



ROA Director Update

April 13, 2018

General Information

- Please know that our **5 week intersession workshop** schedule will start Monday, April 16th.
- 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 would like to share with you Daniel Filz, won **First place** in the **Ventura County Writers Club Poetry Contest!** Daniel won First Place in the teen category, ages 13-17. Below, please enjoy his poem. Congratulations, Daniel, great job!!!!

The Performance

By

Daniel Filz

I sit in solitude,
in silence, asleep;
Until the fingers swiftly
touch my ivory keys,
black then white.

I am awake!

The rhythm gently builds.
Vibrations stir the air,

as the warm scent of devotion
whirls around me.

The sounds of joy, passion,
and sadness inspire me
to reach great mountains,
and explore deep valleys.

I taste the sweetness
of the music,
as it fills the room
with swirls of golden, glistening,
notes.

The treble and bass clefs
dance hand in hand
to the composition.
Finally, the last note hangs in the air.
I try to catch it – I miss.

Silence.

The darkness closes in once more.
I wait, dreaming
of my next performance.



Congratulation to the following students for getting the correct answer ON THE MATH PROBLEM OF THE MONTH!

- Alex Egelston
- Jordan Peisner
- Michael Outmesguine

Please make sure you get your surprise gift with Beverly if you haven't done so already.

+++++

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.** **Please RSVP to your teacher!!!**

=====

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 (these speakers are only visiting on the day listed):

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

=====

=====

April 18th: 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 40th state. ...

.....

April 18th: 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 25th: 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.





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,

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 6-12th 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 6-12th 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.

The workshop schedule for the fall semester 2018 should be published by the last day of school. Sign-ups won't start until September.



Counselor's Corner

New info coming shortly



Important Dates

April 4-May 23	SAT prep classes in math and ELA start (late start students are ok)
April 16 th	Week of the 16 th start of CAA\$PP testing/PE testing
April 16-May 18 th	Short (5 weeks) session workshops
May 28	Memorial Day
May 30	Year-end party and Graduation
June 1	Last day of school
August 13	Teachers return
August 21	First Day of school for 18/19 school year
September 24	First day of Fall 2018 workshops
December 7	Last day of Fall 2018 workshops

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