



# Odyssey Weekly Update

*My Path. My Future.*

## Principal Corner

Dear Odyssey Families,

We march in March onward to even more success!

First, as our weather turns nicer, I want to give a quick reminder when it comes to arrival procedures at our school. If you drive and drop off your children, please continue to remain diligent, follow our “Kiss and Go” procedures for student drop-off, and drive slowly through our lanes. School safety is of tremendous importance to us, and we want to do everything we can as a community to keep our students safe and sound.

Additionally, it’s great when kids ride bikes or scooters in the sunshine. To make sure our kids protect this property, it’s an excellent idea to make sure kids have a lock for their bikes and scooters. Please understand that we cannot store these items in the office or classrooms consistently.

Finally, let’s end on a note of celebration! We had an excellent *Bingo for Books* event at our school Thursday night. We had many of our staff members devote countless hours to making this happen for our kids and families, and school staff stayed late, too. Thank you for making this happen, Odyssey staff! Additionally, thank you to our families, friends, and neighbors who were able to attend this event as well.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi  
OES Principal

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# Upcoming Dates to Remember

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## **MARCH**

March 4th - CIA Fundraiser - Chipotle

March 7th - CIA Board Meeting

March 7th - Starbase - 5th Grade

March 8th - Choir Concert - (2nd and 4th Grade)- 6:00pm

March 12th - Dion's Fundraiser- 5:00-8:00pm

March 13th - CIA Parent Meeting- 3:45pm4

March 14th - Starbase - 5th Grade

March 14th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

March 15th - Growth and Development - 5th Grade Boys and Girls - 2:00 pm

**March 18th - 29th - Schools Closed for Spring Break**

March 27th - Board of Education - Work Session

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## **Chipotle Fundraiser - March 4th**

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ODYSSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**MONDAY, MARCH 4TH | 4-8PM**  
6530 TUTT BOULEVARD, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO,  
80923

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **ZRW3VEA**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

# HAZ EL BIEN CON CHIPOTLE



## RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA ODYSSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

33% DE LAS VENTAS DEL EVENTO SERÁN DONADAS A LA CAUSA

**LUNES, MARZO 4º | 4-8PM**  
6530 TUTT BOULEVARD, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO,  
80923

ORDENA EN LÍNEA PARA RECOGER USANDO EL CÓDIGO **ZRW3VEA**  
O MUESTRA ESTE VOLANTE EN EL RESTAURANTE



Para que las órdenes en línea se tengan en cuenta para el evento de recaudación de fondos, deberán ser del mismo lugar del evento y realizarse durante las horas del mismo. Las órdenes con servicio de entrega o las realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo no cuentan para el evento. Se

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## Dion's Fundraiser - March 12th

# ODYSSEY ELEMENTARY

## *Night at Dion's!*

A percentage of all sales between 5-8pm will be given to the community group.

*When:*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 5-8PM**

*Where:*

*Dion's on*

**POWERS & DUBLIN  
(719) 265-4645**

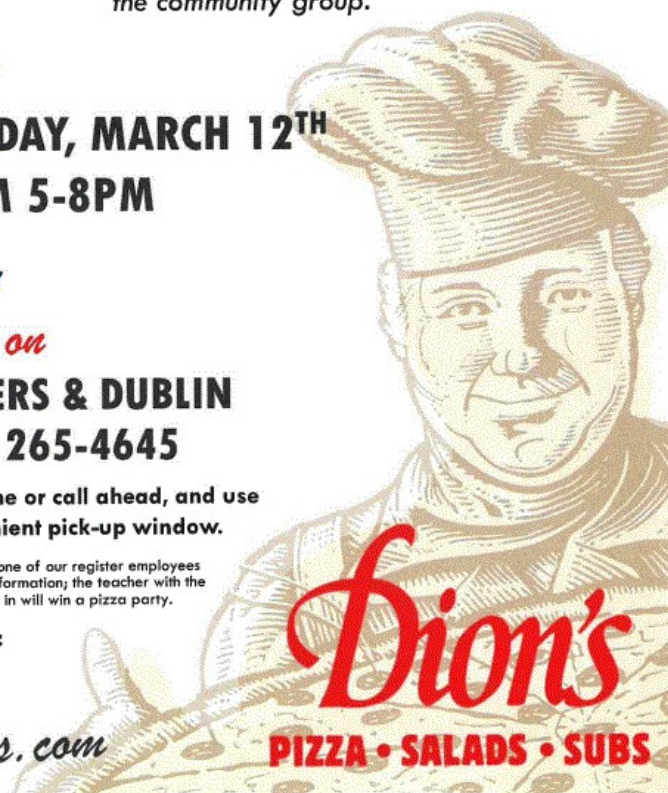
Order online or call ahead, and use our convenient pick-up window.

Give this flier to one of our register employees with the below information; the teacher with the most fliers turned in will win a pizza party.

**TEACHER:**

**GRADE:**

*dions.com*



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## OES Talent Show Auditions



ODYSSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Talent Show



**AUDITIONS OPEN!**

Wednesday, March 13th, 3:45 - 5:15 pm

Thursday, March 14th, 3:45 - 5:15 pm



ESCUOLA PRIMARIA ODISEA

# Concurso de talentos



**¡AUDICIONES ABIERTAS!**

Miércoles 13 de marzo, 15:45 - 17:15

Jueves 14 de marzo, 15:45 - 17:15



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## D49 Taste of D49 Food Show - Open to the Public



Many vendors will be onsite to provide tastings and nutritional information.

**MARCH 13, 2024!**

**VISTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**FUN | FREE | FOOD**

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## CMAS Letter

February 9, 2024

Dear Odyssey Elementary School Family,

Thank you for your continued commitment and support of your students and the OES community. Beginning April, we will enter the state testing window for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. This is an amazing opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning and see their growth! We value the data that we gain from these assessments.

**Please note: 3rd and 4th graders will be participating in the Math and ELA CMAS, 5th graders will be participating in Math, ELA, and Science CMAS.** Our OES teachers continue to prepare your child throughout this school year. We are excited to see them shine as they demonstrate their learning through these state assessments. These tests provide important feedback on the firm foundation we have built with each learner.

- These assessments do not define a student's abilities and skills, but they do impact how we deliver instruction to meet the unique needs of each student. Teachers use these assessment

results to plan with students and set goals to support their individual paths, planning for next steps in the learning journey.

- Parents gain insight about academic strengths and areas for growth, as well as information about how students compare to others across the state and nationally.
- Our community is provided with information about how our school is performing overall.

**We are aiming for 100% participation on these tests.**

**Below are the dates and times, so please plan accordingly:**

**April 9th, 10th, 11th**

Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th - 8:30 - 11:00 am - ELA Testing

**April 16th, 17th, 18th**

Grades 3-5 - 8:30 - 11:00 am - Math Testing

5th Grade Only, 1:45 - 3:15 pm - Science Testing

Here are some things you can do at home to maximize your child's success: feed your child a good breakfast the mornings of the assessment, ensure your child gets a good night's rest, continue daily reading time at home, and continue to practice basic math. Additional logistics of testing week will be shared in the coming week. Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan appointments around testing days.

You can also access further information about our district and state assessment program at: <http://d49.org/assessments>. We thank you for your partnership in supporting this endeavor!

In partnership,

Kris Levi, Principal

Amy Willis, Assistant Principal

The Best Choice to Learn, Work and Lead

9 de febrero de 2024

Estimada familia de la escuela primaria Odyssey:

Gracias por su continuo compromiso y apoyo a sus estudiantes y a la comunidad OES. A partir de abril, entraremos en el período de pruebas estatales para nuestros estudiantes de 3.º, 4.º y 5.º grado. ¡Esta es una oportunidad increíble para que los estudiantes demuestren su aprendizaje y vean su crecimiento! Valoramos los datos que obtenemos de estas evaluaciones.

Tenga en cuenta: los estudiantes de 3er y 4to grado participarán en Matemáticas y ELA CMAS, los estudiantes de 5to grado participarán en Matemáticas, ELA y Ciencias CMAS. Nuestros maestros de OES continúan preparando a su hijo durante este año escolar. Estamos emocionados de verlos brillar mientras demuestran su aprendizaje a través de estas evaluaciones estatales. Estas pruebas brindan información importante sobre la base firme que hemos construido con cada alumno.

Estas evaluaciones no definen las habilidades y destrezas de un estudiante, pero sí impactan la forma en que brindamos instrucción para satisfacer las necesidades únicas de cada estudiante. Los maestros utilizan los resultados de estas evaluaciones para planificar con los estudiantes y establecer metas para respaldar sus caminos individuales, planificando los próximos pasos en el viaje de aprendizaje. Los padres obtienen información sobre las fortalezas académicas y las áreas de crecimiento, así como información sobre cómo se comparan los estudiantes con otros en todo el estado y a nivel nacional. Nuestra comunidad recibe información sobre el desempeño general de nuestra escuela.

**Nuestro objetivo es lograr una participación del 100% en estas pruebas.**

9, 10 y 11 de abril

Grados 3.º, 4.º, 5.º - 8:30 - 11:00 am - Pruebas de ELA

16, 17, 18 de abril

Grados 3-5 - 8:30 - 11:00 am - Exámenes de Matemáticas

Solo 5to grado, 1:45 - 3:15 pm - Exámenes de ciencias

Aquí hay algunas cosas que puede hacer en casa para maximizar el éxito de su hijo: alimente a su hijo con un buen desayuno las mañanas de la evaluación, asegúrese de que descanse bien por la noche, continúe con el tiempo de lectura diario en casa y continúe practicando matemáticas básicas. La logística adicional de la semana de pruebas se compartirá la próxima semana. Marque estas fechas en sus calendarios y planifique citas alrededor de los días de exámenes.

También puede acceder a más información sobre nuestro programa de evaluación estatal y distrital en: <http://d49.org/assessments> ¡Le agradecemos su colaboración para apoyar este esfuerzo!

En asociación,

Kris Levi, directora

Amy Willis, subdirectora

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## D49 Weather Conditions/Get Closure Updates

- In District 49, our community expects timely communications, especially during safety concerns, like inclement weather. Because each weather-related call is based on current and forecasted conditions, we often publish a final decision early in the morning, rather than the night before. But when a weather forecast is severe enough, we may issue a decision the night before. With winter conditions uncertain and further observations necessary, our crews start evaluating road conditions at midnight. Decisions to close the district are often made by 4:30 a.m.

While anyone can proactively check [D49.org](http://D49.org) and our **Facebook page** for updates, or watch for local media reports.

**Parent Notifications:** If you are a parent in District 49, you can enable "text/SMS" messages with your school administrative secretary. Ensure your parent account in PowerSchool has your correct, text/SMS capable cell number and that the account is checked "enabled" in PowerSchool. You'll receive our D49 alert messages for closures and emergencies.

Please check with your D49 public charter school for how they handle weather delays and closures. Please note, Banning Lewis Ranch Academy parents should use Flash Alert for texts and push notifications, knowing the school does not use the district's student information system.

<https://www.d49.org/Page/441>

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## D49 STUDENT PHOTO / IMAGE USAGE OPT-OUT FORM

- District 49 uses student photos and videos to promote school and educational activities, awards athletics clubs special programs honors and other events including photos in the



yearbook.

These images will be used on district and school websites, social media, videos, posters, promotional materials, advertisements and other online and offline media. You have our assurance that these images will be used only for official purposes and with the respect and consideration to which you and your student(s) are entitled. Please take a look at the district website and social media for examples.

If you wish to opt out of having D49 use your student's image, (including yearbook) you will need to fill out this form that restricts your child's name, photo / image and directory information (school and grade) from being published in staff-produced district and school media listed above.

This does not restrict a teacher from sending information, photos or videos related to a student to the parent or guardian.

If no photo / image opt-out documentation is on file, it will be assumed that permission for release of information has been granted per school board policy JRA/JRC: Disclosure of Directory Information.

**Open Events: Please be aware that ensuring student privacy is NOT POSSIBLE during open events such as school or district-related meetings, assemblies, activities, performances and athletics where cameras are permitted.**

Parents, guardians, family members, and students are potentially taking and sharing photos and videos during these Open Events, even if not open to the general public. Images of your student could be in these photos and videos. By choosing to allow students to attend or participate in such activities and programs, parents/guardians agree to this condition. D49 will do its best to not share photos of students with photo opt-out forms taken at open events.

**Public Events: Students participating in sports, choir, band, JROTC, cheerleading, theater, and other school activities, or attending such activities, that are open to the public are NOT ELIGIBLE for photo opt-out forms, as there is no way to prevent photography and videos and news media coverage of public events. D49 has the right to use photos of these students.**

Student-produced news is not considered student directory information. Parents/guardians who do not want their children included in student-produced media should not allow their children to pose for these photos or videos or participate in student media.

The district limits access to the outside news media, but it does not have control of the media. Access by news media, individuals, organizations, or television/film production companies to non-public locations and events, such as inside a classroom, will be conditioned upon agreement to honor parent/guardian preferences.

Instructions for the new form can be found on the D49 website here:

[www.d49.org/Page/10310](http://www.d49.org/Page/10310)

Some changes of note:

1. If a student is participating in an activity such as band, sports, choir, ROTC, etc., parents and students cannot adhere to an expectation of privacy outlined in the Photo Opt Out, due to the public nature of events that correspond with the chosen activity.
2. Parents must fill out the form each school year.



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## OES Family Handbook - 2023-2024

**Odyssey - Family Handbook 2023-2024.pdf**

[Download](#)

2.2 MB

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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.
- Pre-School A.M. 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 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

**D49\_23-24\_Calendar\_Final.pdf**

[Download](#)

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## 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.*

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## 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 \(d49.org\)](#).

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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](mailto:trinity.wedde@d49.org).

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

[2023-2024 CIA Bylaws](#)

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## 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](http://d49.org)

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# 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.

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# Nutrition Services

## D49 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/>

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# 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.

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# 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

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## Odyssey Elementary School

**DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY OVERVIEW** - [Bell Schedule / Attendance Policy \(d49.org\)](#)

Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

**Email:** [tammy.alesch@d49.org](mailto:tammy.alesch@d49.org)

**Website:** <https://www.d49.org/oes>

**Location:** 6275 Bridlespur Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80922

**Phone:** [719-494-8622](tel:719-494-8622)

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



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