

Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

Did you know that Odyssey Elementary has a School Vision? Each day, we strive to fulfill this Vision: Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

Inspire is a lofty verb! We want students to develop a love for learning that will propel them forward in life. Inspiring students means building highly effective habits through *Leader in Me*, teaching students motivation strategies, and guiding students to reflect on their own learning and next steps.

Caring relationships serve as a foundation for trust. Our teachers aim to know each individual child through *Capturing Kids' Hearts*. We celebrate each other by parading throughout the school and cheering each other on. It also means our staff builds caring relationships with each other; we are constantly working together and sharing ideas so that Odyssey is a great place for all of us to work and learn.

When students are inspired to be their best and relationships are strong, meaningful learning can shine bright like a comet! Students read words on the page and comprehend the big picture. Math facts lead to greater mathematical understanding so that students could be engineers, architects, computer scientists, or more. Meaningful learning also includes physical fitness, art, and music, too.

Our Vision was so important, we put it on the back of our staff shirts this year. If you should have any questions about our Vision, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'll be happy to collaborate alongside you.

Thank you for all that you do.

In partnership,

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September

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

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

September 26th - Kinder and 1st Grade Field Trip - Pumpkin Patch - 8:45-1:00pm

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 - 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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(719) 591-1016

www.skatecitycolorado.com

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!



I would like to invite you and your families to the POWER Zone BBQ. We would love to see you there. It is fun for the whole family. Please [RSVP to PZ BBQ](#).

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.
- 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.

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.

District 49 Attendance Policy

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY OVERVIEW

[Bell Schedule / Attendance Policy \(d49.org\)](https://d49.org/Bell-Schedule-Attendance-Policy)

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**

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 \(d49.org\)](https://www.d49.org/BASE49-Before-After-School-Welcome-to-BASE49)
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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.

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 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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