

Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of September! Our students have been in school for a month now, and things are taking shape. We've built relationships in classrooms at the individual level. We've conducted beginning-of-the-year testing for reading and math to see where students are and where we need to go. We've continued communication with you, our families, through resources such as Class Dojo and classroom newsletters. With these things in place, we're excited to springboard forward and expand thinking.

While we look to grow minds, I wanted to express ways that we can nurture our students in other ways.

- Odyssey is proud to be a Title I school. If you have not filled out your Free and Reduced Benefits application, you can do so through [PaySchools Central](https://payschoolscentral.com). Feel free to click on the link or copy and paste here: [www.payschoolscentral.com](https://payschoolscentral.com). This helps our school continue to provide the resources that benefit our students, and your family may be eligible for waived fees, no costs on field trips, and other opportunities.
- Breakfast and lunch are served to students at no cost this year. To ensure that your child gets breakfast, we open our cafeteria doors at 7:55am. If you'd like to have your child receive breakfast, please bring them in time for them to finish their meal by 8:10am so that they can start their learning day.
- Students can have access to snacks at scheduled times throughout the day. Healthy snacks often help our students stay focused and avoid feelings of being "hangry," so please try to avoid sugary or foods with no nutritional value. Filling our stomachs in the right way helps all of us to fill our brains in the right way, too.

As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for all that you do.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi
OES Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September

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

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



**Wear Your Broncos
Shirt or Jersey For
\$5 in Free Gameplay!**

Football Toss Contest

Odyssey Elementary

Thursday, September 21st

6-8pm

Admission \$7.00

Skate Rental \$4.00

\$5 Meal Deals Available
2 Slices of Pizza & a Drink OR Hot
dog, Chips, & a Drink

**Bring your friends and family for a GREAT back-
to-school skate party event, just for the students,
staff, family, and friends from the school!**

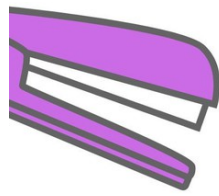
**Pre-purchase your admission and skate rentals for an
expedited entry inside the night of the skate party! [Click
HERE](#) to purchase your admissions and rentals today!**



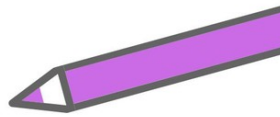
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OES COMMUNITY IN ACTION



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THE C.I.A DOES?

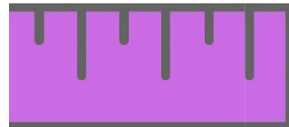
These are some of the events we are in
charge of this school year:

Parents for Teachers Volunteer Days
Trunk or Treat
Winter Holiday Shop
Popcorn Fridays
Restaurant Fundraisers



The C.I.A. is hosting an informational
Ice Cream Social
Thursday September 7th at 3:45pm.

**We are looking for eager parents to fill
Executive Board positions and
become a part of
the OES Community in Action**



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 giving your student 10 minutes of completely uninterrupted time in the evening, without the distraction of screens. Check in about how their day went, what they hope goes differently tomorrow, and how you might be able to help them solve any problems that have come up.

OES Family Handbook - 2023-2024

Odyssey - Family Handbook 2023-2024.pdf

[Download](#)

2.2 MB

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

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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 Program Agreement.pdf

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District 49 Attendance Policy

[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.

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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.

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/>

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 Soppers Fundraiser

Dear OES Families,

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

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

Simply encourage your participants to visit the appropriate link below.

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

Once logged into their King Soppers 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 Soppers or City Market *loyalty* card account to link to your organization.

*If a member does not yet have a King Soppers or City Market *loyalty* card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soppers 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 Soppers or City Market *loyalty* card or use the phone number that is related to their registered King Soppers or City Market *loyalty* card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you!

King Soppers or City Market Community Rewards Department



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Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

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



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