

Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

Happy Friday!

It was our first five-day week of school, and our students finished strong! Every Monday, our administrative team prepares an "Announcement Video" to share school events, 7 Habits, Capturing Kids' Hearts themes, and more with our kids. This week, we encouraged students to get plenty of rest and have determination to make it through the week. There was a ton of success throughout our building as our kids persevered.

As we approach the end of August, teachers and students are setting goals for learning and growth. What goals did your child set? Most often, these goals center around reading and math. Here are some helpful tips that your family can do to help your child this school year:

- Reading unlocks the world. Having your child read each night has a compounding effect. If our students read 15 minutes a night, that's 75 minutes a week. That's roughly 300 minutes a month, and 3,000 minutes for the school year! As adults, we spend time to better ourselves and learn new skills. Keep encouraging your child to read and practice this essential life skill.
- Knowing math facts quickly helps kids move to higher math concepts. Whether you have a younger student who is counting by 1's or learning how to add to 10, or whether you have an older student who multiplying and dividing by larger numbers, feel free to find websites and other creative ways to get kids to practice math facts.

Thank you for all that you do.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi
OES Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September

September 1st - Professional Development, No Students

September 4th - District Closed for Labor Day

September 7th - CIA Board Meeting

September 7th - CIA Ice Cream Social - 3:45pm

September 14th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

September 21st - CIA Parent Meeting- 3:45pm

September 21st - Skate City Fundraiser- 6:00pm- 8:00pm

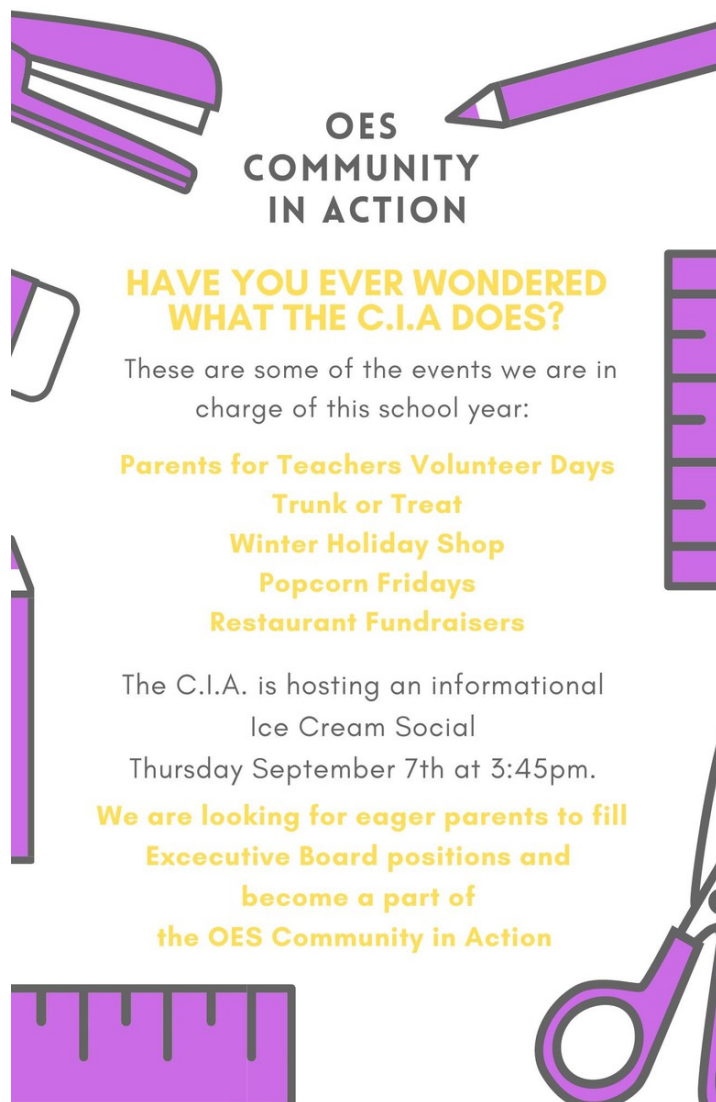
September 27th - 4th Grade Field Trip - Young America Towne (8:45-2:00 pm)

September 27th - Board of Education Work Session

September 28th - PBIS Quarterly Assemblies - Parents of award recipients are to be invited personally

September 29th - Elementary Professional Day, No Elementary Students

September 29th - End of Quarter 1



Meet the Social Worker

Mrs. Whitaker
School Social Worker



Hello!

I am excited to have the opportunity to work with many students at Odyssey this school year! I have a passion for improving student mental health and providing support to students, staff, and families. It is my goal to help foster a positive learning environment.

What Do I Do?

- Short-term individual counseling
- Small group counseling
- Crisis management
- Classroom lessons
- Consultations with parents and teachers
- Community resource referrals

My Education

Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois

About Me

I love art, reading, and taking walks. I have a husband, two boys, and a puppy.

Please contact me via email at mackenzie.stahlwhitaker@d49.org
Or call at 719-494-8622

Mental health tip of the week: Try setting screen time limits at home for your child. Studies show that too much screen time can lead to decreased positive behaviors and decreased focus. Try breaking that time up with fresh air and exercise outside and see if you notice a difference!

WATCH D.O.G.S



Pizza Night Invite



**Attention All 'DADS' of
ODYSSEY Students!**

'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night Event! FREE Pizza, Drinks and Fun!

Fathers and Father-figures,

On Thursday, 31 August from 4:00pm-5:00pm we will be having our FIRST annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night at our school. You will meet at the Odyssey Collaboratory at 4:00pm for FREE pizza and drinks. At 4:30pm we will have a short presentation about our **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** (Dads Of Great Students) Program. **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life. Our goal is to have you spend at least one day this year at the school to be a positive male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears.

Dads, granddads, uncles, step-dads and adult brothers . . . this is your chance to have a night out alone with your student in a fun atmosphere at school.

Please RSVP with names and number of people attending to OdysseyWatchDogs@gmail.com no later than Monday, August 28 to ensure we have enough food and drinks for all!

We look forward to seeing you there and are excited to launch this new program for our 2023-2024 school year!

Sincerely,
Your ODYSSEY Watch Dog Team

OES Family Handbook - 2023-2024

Odyssey - Family Handbook 2023-2024.pdf

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OES - Bell Schedule

- **School Hours:**
- Office 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The first bell will be at 8:15 a.m.
- The official start of school is at 8:20 a.m.
- Tardy 8:25 a.m.
- Kindergarten - 5th grade 8:20 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Day School 6:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- Pre-School P.M. 12:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.
 - Breakfast served 7:55 a.m.-8:10 a.m.
 - Soft Start/doors open at 8:10 a.m.
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District 49 School Calendar - 2023-2024

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Student Fees

The fees for the 23-24 school year:

Student Fee per student -\$25.00.

Personalized Learning Fee per student- \$35.00

Technology Insurance Fee Optional per student - \$30.00.

You can pay online (StudentQuickPay.com) or pay in the front office with a check or cash.

D49 Student Issued Device Agreement

District 49 Student Issued Device Progam Agreement.pdf

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OES Spirit Wear

SPORTS

3690 N. ACADEMY BLVD. COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80917
WWW.SHORALL.AMERICANSPO RTS.COM

Odyssey Elementary Spirit Wear Fall 2023

Online ordering for Odyssey Elementary Spirit Wear Fall 2023 ends on Sun, Aug 27, 2023 (11:59 PM MDT)

🔗 odysseyelem.itemorder.com

District 49 Attendance Policy

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY OVERVIEW

[Bell Schedule / Attendance Policy \(d49.org\)](#)

D49 Student Check Out Procedure

*Any parent/friend/relative picking up a student must be listed as an approved contact with “pick-up” privileges in PowerSchool and **must present their valid, legible, government issued photo ID.**

***PLEASE NOTE: We will only call student out of class, once you have arrived, we have checked your ID and you have signed your student out of school.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PowerSchool Parent Portal - Account Creation Guide

PowerSchool Parent Portal: Account Creation Guide

Get Started ([pdf version of instructions](#)).

PowerSchool is the District’s web-based tool providing real-time insights on student grades, schedules, performance, and attendance.

Before you can access your student information, you must create a new parent account (*existing IC accounts will not work in PowerSchool*).

You need to have at least one student Access ID and Password to create an account. If you have multiple students in our district, you should have received an email for each of those students with an Access ID and Password to link each of your students as you create the account.

If you did not receive an email containing the Access ID and Access Password(case sensitive), please contact your student's school to obtain this information.

To set-up your account click on the link- [Parent & Student Portal / Parent & Student Portal \(d49.org\)](#)

Nursing Services

ANNUAL HEALTH FORMS

- D49 is now collecting your student's Annual Health History online through your parent portal. Please take the time to set up your portal and inform us of any medical needs your student may need addressed while at school. This is also an excellent time to make sure your phone numbers and emergency contacts are updated.
 - [Nursing Services / Annual Health Forms \(d49.org\)](#)
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BASE49 Information

What is BASE49?

- BASE49 is a Before and After School Program that provides quality care on scheduled days, as well as during early release, assessment, and professional development days for working families. We also offer a summer program at limited locations.
 - All District 49 students from grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade are welcome to attend. The program runs from 6 am-6 pm. Our summer and break hours may vary.
 - [BASE49 Before & After School / Welcome to BASE49 \(d49.org\)](#)
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CIA - Committee in Action Parent Group

Welcome to Odyssey's Community In Action Page,

Thank you for visiting Odyssey's Community In Action (CIA) page. We appreciate the time and support you offer our parent/community group. The CIA is a parent group whose mission is to institute and sustain a close relationship between the parents, community, teachers, and students by evolving opportunities within the school, home, and community. This group provides support for teachers and students within the classroom, advocates school and family interaction, raises money for supplies and materials for classrooms, and hosts events for the school community. Furthermore, we provide an unbiased forum for sharing information and making decisions that impact our students.

Membership Form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17uDkD7xRGbe9nknBr73URZgRjflCCGyNzrdemmcoF-g/edit?usp=sharin>

To become a member or to receive more information please reach out to Mrs. Trinity Wedde at trinity.wedde@d49.org.

We look forward to working with you and serving our OES community.

[2023-2024 CIA Bylaws](#)

OES- Title I School Family Compact/Policy



Learning Services / Title Programs

Title I, Part A is the largest federal program supporting both elementary and secondary education. The program's resources are allocated based upon the poverty rates of students enrolled in schools and districts and are designed to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

d49.org

Volunteer Opportunities

In order to participate as a volunteer at Odyssey Elementary School, you must be cleared through our Central Office. Below are the steps to take before volunteering.

D49 Volunteer Process

All Volunteer Applications are done online. Click on the link below to begin the volunteer application:

<http://d49.org/domain/265>

Please contact the school to arrange a day to volunteer.

Nutrition Services

Monthly Lunch Menu- [View Menus](#)

Here is more information regarding our free and reduced program.

<https://www.d49.org/freeandreduced>

<https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>

Lost and Found Items

If your student is missing items such as jackets, lunch bags, water bottles etc. **The Lost and Found will be donated at the end of each month**, please have your student check before then.

King Soopers Fundraiser

Dear OES Families,

Odyssey Elementary School is participating in the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program. Please read the information below to link your King Soopers Loyalty Card.

To Use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program:

Simply encourage your participants to visit the appropriate link below.

- For King Soopers Stores - go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>
- For City Market Stores - go to <http://www.citymarket.com>

Once logged into their King Soopers or City Market account they can search for Odyssey Elementary School either by name or AX396 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *loyalty* card.

*Customers must have a registered King Soopers or City Market *loyalty* card account to link to your organization.

*If a member does not yet have a King Soopers or City Market *loyalty* card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers or City Market

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your organization until after your participants register their *loyalty* card.

Participants must swipe their registered King Soopers or City Market *loyalty* card or use the phone number that is related to their registered King Soopers or City Market *loyalty* card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you!

King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Department



Odyssey Elementary School

Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OESComets>



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