

OSBORN REPORTER

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CANDIDATES SEEK SEATS ON OSBORN DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Osborn District Governing Board has four vacancies to be filled in the November election—three four-year terms and one two-year term. Four candidates are seeking the three four-year vacancies. No candidate has filed for the two-year term. Dr. Sandra Dowling, Maricopa County School Superintendent, will appoint an individual to fill that vacancy. Two of the four candidates, Sarah Hall and Kelly Parker, are currently on the board and are seeking re-election: Marilyn Rollins, who was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Pamala Biscoe is also seeking election as is candidate Bernard Lopez.

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SARAH HALL is a Parks and Recreation Administrator with the City of Phoenix. She has been a district resident since 1986. Her son attended Osborn K-8 and is currently a sophomore at North High. Sarah

has an M.A. from the University of Phoenix. She has served on the Osborn Governing Board for four years and on the Arizona State Committee on Trails. She has been a Boy Scout leader and parent supporter. She is running to retain her seat on the Board because she believes in and supports public education.

BERNARD LOPEZ is an Attorney. He is a native Arizonan, raised with three sisters and two brothers in Tucson. He served four years in the US Air Force before receiving his law degree from the University of Arizona. He served as an Assistant Attorney General and as legal counsel with the Department of Corrections. He has been active in various teen teaching/mentoring programs and served on Governor Napolitano's 2003 Juvenile Justice Committee on Child Protective Services

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FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

Even though temperatures still feel like Summer, another school year is well under way. Come join the learning! Call your local school and volunteer.

A special thank you to Board Members James Damron and Oksana Kormarnyckyj. James served on the board for 18 months through June, 2004 when he resigned due to family illness. Oksana graciously agreed to serve and was appointed to fill his seat until the end of the year. Their energy and efforts are greatly appreciated. Four residents have generously volunteered their time and talent to run for three vacant board seats. Please review their statements in this newsletter and vote for those candidates you'd like to represent you.

Our nation's finest have put their lives at risk to ensure democratic elections in Iraq and Afghanistan. Let's honor their efforts by being informed voters on November 2nd.

Maxine Radtke, Board President



SARAH HALL



BERNARD LOPEZ



KELLY PARKER



MARILYN ROLLINS

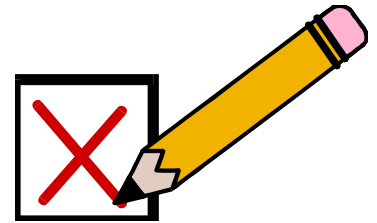
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Reform. Mr. Lopez is now in private practice focusing on children and family issues. He is a children's advocate and feels that education is a key component in resolving, at the front end, negative issues that plague society. He wants to be part of addressing the problems for District families.

KELLY PARKER is running for his third four-year term on the Board. He is employed as a Training Specialist for the Arizona School Boards Association. Previously he was involved in training for Motorola. He has a degree in Secondary Education from ASU. A graduate of Longview School, Kelly has lived in the district his whole life. He served as co-chair for the 1996 Bond Committee prior to serving on the board. Both of his children attended Osborn Schools as did his wife. Key issues for Kelly are maintenance of our schools, looking at how to best serve our students and community and maintaining competitive salaries.

MARILYN ROLLINS is a certified community college instructor and a local businesswoman. She has owned and operated a business in the district for the past 27 years. She has been a member of the Governing Board since August, 2003, and clerk since July, 2004, having been appointed to fill a seat vacated by Pamela Biscoe. She has served on the Board of the Sojourner Center for victims of domestic violence and on the Board of Directors of the Arizona affiliate of the American Heart Association. Her goals are for students to receive the best education possible by maximizing learning opportunities, maintaining and achieving high educational standards and encouraging academic achievement

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TEACHER EXCHANGE WITH JAPAN

Clarendon Elementary is hosting Yumiko Nagayama, a teacher intern from Tokyo, who is completing a three-month teacher assistant internship in the District. Clarendon students and staff are soaking up knowledge of Japanese art, music, and culture, including calligraphy and language and Yumiko is perfecting her English while learning about Arizona and the United States.



Yumiko Nagayama and Vanice French team up to share teaching/cultural experiences

Mrs. Vanice French, Clarendon Library/Media Specialist, who made arrangements for the exchange and is hosting Yumiko, will soon be saying "sayonara" as she puts her new found knowledge of Japanese language and culture to work. She will depart for Tokyo in November for a four-week exchange as part of the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Mrs. French was one of 600 teachers selected nationwide from more than 2,000 applicants for the teacher exchange program.

Mrs. French plans to stay in close touch with Clarendon students during her time away.

GRANT TO HELP TRAIN TEACHERS

A \$9.7 million 5-year grant to Arizona State University is expected to improve teacher quality in the Osborn District. The US Department of Education awarded the grant as part of No Child Left Behind's (NCLB) effort to improve education nationwide. Osborn will partner with ASU West as part of our well established Professional Development School (PDS) Model. The grant was awarded because key aspects of the program will assist in increasing the number of highly qualified teachers—collaboration between the uni-

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versity and local school districts like Osborn, emphasis on training in math, science and literacy and a strong technology component. Osborn, Madison and Avondale are the greater Phoenix districts benefiting. Other districts are on reservations in various parts of the state and will access training via distance learning.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

ENHANCING TECHNOLOGY

For the second year in a row the Arizona Department of Education funded Osborn School District's Enhancing Education Through Technology grant application. The \$114,480 we received will enable us to strengthen professional development for all staff, purchase another mobile computer lab, expand online testing and further develop our online student achievement database. Mary Pistor, Technology Professional Development Specialist will work closely with principals and directors to coordinate and document all technology training and skills development in the district. Soon we will offer parent training for the new web link to the student achievement database. Look for further details in the next issue of the Osborn Reporter.

NEW PARENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS BROCHURES

Teachers are doing the final edits and revisions to Osborn's new AZ Academic Standard Parent Brochures. These tri-fold pamphlets were redesigned to accommodate the new grade level standards in reading, mathematics and writing. The brochures clearly outline what each child is expected

to know, understand and do in these subjects at each grade level. It is our hope that this information will help parents support their children in school and improve communication with classroom teachers. The brochures will be available at Parent Teacher Conferences, November 17, 18 and 19.

NOTICE OF PARENTS' RIGHTS

As parents of public school children, you have the right to:

- Request and receive information on the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher*
- Receive timely notice from Osborn School District if your child is taught by a teacher who is not "highly qualified" for four of more consecutive weeks.

* To request professional qualifications about your child's teacher, please contact:

Mrs. Pamela Unternaehrer, Director of Human Resources

Osborn School District
1226 West Osborn Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85013

Or request by email: punterna@osbornnet.org

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: TUTORS NEEDED

The District is seeking volunteers to be part of the OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program sponsored by Robinson-May. Volunteers, the District and OASIS work together to help children build reading skills, self-esteem and positive attitudes toward learning. Training and supplies and materials are provided. Don't miss this opportunity to

BE A MENTOR
BE A FRIEND
BECOME AN OASIS TUTOR!

make a difference in the life of a child! The District recently hosted a meeting of "returning" OASIS volunteers. Twelve community members who tutored students last year are returning for another year to help children. They indicate that they love the contact with the children and children relish the opportunity for one-on-one interactions with an interested adult. A winning combination!

Call the district (602) 707-2000 or Judy Stahl at OASIS at (480) 994-1528 for more information or to volunteer.

Parent Education Classes Available Through Phoenix College

Parents receive free tuition (1 college credit per course), free childcare and a \$30 Wal-Mart gift certificate upon completion of any Parent Education for Prevention (PEP) course offered in the District through Phoenix College. Any parent of an infant through a 12th grader is eligible to take courses that focus on three important areas of parenting: understanding child development, parent-child communication and family, school and community interaction. Courses are offered on one of our school campuses and are taught by Osborn teachers.

Parents who are also Osborn District employees and who need coursework to meet the NCLB requirements for instructional assistants are encouraged to take advantage of this free coursework. Call the Curriculum Office at (602) 707-2006 for more details.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

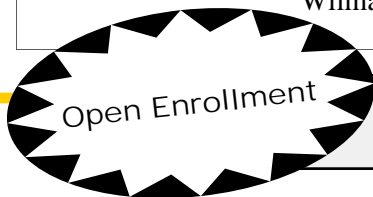
Welcome to another school year. We're off to a great start with approximately 75 more students than at the same time last year!

I'm pleased to announce that the District is in the process of formulating a **Strategic Planning Task Force** comprised of teachers, administrators, board members, parents and community members.

We are seeking thirty key individuals to represent all stakeholder groups in our educational community. We will be studying every aspect of District operation including governance, curriculum, the nature of teaching and learning and student achievement as we develop a plan to guide us through the next five to seven years. The Task Force will meet for several intensive sessions beginning with a dinner on Wednesday, November 3 and concluding on Saturday, November 6. We are looking for interested staff, parents, patrons and business leaders to assist us in developing our plan. We also need individuals to work on **Action Teams** to help develop the necessary details needed to carry out the approved Strategic Plan.

Please call my office (602) 707-2002 if you are interested in serving on this important committee.

Wilma J. Basnett, Ph.D., Superintendent



Students need not reside in the District to enroll.

Para información en Español sírvase de llamar a la Sra. Eduarda Amondragon-Rosh at 602/707-2033 o Sra. Lilia Montoya at 602/ 707-2016

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The Governing Board meets on the Third Tuesday of each month at 7 :00 PM in the Administrative Offices at 1226 W. Osborn Road.

All parents and patrons are invited to attend.

ENCANTO SCHOOL (K-3)

1420 W. Osborn Road
Phoenix, AZ. 85013
Judi Gottschalk, Principal 707-2300

CLARENDON SCHOOL (4-6)

1225 W. Clarendon
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Barbara Schuderer, Principal 707-2200

LONGVIEW SCHOOL (K-6)

1209 E. Indian School Road
Phoenix, AZ 85014
Claudia Johannesson, Principal 707-2700

SOLANO SCHOOL (K-6)

1526 W. Missouri
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Karen Engelman, Principal 707-2600

OSBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL (K-6)

1102 W. Highland
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Sandy Meko, Principal 707-2400
Marty Makar, Assistant Principal

MONTECITO COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-6)

715 E. Montecito Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85014
Judy Whiles, Principal 707-2500

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