typhoon of changes" this month. They have been learning about wavelengths and types of waves, a little bit about genetics, populations, and body systems. The classroom dynamics have been full of energy with students using concept word checker boards to learn science academic language, rapping about types of energy, presenting about Jupitanians and Vulcanians and their "characteristics," and creating/building Odyssey's first solar cars from scratch.

## OCS Jr/Sr High History Department

In 7th Grade Civics, students continue to work hard at mastering each benchmark in preparation for the End of Course exam in May. Currently, the students are working on analyzing several different landmark Supreme Court cases that have impacted the lives of every American, from Brown v. The Board of Education to Marbury v. Madison. Next, we will be comparing various types of governments.

In Mr. Ayala's 9th grade World History class, students have been studying the philosophies of the European Renaissance. Thomas More's Utopia is the student favorite. We are now beginning to study European monarchs during the Age of Absolutism.

We are learning some very exciting things in Mr. DeAmará's class! In U.S. History, we have examined the way Andrew Jackson shaped the country, from the founding of the Democratic Party to the consolidation of power in the Presidency. Ask your child what the impact of political parties have had on the development of our country.

## OCS Jr/Sr High Club Updates

### Jr/Sr High Green Engineers Report

Odyssey's Jr/Sr Campus is growing! We have spent this year researching green ways to enhance our campus while focusing on meeting the needs of our students and community. In keeping with the holistic mission and vision of the school, we saw a need to expand the food gardens and outdoor experiential learning opportunities. We visited several local farms to research and compare traditional gardening, hydroponic gardening and aquaponic gardening. We were awarded

grant monies to help us achieve our goals. We are working with the local Lowe's store and farm experts at Healthy Living Aquaponics to build an innovative aquaponics garden and investigation "lab." Take a look at the front lawn of the Wyoming campus to watch it take shape. We plan to have a harvest festival and taste sampling event at the end of the school year to showcase foods we can grow; fruit, vegetable and fish! Elective classes next year will help with the future expansion of this space to other agricultural endeavors and a student led farm market.

### Odyssey Charter School Strategy Club

The Jr./Sr. Odyssey Charter School Strategy Club opened midway through the 3rd interim and has been strengthening steadily since its start, increasing in number and variations of gaming strategies that can be applied to real life decision making. Our relatively small (but expanding band) of student strategists have explored various ways of working in collaboration to achieve shared goals and purpose. Students learn to maneuver through and around obstacles that hinder progress and experience intrinsic success from surviving challenges and strengthening personal skills. Students are learning leadership roles, designing and facilitating the labyrinths of enigmatic puzzles that other students must undo.

The Odyssey Charter School Strategy Club hopes to expand next year. We would greatly appreciate even more parental support in next year's club.

Sincerely, Odyssey Charter School Strategists

### National Junior/Senior Honor Society

Thanks to the generous contributions of Odyssey students and their families, the NJHS was able to successfully compile items for care packages to be donated to Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude is a non-profit, volunteer-based corporation dedicated to Wounded Warriors and service members deployed overseas. Since its inception in 2003, Operation Gratitude has been responsible for sending more than one million care packages overseas. The NJHS of Odyssey is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to that number.



### OCS Jr/Sr High Computer Club

Computer Club ended in January but we are already gearing up for next year. Before we ended for the year, the club participants were in the process of learning how to use the Bios system for different motherboards. If you have old computer equipment that you would like to donate to our club or if you are interested in volunteering with the club next year, please contact Mr. Ayala.

## Jr/Sr High Extracurricular Activities Update



### All NEW High School Sports for the 2015-2016 school year

This spring, Odyssey joined the Florida High School Athletic Association. Next year, we hope to add a wide array of high school sports to our school. If you need more information about the sports offerings, are interested in coaching a sport, or if you are interested in our Athletic Booster Club, please contact Mr. Davis.

- Basketball (boys and girls)
- Competitive Cheerleading
- Cross Country (boys and girls)
- Flag Football (girls)
- Soccer (boys and girls)
- Swimming & Diving (boys and girls)
- Track & Field (boys and girls)
- Volleyball (girls)
- Golf (boys and girls)
- Tennis (boys and girls)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** Attention Parents of Jr/Sr High Students – Students at charter schools may participate in their local high school sports and extracurricular activities, like the marching band, if the charter school does not offer the specific extracurricular activity. If your child is interested in an extracurricular activity at one of the local high schools and Odyssey is not offering the activity and you want more information about how to get your child involved, please contact Mr. Davis or Dr. Knight.

## Jr/Sr High Electives

### Virtual Courses

Our 2nd semester of virtual coursework is coming to an end soon and students have shown a tremendous amount of dedicated and focused work. Many students are working in advanced level courses to help them prepare for high school and college. Parents are encouraged to stop by or call Ms. Castro to learn how virtual courses work so they can assist their children from home. Ms. Castro may be contacted by phone: 321-345-4117 or by email: castrol@odysseycharterschool.com. Next year, we will continue to have virtual courses. Registration for these courses will take place before the close of the school year.

### Jr/Sr High Spanish Department

The Spanish program starts with a dynamic introduction to the language, emphasizing the conversation part; and, at the same time, the practice of the four skills of any language: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Class activities are very interactive, related to the student's reality and are interrelated with the culture of the countries and geographic areas where this popular language is spoken. Students in the class are very motivated and are responding very well to the dual-language learning process. They want to communicate with Spanish native speakers in the USA, as well as around the world through social networks, in person, or by traveling. We are looking forward to increasing the number of students registering for middle and high school Spanish courses next year.

### Titans Sports Update

**Middle School Flag Football:** This year we were able to fill two teams to play in the SCCA league. After winning 3 games, Team A took the win in the championship game! Way to go Titans! Thanks to all the parents who came out to support our teams. A special thanks to our coach for leading the students in a spectacular season.



## PAST EVENTS

### Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High Basketball

The basketball team wrapped up their season last month defeating Viera Charter School for the championship and an undefeated season! While the season may be over, we are very excited at the chance to repeat next year.



### Talent Show

Odyssey Jr/Sr High would like to congratulate all of the students that performed at the Annual Odyssey's Got Talent Show. Students and parents cheered as their fellow students sang, danced, and performed martial arts.



### Mayor's Cup Track Meet

On April 18, Odyssey participated in the 2015 Palm Bay Mayor's Cup Track Meet. Congratulations to all of our student athletes who participated and represented Odyssey Charter School. We have a number of students who placed in the event:

9 & 10 Year Olds:

Willie Thompson – 5th place – Boys 100

Audrey Hermes – 4th place – Girls 50

11 & 12 Year Olds:

Payton Lornitis – 4th place – Boys Softball Throw

Eashon Dupoux – 3rd place – Boys 100

Eashon Dupoux – 5th place – Boys 200

Saniyah Latore – 1st place – Girls Standing Long Jump

Saniyah Latore – 3rd place – Girls 100

Saniyah Latore – 3rd place – Girls 400

13 & 14 Year Olds:

Austin Jones – 3rd place – Boys 200

Daniel Molodkin – 5th place – Boys 800

Daniel Molodkin – 2nd place – Boys 1600

Dileidy Brito – 5th place – Girls Soft Ball Throw

Dileidy Brito – 2nd place – Girls 100

Kobie Brandon – 5th place – Girls 100

Dileidy Brito – 2nd place – Girls 200

Kobie Brandon – 4th place – Girls 200

**Way to go, Titans!** We would like to thank our café staff at both campuses for the amazing, nutritious food that they offer each day in our healthy café. We appreciate you!

## Science Fair Winners

On March 12, nine of our 4th-6th grade aspiring scientists participated in the 34th annual Southern Division Science Fair as part of the Challenger Division. Our school had the highest number of science fair winners in the district fair. The following students earned recognition at the fair for their outstanding science research projects:

Harris Best of Show! – Physical – Sean Stanton (6th grade)  
1st Place – Physical – Sean Stanton (6th grade)  
3rd Place – Environmental – Sashtri Laloo (6th grade)  
4th Place – Biological – Olivia Menashe (5th grade)  
5th Place – Physical – Naia Macpherson (4th grade)

The following Jr/Sr High students participated in the district fair at the Melbourne Square Mall: Nicolas Bia, Joshua Christianson, Madison Davis, Jennifer Johanson, Jessie Martin, Shiloh Thomas

The following Jr/Sr High students earned recognition at the district fair for their outstanding science research projects:  
Jennifer Johanson - Science Achievement Award  
Jesse Martin - 4th place District in Animal Sciences, Science Achievement Award, Indian River Lagoon Stewardship Recognition  
Shiloh Thomas - Science Achievement Award

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## National Elementary Honor Society Beach Clean Up

On April 4th, the National Elementary Honor Society students partnered with "Keep Brevard Beautiful" to do a beach clean-up at Paradise Beach Park. The students received a presentation from "Keep Brevard Beautiful" about how the organization works in Brevard County to clean up parks and outdoor areas; they then learned how they can help keep their neighborhood and environment clean. After the presentation, the students went to the beach where they worked together in two teams to comb the beach and clean up litter and debris. The "Keep Brevard Beautiful" representative was on hand to collect the bags of trash from the students and pick up any items that were not appropriate for the students to handle. The students collected over 10 large bags of trash. We are very proud of our NEHS students for their hard work and the difference they made at Paradise Beach.



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## District Art Fair

On March 12th, the following Odyssey Students participated in the 2015 Brevard Art Fair. We are proud of the beautiful art work that these students submitted and displayed at the art fair. Special Congratulation to 4th grade student Mikayla Porchiazzo, won first place in her grade for 2D art at the district art and science fair!

Mikayla Porchiazzo – 1st Place – 2D Art  
Olivia Norton, Jocelynn Moss, Naia Macpherson, Jade Parker, Layla Harmon, Madison Shaffer, Michaela Creighton, Keithlyn Alves, Noah Bachman, Maddison Zace, Marissa Wise, Sophia Friel, William Olds, Keaton Billings

## Annual 5K Fun Walk/Run

On Saturday, April 25th, Odyssey held their annual 5K fun walk/run at the Jr/Sr High Campus. Students and staff gathered together to walk or run the 5K track. Coach Padilla helped the crowd limber up with stretching and Mario Bernardo encouraged the walkers and runners by playing several drum solos. When Mario was not playing, Mr. Hoffman was playing upbeat music to inspire the crowd. Children who attended were delighted to have their faces professionally painted by volunteer, Ambier Gonzalez. They also enjoyed participating in the jump rope and hula hoop contest run by Coach Padilla. We would like to extend special thanks to our parent volunteers, Beverly Squire-Wiggins who's company PIP Printing produced our beautiful 5K T-shirts, Mr. and Mrs. Broom along with their children who helped distribute water and fruit to the runners, Mindy Jackson, who coordinated with TD Bank to have resalable bags donated, and Summer Light who provided the cases of bottle water. We also thank our many teachers and staff who ran the registration table and the start/end stations at the event. This was a wonderful community gathering and we are pleased that so many of our Odyssey families and staff came together!



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## National Bike to School Day

The first-ever National Bike to School Day took place on May 9, 2012, in coordination with the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Month. Almost 1,000 local events in 49 states and the District of Columbia joined together to encourage children to safely bicycle or walk to school.

The event builds on the popularity of Walk to School Day, which is celebrated across the country – and the world – each October. Odyssey celebrated National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 6th. We are pleased to carry on the tradition of health and wellness as well as reducing our carbon footprint by participating in this annual event.

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### Grievance Procedures

Step 1: Request Teacher conference to clarify issue  
Step 2: Contact the Site Administrator 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

\*\*Dr. Jane Martin 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. Dr. Martin can be reached at 321-733-0442.