Sue's News

January 23, 2013

A bit long in the making, but here is the first newsletter of the new year. First off, I wish everyone a healthy and happy new year. I am excited for 2013, and look forward to all of the adventures that will define this year!

 Lots happening at "The Grove."

_Winterium_ is off and running. Kristin Burrello, Derek Waldron and Hannah Army are working with many of our kids after school putting together the magical production _Winterium_-a show written by Derek Waldron. Mark Saturday March 2nd and/or March 3rd on your calendar and come to Yeoman's Hall in Columbia. Details on times will come later.

Also, after school on Monday's, Willa and Alice are hosting the "Crafty Girls of Oak Grove." The girls are doing some amazing projects and having a supportive environment to talk about things on their minds.

 The Auction/Gala Committee is working double time. Save the date, March 23rd! This year’s auction/gala will be held at the Rome Ballroom at University of Connecticut. The theme is Viva Italia! and promises to be a an amazing night of great food, fun and entertainment. The committee is putting together an auction full of surprises with many changes from years past. Bring your friends and be ready for lots of laughs while supporting our community and school.

Contracts for next school year will be in all parent pockets this week. I am asking everyone who is planning on returning next year, to fill them out, sign them and turn them in to the office by the dead line. We will be hosting a series of open houses over the winter and spring and need to know how many spaces are available to new families looking to start at OGMS.

The next PA meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb.6th, at 5:30. All are welcome and encouraged to come, and as always, daycare and food will be provided.
Monday Morning Muffins will be back in February too! (We took January off to recover from the over-eating holiday season!) So, please join us in the lobby for muffins and coffee after drop off on Monday February 4th.

Miranda and Emily are willing and wanting to offer a couple of Saturday afternoon/evening babysitting events over the next couple of months. They provide a fun time of projects, games, snacks and pizza. I am interested in getting input from parents on how to make this work best for everyone's schedules. If you have any ideas, please email me (susan@ogms.org) your thoughts and then we will get a few dates on the calendar.

The graduating 6th graders and their parents will be gathering on Thursday night for a pot luck dinner to talk about senior projects, senior trip, graduation and transition plans into Middle School. Let's not think about how quickly graduation day is coming, I will tear up!

Land's End is running some great sales, so if you are interested in purchasing some OGMS clothing, now is the time to buy!

I have one more meeting with another security company. Tomorrow I will be at an all day conference on security and safety, sponsored by CAIS (Connecticut Association of Independent Schools). We will then be making our final decisions on security upgrades. The changes to all the internal and external doors (aside from the front door) have already been made.

The peace chain that the kids created in December measured out at 104 feet long! Amazing!

And on that, I will end with a quote from Martin Luther King Jr.: "We may have all come here on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

(And from where I am sitting, it's a pretty great boat!) Thank you all for the support. 2013 is going to be a good one!

In peace,
Sue