



ROA Director Update

March 9, 2018

General Information

Wonderful Parents-We invite you to an amazing opportunity:

Compassionate Communication Conference

AKA: Nonviolent Communication (NVC)

April 14th & 15th 2018

8:30AM-4:00PM

Held at ROA in Westlake

Fee: \$80 (Early Bird Special: \$70 till March 1st)

***This event is for ages 18+**

***It is open to the community and expected to fill quickly**

***Registration will open 2-12-18**

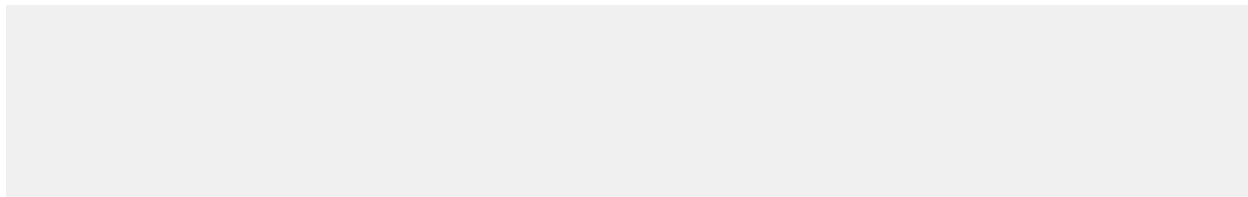
The session titles for the Compassionate Communication Conference (April 14 & 15) are online now under conference handouts. Space is filling up and we wish to accommodate all of you who would love to participate so please sign up if interested.

<http://www.riveroakscharter.com/compassionate-communication-conference/>

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Community Board member position: In June 2018, one of our community board member positions comes open. If you know of a community member who is willing and interested in applying for the opening, please have him/her get in touch with me with any questions.

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Author Presentation at ROA

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Obert Skye's presentations are just 45 minutes long and are best suited for 3rd-7th grade. Obert speaks about the "magic of writing" as he takes students through a six ingredient spell that will make writers out of all of them. It is an interactive and funny presentation that is filled with things that will promote wonder, imagination, and the power of being true to who you are.

Monday, May 7 at 1:00 at ROA.

For the first time, the **SAT** will be administered on school days, in addition to the traditional Saturday exams. River Oaks will be offering the **SAT for all interested 11th graders free of charge** on **Tuesday, April 10**, at 8 am, here on our campus. This is a great opportunity to take the SAT without having to use a Saturday, and under comfortable conditions right here at your school!

11th graders who may want to attend a four-year college in the fall of 2019 need to take the SAT and/or the ACT. And, normally you would need to pay as much as \$60 to take the exam.

If you are interested in registering for the SAT School Day Exam on April 10, please let Richard know. You may take either the SAT or the SAT With Essay. We will be posting registration forms soon, but we wanted to give you a heads up now, so that you will have time to prepare for the exam.

And...please note that we will also be offering the **PSAT 10** on that same date in April. The PSAT 10 is for our 9th and 10th graders. Be sure to register for the correct test!

Please take our Workshop Survey to help us create the fall 2018 schedule:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spring2018WorkshopSurveyOXNWL>

Survey will be open until March 12th. Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions.

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Boot camp in Oxnard:

Seal Pup room from 2:00 to 3:00
Oxnard ROA

2/26 Parent Bootcamp with Teacher Leina

Discussion will be on ***Nonviolent Communication*** (NVC) skills. People who practice NVC have found greater authenticity in their communication, increased understanding, deepening connection and conflict resolution. Come on over and check it out!

3/5 PAC Meeting

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3/12 Parent Bootcamp with Teacher Cheri

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We can't wait to see you!

Happy Homeschooling :)

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Sara McGuire tiaosa79@gmail.com

Movie Afternoon at ROA:



ADMIT ONE
JOIN PAC FOR MOVIE & SPIRIT DAY!
FEATURING




MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM

SHOWDATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 15 SHOWTIME: 2:00 PM WLV CAMPUS RM. 5
ROA T-SHIRTS \$5 POPCORN - DRINKS - HENNA TATTOOS - DONATIONS WELCOMED TO HELP PAC FUNDRAISING!

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT..WEAR OR BUY AN ROA T-SHIRT, AND RECEIVE A FREE TRINKET!
(PAC SPONSORED - ALL PROCEEDS/DONATIONS BENEFIT FUNDRAISING FOR LOUNGE IMPROVEMENTS/GRAD GIFTS/FUN EVENTS)



We also have another amazing Parent Bootcamp scheduled in WL:



Power Paragraphs

Join Teri at Parent Boot Camp and learn how to invite your student to write with enthusiasm, interest, and ease.
Tuesday, March 13th @ 10:00 in Room 4 WL



Pac Info

Hello from PAC...

We are looking forward to a great second semester at ROA!

Parent Boot Camp – Tuesdays from 10:00-10:50 in Room 4

One of our favorite opportunities at ROA is *Parent Boot Camp* hosted by ROA teachers, Leslie & Kathy. Here you'll enjoy weekly, supportive, homeschool-related topics, presented by ROA teachers and ROA parents alike, to help fuel and propel your homeschool. Scheduled topics appear in the ROA App...check out the PAC tab to see what is happening.

PAC Time – Tuesdays from 11:00-11:50 in Room 4

Immediately following *Parent Boot Camp*, PAC members will be hosting *PAC Time*. Join Pamela, Chandra, and Candice for an “open-forum” chat time to discuss anything and everything homeschool!

Think of it as tea time (usually with coffee, too!) with fellow ROA parents to connect and support each other, meet PAC, and see what events are being planned. This is the time and place to connect as parents and build community...Please join us. Nothing is off-topic, and your input is desired!

ROA Yahoo Group

Are you receiving the ROA Yahoo Group announcements? Stay connected and updated with your ROA community. The ROA Yahoo Group is an online, member-based community for ROA parents to receive (and send) messages about events/news related to ROA. Become a member of the ROA Yahoo Group by contacting your ROA teacher. Alternatively, you can contact PAC parent, Candice at: tallentcandice@yahoo.com for help in joining.

Thank you from PAC Chill!

Pamela, Chandra, Sara, and Candice :)



Career Pathway Updates

We are offering the following pathway courses: (full semester courses). Talk to your teacher about participating and earning credits towards your high school diploma.

For more information, check your teacher's emails.

College and Career Seminar

Leadership in the spring is an extension of CCS

Captivating Speakers is back

Computer Networking

IT Fundamentals (a-g)

A+ Certification (a-g)

Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation

Introduction to Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation (a-g)

*Hospitality Entrepreneurship with a focus on Business & Finance (a-g)
(IBEF)*

Legal Practices

Introduction to Law (a-g)

Criminal Justice (a-g)

Career Education Center (CEC) - check out the numerous course offering www.vcoe.org/cec



OXNARD Resource Center

Dear Oxnard Families,

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who attended the board meeting. It was great to see everybody and to be at the Oxnard campus for our board meeting.

Thank you to those families who have taken the time to fill out the workshop questionnaire/survey. The survey is now **CLOSED**. We received some valuable feedback and would like to take a minute to **address some of the comments**:

- Please know that if we offer a K-5 day (and a 6-12 one)—our plan would be (budget provided) to offer a couple of classes for the groups to choose from. Hence the idea of separating the lower grades and the upper grades. This is something that we cannot do at the current site, if we have all grades on campus.
- Also, please remember that we are a homeschool/independent study program. We offer workshops and classes as a choice and for extracurricular enrichment. These days are NOT intended to take place of you working with your student at home. Furthermore, please know that **2 days of attending workshops equals to 56 days per year of missed instruction (we found that most families do not do any instruction at home on days their student/s attend/s full days of workshops).**

As the years progress multiply this times the number of years they attend workshops. If there are 170 math lessons in a given year and they don't cover 60 of them that is approximately 33% of the material that is not getting covered each year.

Therefore, suggesting that we offer classes/workshops 4 days/week and then add a focus room is not only now creating a classroom program, but is inherently a disservice to your student.

- We also need to make budget considerations when scheduling workshops and classes. We spent over \$140,000 each year for workshops and classes. We hire only quality instructors. We also had the request to offer more teacher led classes. Please know that our teachers are already working at and beyond capacity. Adding more workshops is unfortunately at this time not an option, or it would mean that something else they are doing (like having quality turn-in meetings with their students) would have to be cut back.
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- We had comments about students not being on time. Multiple instructors have told us that it interrupts their class, when students come in late. Therefore, 5 minutes after the start of any given class, we will not allow students who are late to join that class to respect the students who were on time and the instructors. While starting at 10:00 will not prevent students from being late, it allows families a bit more time in the morning to get ready. Furthermore, we had some families tell us that they would be doing work in the morning and starting at 10:00 would allow them to get a good part of their daily work done, which then would help with the missed instruction hours listed above.

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Counselor's Corner

Community College Registration Information for the Spring, 2018 Semester

As the Spring 2018, semester approaches, it is time to begin the registration process for community college courses. As you know our students may attend community college courses without paying the \$46 per unit tuition (other fees, such as parking, health fee, lab and book fees, may apply). While many of our local community colleges will permit registration for our students in December or January, **Moorpark College** has implemented several changes that will benefit our students:

1. Our students in Grades 9-12 may register for classes beginning **November 22**. This means that students in grades 9 and 10 will no longer need to sit in a class for the first week to gain enrollment. Students below ninth grade will still need the permission of the professor.
2. While students with an existing account at Moorpark (your VCCCD number) are now permitted to upload and submit your dual enrollment form to register, we recommend that you still conduct a walk-in registration on November 22.
3. The Dual Enrollment form for Moorpark now incorporates the Memorandum of Understanding, so that you will need to complete just one form. This form must be signed by River Oaks to gain permission to take your course or courses. You also need to take with you an unofficial transcript, which we will give you upon request.
4. Students in grades are now eligible to take up to 11 units, with the permission of River Oaks.

For detailed information go to www.moorparkcollege.edu, click on "Apply and Enroll," then click on "Apply for Admission." Under New Students, click on "Dual Enrollment," and follow the instructions. If your student has never taken a community college course, the Application for Admission will need to be completed. If he or she already has a VCCCD account, then the process begins with the Dual Enrollment form.

See your teacher, or your Counselor, Richard, for assistance. And remember, this applies to Moorpark College only. See us for help with other colleges.



Important Dates

March 19	Week of 19 th -last week of spring workshop session
March 22	Pizza & Prep (more info coming shortly) WL and OXN
March 26-30	Spring Break
April 16 th	Week of the 16 th start of CAASPP testing/PE testing
April 16-May 18 th	Short (5 weeks) session workshops (details TBD)
May 28	Memorial Day
May 30	Year-end party and Graduation
June 1	Last day of school

Warmly,
Your River Oaks homeschool team,
Leslie, Nick, Maria, Michal, Kathy, Amylynn, Leina, Teri, Sherri, Marni,
Jennifer, Cheri, Leanne
Tezo, Monica, Beverly, Richard
and Claudia