

Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Dear Odyssey Families,

On Monday, April 8th, there is an exciting scientific event! There will be a partial eclipse for an extended period of time on this day. By projections, this partial eclipse will cover Colorado from around 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We want to have balance between helping students learn from this event and keeping students safe, particularly their eyes and vision. With this balanced approach, we wanted to share our plan for Monday and enlist your help in our partnership.

- For those lunch recesses that occur during 11:30-2:00, there will be a quick “viewing party” where students will wear specially designed glasses to safely view the event. Our school has ordered glasses that conform with safety protocols (ISO 12312-2). Grade-levels with earlier lunch periods may have a brief opportunity, too, for participation, based on teacher discretion.
 - If you do not want your child to participate in this five-minute activity, you must contact me (kristopher.levi@d49.org) and your child’s teacher prior to their lunch period.
 - Eclipse glasses will be worn *at all times* for students during the viewing party.
- From 11:30-2:00 p.m., we will be conducting indoor recesses outside of the viewing party. This impacts our lunch and a couple of other grade-level recesses. Essentially, we will have the same procedures during these times as we would during snow or cold weather.
- We are encouraging you to talk with your child about safety precautions they can take on Monday. Our children know that they should never look at the sun, but the intrigue of an eclipse may require additional discussions so that your child understands that they could cause damage to their eyes by looking at the eclipse.

This is a historic event and can bring smiles when it comes to learning astronomy. Odyssey Elementary wants to develop a passion for learning while also being safe with our students.

Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out and contact our school.

In partnership,

The Odyssey Elementary Administrative Team

Upcoming Dates to Remember

APRIL

April 8th - CIA Fundraiser - Panda Express

April 9th, 10th, 11th - CMAS Testing ELA - 8:45-10:45 am

April 10th - CIA Parent Meeting- 3:45 pm

April 11th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

April 12th - Choir Concert - (1st and 3rd Grade)- 6:00pm

April 12th - Growth and Development - 5th Grade Boys and Girls - 2:00 pm

April 13th - Community Service Project - Bunk Bed Build Day - 8:15-12:00 pm

April 16th, 17th, 18th - CMAS Testing - Math - 8:45-10:45 am

April 16th, 17th, 18th - CMAS Testing - Science - 1:45-3:15 pm

April 18th - Class Dojo Store

April 19th - Field Trip - 1st Grade - Olympic Training Center (8:45-2:00 pm)

April 19th- Celebrate parent volunteers with appreciation

April 22nd- Earth Day- Activities in class

April 24th - Board of Education - Work Session

April 24th - Administrative Secretaries Day

April 25th - CIA Board Meeting

D49 Taste of D49 Food Show - Reschedule to April 16th



Help us determine breakfast, lunch and à la carte items for the 2024-2025 school year!

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

NEW DATE: APRIL 16, 2024!

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

FUN | FREE | FOOD

POWER Zone Vs. Wizards!

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April 26th, 2024 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

6888 Black Forest Road

Come to watch Coach Mimmo, Mrs. Pellow, Miss Trinity, and Mr. Levi play!!

Please join us at Vista Ridge High School, located at 6888 Black Forest Road. The game begins at 7:00 PM and the doors will open at 6:00 PM. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance. An online processing fee of \$1.50 per ticket will be added to your final total. THE ONLINE BOX OFFICE FOR THIS EVENT CLOSSES 3 HOURS BEFORE THE GAME. Your ticket will be scanned for entry.

<https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/>

Promo Video - <https://vimeo.com/916007675>

Zona de POTENCIA vs. ¡Magos!

26 de abril de 2024 19 h. – 9 p.m.

6888 Carretera de la Selva Negra

¡Ven a ver jugar al entrenador Mimmo, la señora Pellow, la señorita Trinity y el señor Levi!

Únase a nosotros en Vista Ridge High School, ubicada en 6888 Black Forest Road. El juego comienza a las 19:00 horas y las puertas se abrirán a las 18:00 horas. Asegúrese de comprar sus boletos con anticipación. Se cargará una tarifa de procesamiento en línea de \$1.50 por boleto al

total final. LA TAQUILLA ONLINE PARA ESTE EVENTO CIERRA 3 HORAS ANTES DEL PARTIDO. Su boleto será escaneado para ingresar.

<https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/>

vídeo promocional - <https://vimeo.com/916007675>

A vibrant promotional poster for the Harlem Wizards basketball team. The top half features the team members in their red and blue uniforms, posing dynamically against a purple and yellow background with starburst effects. The text "THE HARLEM WIZARDS ARE COMING TO TOWN!" is prominently displayed at the top in a bold, stylized font. Below the team photo is the Harlem Wizards logo, which includes the text "HARLEM WIZARDS" and "TRUCKS, HOOPS & ALLEY OOPS". The bottom half of the poster has a white background with the text "SAVE THE DATE" in large, bold letters. Below this, it lists the event details: "WHAT: POWER Zone Staff v. Wizards", "WHEN: Friday, April 26 · 7:00 – 9:00pm", and "WHERE: Vista Ridge High School". At the very bottom, it provides ticket information: "For Ticket Information: Go to HARLEMWIZARDS.COM & click 'GET TICKETS'".

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3rd Annual Leadership Day - Save the Date

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3RD Annual Leadership Day
★★★★★

THURSDAY,
MAY 9TH

PK-2nd - 9:00 - 10:00 am
3rd - 5th - 10:30 - 11:30 am



Reserva

3RD Día Anual del Liderazgo
★★★★★

JUEVES,
9 DE MAYO

PK-2do - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
3º - 5º - 10:30 - 11:30 horas



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](https://www.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>

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

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.

Save the Date - OES Talent Show



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.

District 49 School Calendar – 2023-2024

D49_23-24_Calendar_Final.pdf

[Download](#)

158.8 KB

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

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

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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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

[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



Odyssey Elementary School

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

Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

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