

Happy Friday Everyone,

9/6/19

It was wonderful seeing hallways and classrooms filled with parents/guardians on Thursday night for back to school night! A packed house with high parent/guardian involvement is a great indicator of a strong school community. I enjoyed checking in with many of you as you moved through the building to each of your student's classes.

Our charter renewal was a hot topic of conversation that evening and I greatly appreciate all of the thoughtful questions and engagement surrounding this process. We have heard back from hundreds of families through the survey sent out last week regarding the role the audition process plays in our program. Next step is for a team of parents, students, teachers, and administrators to put our heads together to synthesize the data and pass it along to our board. Please expect another survey in the coming days as we seek more input from our stakeholders regarding other aspects of our programming. We understand that too many surveys can be exhausting, but we want to be certain that we have a clear understanding of our community's priorities as we finalize our charter prior to submission.

In the world of student safety please be aware of the following two situations:

1. There was a mugging on Telegraph on Friday morning near the 19th st. BART exit. The victim was not part of the OSA community and the suspect was on foot so police were able to catch him. According to police, there has been an increase in incidents of this type in the area so please remind your students' to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings keeping valuables out of sight.
2. Our friends at the Oakland Ice Center on 18th st. have reached out to inform us that some of our students have been entering areas of their building that are not intended to be accessible. This includes unsupervised areas where there is HVAC and other heavy equipment that could potentially be dangerous. We appreciate the diligence of the Ice Center employees in keeping an eye out for our students and ask that you reinforce appropriate usage of that space with your student at home.

We are always keeping a close eye out for all of our students and appreciate your support in spreading the word at home.

Kindly,

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