

Oasis Preparatory Academy

NEWSLETTER

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

Oasis Preparatory Academy
5200 West South Street • Orlando, FL 32811 • (407) 930-2581
School Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Main Office Hours: 8:30 – 4:30 pm
Early Release Days- (Every Wednesday @ 2:30 pm)

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.

Did You Know?

The third grade students at Oasis Preparatory Academy outperformed 10 of the 12 surrounding schools on the third grade reading assessment. We had 75% of our third grade students pass FSA reading assessment. The fifth grade students at Oasis Preparatory Academy outperformed 11 of the 12 surrounding schools on the fifth grade science assessment. We appreciate all of the hard work from our students, staff, and families.



School Hours & Calendar

The first day for students to return to school is Monday, August 24. Please remember: School hours are from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm and Wednesday 9:00-2:30. Oasis office hours are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Oasis Charter School follows the Orange County School calendar. To see the full Oasis calendar, please visit www.oasisprep.com

School Supply Lists

School Supply Lists are available for K-6th grade students from your campus front office or on our website at www.oasisprep.com.



School Calendar

August

August 10- 9:00am-2:00pm Registration Grades K-6th
August 11- 2:00pm-6:00pm Registration Grades K-6th
August 20 – 5:00pm-7:00pm "Open House/Meet Teachers"
August 24 – First Day of School
August 26 – Early Release Day
OCS Board Meeting, Wyoming Campus 5:15 pm

September

September 7 – Labor Day/Holiday for All
September 17 – Constitution Day
September 14-18 – Celebrate Freedom Week
September 21 – International Day of Peace
September 30 – Interim Reports Issued

Registration

Registration Requirements

We thank all Oasis families who came in early to complete much of the registration process this Spring. For those new families that were unable to attend early registration events we will have your registration paperwork during the summer registration event (see calendar date).

Required documentation needed for registration.

Please know that these forms are required to be turned in before the first day of school on August 24, 2015.

- Birth certificate (grades k and all new students)
- Current immunization form (grades K and new students)
- Current Physical Exam (grades K and all new students)
- IEP's, EPs, Behavioral Plans, or 504 Plans (all new students to Oasis)

State Assessment News

The state of Florida has released some state assessment scores. Be on the lookout for the score reports from the state. The scores will be available in the Main Office once released. Math and English/Language Arts results from the new state test called the FSA are not expected to be available until late September.

School Uniforms

All Oasis students are required to wear a school uniform. Our uniforms can be purchased through our uniform provider, All Uniform Wear (407-480-4803) at 8204 Crystal Clear Lane Orlando, FL 32809 or online at www.alluniformwear.com.

School uniform reminders:

- Belts should be black or brown
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Jackets and undershirts should be solid school colors
- All shoes must be solid white or solid black
- Solid white or black socks
- Sandals, boots, flip-flops and open toed shoes are not permitted
- Students will wear dark blue or gold polo shirts with proper logo Monday – Thursday
- Students will wear dark blue or gold tee shirts with proper logo on Friday
- Students may wear Khaki, black or navy blue shorts, skirts, shorts, or pants.

Green Ribbon School

This past June, our Founder & Head of Schools, Ms. Constance Ortiz traveled to Washington D.C., along with the Odyssey Charter School Elementary Site Administrator, Ms. Wendi Nolder and Odyssey Schools Science Coach, Dr. Jane Martin, to receive our National Green Ribbon Award. While they were there they made sure to stop by and see some of the amazing D.C. sites.

Congratulations to Ms. Constance, as well as faculty, staff and students, on receiving this prestigious award.



Summer Reading Requirements

Just Read!

Summer reading assignments for Kindergarten through 6th grade are due during the first few weeks of school. Summer reading assignments are available on our website at www.oasisprep.com and in the front office. Stop the summer slide and read!

Elementary Campus Before and After Care

Our Before and After care program is offered by MILLS. Registration forms for Before and After Care are in the Main office or by contacting Diane Tolbert at MILLS (407)522-0898.

Volunteer News

Get a jumpstart on your volunteer hours for the upcoming school year. Summer volunteer opportunities:

- Summer Registration
- Front office help



Parents and caregivers of Oasis students are required to give volunteer hours each school year. The annual requirement is 8 hours for one student and 25 hours for two or more students. If you have any questions about registering for volunteering or volunteer opportunities at Oasis, please contact our front office at 407-930-2581. As the school year begins, look for ways you can support our school and watch our students shine because of your efforts!

WANTED: Substitute Teachers!

If you are yearning to make a difference in children's lives, and are looking for a part time job working during your child's school hours, look no further! Oasis needs you! Please take a moment to apply to become an Oasis substitute by contacting Deidra Law at (407) 930-2581.

Do you have a Special Skill or Expertise Area?

We are looking for parents, grandparents, and community members with special skills to help us enhance our learning community. If you are a photographer, speakers of another language, artist, gardner, musician, scientist, cook, elected official, or if you have some other special skill or talent that you would like to share with our students, please call our front office at 407-930-2581 or email info@oasisprep.com.

New Reading & Math Coaches

We are excited to have Katrina Mobley and Jueanette Harlee as our Instructional Coaches working with our students, parents, and staff. We are happy and fortunate to have these dedicated educators working with our Oasis team.



Oasis Preparatory Academy Facebook 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. It is great way to stay informed with our many activities events all year. Links to the Facebook page can be found on the school's website at www.oasisprep.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following students for earning End of year Awards for the 2014-2015 School year.

Kindergarten Grade Awards

Perfect Attendance: Denelia Campbell, Rashun McMeans, Amahd Siplin

Principal's Award: Jamyah Jerelds, Darren Mathis

Citizenship Medal: Angel McCoy, Amiyah Little, Isaiah Conley, Harrison Young, Tylia Grant

1st Grade Awards

Perfect Attendance: Denelia Campbell, Rashun McMeans, Demarcus Caldwell

Principal's Award: Brianni Hall, Marleai Johnson, Brandon Vega, Jaylen Arnold

Citizenship Medal: Michael Blackmon, Amari Hill, Denelia Campbell, Deona McCoy

A/B Honor Roll: Kariah Kounz (Kindergarten Student), Janiyah Warrell, Gabriel Garcia, Janiyah Julmis, Amiyah Davis, Jaheim Preston, Ariana Moore

Academic Achievement Award: Gabriel Garcia, Amiyah Davis

2nd Grade Awards

Citizenship: Stephen Mason, LaTayvia Andrews

Academic Excellence: Carrell Smith, Travanti Jones, Aanyiah Metellus

A Honor Roll: Eyonna Tull, Stephen Mason

Principal's Award: LaTayvia Andrews, Eyonna Tull

Perfect Attendance: Aanyiah Metellus

3rd Grade Awards

Perfect Attendance: Mikiyah Blackmon, Jeleah Cargill, Darrell Harris, Jada Peoples

A/B Honor Roll: Janasia Andrews, Jovon Haywood, Darrell Harris, Zakari Claude, Angel Rene

Academic Achievement Award: Mikiyah Blackmon (2nd Grade Student)

Citizen Medal: Alphonso Scott, Darrell Harris

Principal Award: T'Zaria Holt

4th Grade Awards

Principal's Award: Jayda Foster

Perfect Attendance: Kyra Alston

Citizenship: Kyra Alston, Erykah Roundtree, Malcolm Aine, Jayda Foster

A/B Honor Roll: Kyra Alston

5th Grade Awards

Principal's Award: Julian Santiago

Perfect Attendance: Ashton Davis, Jayda Roach

Citizenship: Khesiyah Pipkin, Vasthie Grant, Michayla Simpson, Ashton Davis

Thank You

Thank you to those departing staff members for their hard work and dedication this past year. We appreciate their efforts and wish them well in the future.

Valarie Thompson (Principal)
Lisa Wrinkle (Kindergarten)
Novelette Nelson-Whitter (Kindergarten)
Wanda Morales (First Grade)
Shanqual Gunn (Third Grade)
Lekisha Johnson (Physical Education)

My name is Gregory Turner newly appointed Director of Instruction and Leadership Development for Odyssey Schools Inc. My first priority is acting as the interim Director for Oasis Preparatory Academy. We are in the final stages of identifying a new leader for Oasis. We look forward to announcing the new leader prior to the start of school. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call the school at 407-930-2581.

Did you know?

- Oasis successfully completed year 1 in Orange County.
- Oasis will operate as a second year charter school during the upcoming 2015-2016 school year.
- Oasis has qualified and experienced leadership/teachers and operates its schools with a collaborative approach.
- New this year, Oasis will start a gifted/talented class.
- Music, Art, and Physical Education opportunities will be a priority for all of our students.
- Odyssey our sister school, is designated a high performance chartered school by Florida's Commissioner of Education.
- Odyssey our sister school, has won both national and state awards for innovation in education and leadership.
- The creation of a media center is in the works. We have ordered tablets, and leveled books to help provide more learning and reading opportunities for our children.



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

**Ms. Sonja White 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. Ms. White can be reached at whi04849@gmail.com or 407-538-2158.