



**ROA Director Update**

March 23, 2018

**General Information**

- Please know that our **5 week intersession workshop** schedule will be available on our website as of today, Friday March 23. Sign-ups on **i-Class start on Tuesday, April 3 at 8:00 am.**
- Your teachers should have spoken to you about your student’s **CAASPP testing** dates. If you have not heard about that yet, please contact your teacher.
- We are on **spring break starting from March 26-April 1.** We will be back in the office on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be in part-day on Thursday and Friday. Please don’t hesitate to send us an email or leave a phone message and we’ll call you back as soon as possible.

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Wonderful Parents-We invite you to an amazing opportunity:

***Compassionate Communication Conference***

**AKA: Nonviolent Communication (NVC)**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**8:30AM-4:00PM**

**Held at ROA in Westlake**

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

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

**ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT—SIGN UP NOW**

**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

**Obert Skye**, author of the bestselling *Leven Thumps*, *Pillage*, *Witherwood*, and *The Creature From My Closet* series has released a new book series this month called **Wizard for Hire** (<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/35909705-wizard-for-hire>), with the release of this new series Shadow Mountain Publishing has offered to cover Obert's expenses so that he can tour the Thousand Oaks area offering **free school presentations**.

**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.

**I'd love to add your school to Obert's tour schedule!** Please let me know if your school would be available to host Obert on either **Monday, May 7 at 1:00 at ROA.**

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## SPEAKER SEASON AT ROA:

**Please RSVP to your teacher by 4/16(space is limited-first come first served)**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING AMAZING PRESENTATIONS:**

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April 18th	California Pioneer Stories	4th-6h	Norma Michelsen
April 18th	"I am still here" Our Holocaust	6th-12th	Clara Knopfer
April 25th	The Rainforest	K-6th	Norma Michelsen

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### April 18<sup>th</sup>: CALIFORNIA PIONEER STORIES:

MRS. MICHELSEN makes California history come alive as she tells stories of the California pioneers, their struggles and triumphs in settling of the 40<sup>th</sup> state. ...

### April 18<sup>th</sup>: I AM STILL HERE, MY MOTHER'S VOICE" OUR HOLOCAUST

Clara survived Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi concentration camp. Clara was born in Romania. In 1944, she was taken to a ghetto and subsequently transported to Auschwitz, then Riga concentration camp and later to two labor camps. After a long "Death March" Clara and her mother were liberated in January of 1945. Her mission in life is to "teach, never forget, and never let it happen again".

### April 25<sup>th</sup>: THE RAINFOREST

The rainforest will come alive as Ms. Michelsen presents facts and information about the fascinating flora and fauna in the unique ecosystem. She brings to the classrooms artifacts such as a stuffed tarantula, as well as mounted bugs and butterflies to delight students.

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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!

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## **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](mailto: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](http://www.vcoe.org/cec)



## **OXNARD Resource Center**

Dear Oxnard Families,

Staff has had lengthy and numerous discussions about how to structure next year's workshop schedules. We came to the following conclusion, after taking all comments, suggestions and thoughts into consideration:

- We will be offering a K-5 day on Mondays (with a focus room for the 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students)
- We will be offering a 6-12 day on Tuesdays
- We will be offering a ½ day of K-5 on Wednesdays in the am (with a focus room for the 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students) and a supervised lunch hour for the K-5 and an hour of circle and games for the K-5 students.
- We will be offering a ½ day of 6-12 on Wednesdays in the pm.

This allows us to offer more choices of workshops; a focus on the individual age groups and less crowding in a space that is unfortunately quite limited.

Please know that we always have discussions, hear what our families are saying and are continuously evaluating how things work out. We would like to give this a try and see, how well it works. For planning our spring semester, we will be sending out another survey around October. At that time, we will carefully consider the input we receive from our families and adjust for the spring semester accordingly.

As always, we appreciate your input, thoughts and comments. Thank you for giving us your input.

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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](http://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.

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## Important Dates

March 26-30	Spring Break
April 4-May 23	SAT prep classes in math and ELA
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Week of the 16 <sup>th</sup> start of CAA\$PP testing/PE testing
April 16-May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Short (5 weeks) session workshops
May 28	Memorial Day
May 30	Year-end party and Graduation
June 1	Last day of school

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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