Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

I want to share a huge "Congratulations!" for our students as we took CMAS tests! Our behaviors and our support for each other these past two weeks could be linked to any of our "Seven Habits" that we embody as a Leader in Me school.

If you have a kindergarten through second grade student, let them know that they were amazing! We had quiet hallways and transitions throughout the school so that our older students could concentrate on performing their best. Speaking of, our third through fifth graders truly put in a phenomenal effort to show what they know! Testing strategies, scratch paper planning, deep concentration, and more was all taking place in our classrooms. Even though we have some make-up tests to complete, we can surely say that Odyssey Elementary has shown that it can rise to the occasion in many, many ways!

With testing moving into our rearview mirror, we are still keeping our eyes on the learning road ahead. Please continue to encourage your child to keep their foot on the pedal when it comes to learning and growing each day. There are more topics to cover, more reading to occur, more math problems to solve, and more leadership skills to grow as we continue forward. Thank you to all of our families for all that you do.

In partnership,

The Odyssey Elementary Administrative Team

Upcoming Dates to Remember

APRIL

April 22nd- Earth Day- Activities in class

April 24th - Board of Education - Work Session

April 24th - Administrative Secretaries Day

April 25th - CIA Board Meeting

MAY

May 1st - OES Appreciation Day - Principal's Day

May 1st - CIA Parent Meeting- 3:45 pm

May 2nd - Choir Concert - (Supernova Spring Concert)- 6:00 pm

May 3rd - SAC Meeting - 8:30-9:30 am

May 3rd - Elementary Assessment Day- No Students

May 4th - City Serve Day

May 6th - Nurse's Appreciation Day

May 6th-10th - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7th- OES 5th grade SMS visit - 2-3:00pm

May 9th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

May 9th - Leadership Day-PK-2 9:00-10:00 am and 3-5th 10:30-11:30am

May 10th - Professional Development Day/District Led, No Students

May 14th - CIA Fundraiser - Chick Fil A

May 15th - Board of Education - Honor Employees of the Year

May 16th- OES GT Fair - Gym - 5:30-6:30pm

May 17th - Talent Show - 6-7:30 pm

May 20th - 24th - Spirit Week

May 21st - 1st Grade Olympics - 9:00-11:30am- Park

May 23rd- Kinder Continuation @ 9:00 a.m.-10:00 am and 5th Grade @ 1:00 p.m. -2:00pm

May 23rd - Allies Continuation @ 11:00-12:00 pm Gym

May 24th - End of Quarter 4

May 24th - Elementary and Middle School Early Release Schedule- 12:30 pm- Lunch provided

May 27th - District Closed for Memorial Day

Did you loss your coat?? Come look at our lost and found items before April 26th

Dear Parents,

We've accumulated a lot of clothing items over the last couple of months. The Lost and Found items will be on display in the front entry and available for pick up until next Friday, April 26th at 3:45 pm. After that, all remaining items will be bagged and donated. Please make time to come look for your missing items.

Thank you!

Skate City Summer Passes - \$5.00

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Purchase Skate City summer passes for \$5.00. Click on the PDF to get information and purchase your passes. Passes can be purchased in the front office before school and after school.

https://us.partywirks.com/storefront_express/main/vendor/skate_city_colorado/520/inquiries/392



Parents for Teachers Volunteers Needed - April 26th

Good Afternoon Odyssey Parents,

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering are enormous to you! At Odyssey Elementary we value parents taking an active role at our school. In addition, there is evidence parent engagement increases student achievement. We are looking for families excited to get involved with Odyssey by signing up to volunteer on Friday, April 26th, 2024. Please follow this link, Parents for Teachers Sign-Up Genius: Parents for Teachers Sign-Up Link If you would like to volunteer, please take a few minutes to submit a volunteer application.

https://www.d49.org/volunteer

Scheduled Dates: This is our final Parents for Teachers

The time will be from 9am-12pm.

Thank you!

The CIA Committee

POWER Zone Vs. Wizards!

POWER Zone Vs. Wizards! 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 CLOSES 3 HOURS BEFORE THE GAME. Your ticket will be scanned for entry.

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

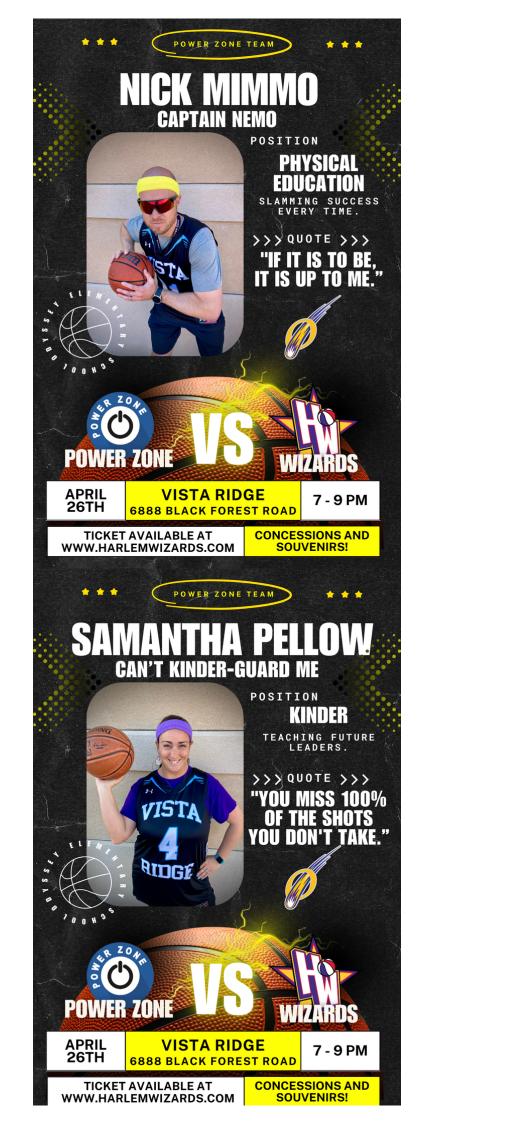
Zona de POTENCIA vs. ¡Magos! 26 de abril de 2024 19 h. – 9 p.m. 6888 Carretera de la Selva Negra

¡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 agregará 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/





3rd Annual Leadership Day - Save the Date





Talent Show - May 17th



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 <u>**D49.org**</u> 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.

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.

OES Family Handbook - 2023-2024

Odyssey - Family Handbook 2023-2024.pdf

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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

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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 "pickup" privileges in PowerSchool and **must present their valid, legible, government issued photo ID.** *PLEASE NOTE: We will <u>only</u> 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)

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)

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 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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