



Pacifica School District

Ocean Shore School

Campus

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General

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- ▶ 15 Teachers
 - ▶ 350 Students
 - ▶ Grades K-8
- 2008 Growth API - 847



Welcome to Ocean Shore School



Experiential Learning

Ocean Shore Overview

Ocean Shore School offers an academically challenging, standard-based K-8 program that encourages a high level of parent participation. Ocean Shore parents work in close partnership with expert teachers to provide a rigorous and enriched educational experience. Due to the time and energy contributed by the parents, the school can provide small-group instruction, frequent field trips, special theme-based projects, and lots of hands-on learning. This experiential approach to learning results in a more in-depth, personalized instruction that maximizes the child's individual potential.

Ocean Shore's warm and caring environment fosters the development of each student's positive self-image, enthusiasm for learning, and acceptance of others. Every child's unique qualities are valued, and time is taken to guide students to see their place in the world. Competitions and comparisons between children are minimized to encourage independent thinking. The teachers and parents at Ocean Shore are committed to having our children work together to make intelligent choices and contribute to their community.

Ocean Shore prides itself on its less traditional, hands-on approach with proven results. Graduates of our school have a proud reputation for excelling in local high schools and colleges. Yearly state mandated testing results consistently score in the outstanding range, and many of the experiential activities have been acknowledged countywide. Ocean Shore has received Kent Awards for its Oceans Week, Living History, and Acceptance and Inclusion programs.

Parent and school communication at Ocean Shore is extensive. Besides direct involvement in their child's class, parents receive weekly bulletins, newsletters, and are invited to attend monthly classroom planning meetings. Twice yearly, extended parent conferences are held with the teachers using progress reports to evaluate the child's knowledge based on the California standards. Ocean Shore uses standards based progress reports and parent conferences to inform parents of their child's progress.

Parents at Ocean Shore sign a contract with the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) to participate at the school for 85 hours per year for Kindergarten, 95 hours for one child or 145 hours for two or more children. Parents help directly in the classroom, during field trips or theme days, developing special projects, or by serving as an art, music or computer lab aide. All of these activities are tied to the classroom curriculum and provide the students with small group experiences that enhance the more direct instruction given by the teacher using state adopted textbooks and practices. Most classrooms have at least one field trip and theme day a month. Older children enjoy overnight field trips to Yosemite, Sutter's Fort, Monterey, and aboard sailing vessels. Some parents work after school or weekends on special committees or school activities such as fundraisers or administrative duties. ◆



Small Group Instruction

Special Times at Ocean Shore

Every day is special at Ocean Shore. Monthly field trips, integrated thematic lessons, and daily, experiential small group learning create the perfect setting for education. For over thirty years, Ocean Shore, formally known as the Laguna Salada Alternative Program, has been providing the families of Pacifica an environment where children can explore and discover their own meaning. Nothing beats the love of parents and dedicated teachers working together to build a community where children come first. Come on a tour and see for yourself why Ocean Shore is "still the alternative." ◆

Ocean Shore School's Guiding Principles

We, the members of the Ocean Shore community, are committed to:

- Providing a challenging and academic program that maximizes student's individual potential
- Providing a well-rounded education that nurtures the whole child
- Being a diverse community built on mutual respect, collaboration, and civic responsibility
- Having parent participation as the cornerstone of our program ◆

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WE ARE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY WE CAN.**



Experienced and Committed Teachers