

Odyssey Weekly Update

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Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

Teacher Appreciation Week is upon us!

From May 6th-10th, we want to especially honor our Odyssey teachers and staff who put in countless hours on behalf of students. It is a joy, in my position, to hear from parents who are experiencing such positive things because of our teachers' commitment. Whether I am receiving phone calls praising our staff, talking with parents on school grounds about how much they appreciate what takes place in the classrooms, and witnessing numerous smiles when people share their experiences here at Odyssey, our work with kids feeds our hearts.

This week, I highly encourage you and your child to find a way to express gratitude to our staff. A small token can have a big impact. Your child taking the time to make, write, and color a piece of paper can bring exactly the type of intrinsic reward our teachers love. An email that pops into a teacher inbox with meaningful words from you can also be the type of rejuvenation that keeps us motivated through the month of May. Whatever you choose to do, my hope would be that you would do something to bring a spotlight to our staff.

As we head into our last month of school, please feel free to communicate with us. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

In partnership,

The Odyssey Elementary Administrative Team

Upcoming Dates to Remember

MAY

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

Health Room - Medication Pick Up Information

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you that we need you to pick up any medication that you have in the health room for your student. It must be picked up by an adult by the last day of school, May 24, 2024 by 12:00PM, or it will be destroyed in accordance with State law. (6CCR 1007-2, Part 1, *Regulations Pertaining to Solid Waste Sites and Facilities* and 6 CCR 1007-3, Parts 260-268, and

Parts 99, and 100.) Unfortunately, we cannot be responsible for medications over the summer break.

Here is the link to the nursing services page so that you are able to print forms for the next school year. All the forms on this website are the most current version for the upcoming school year. Please remember that medication forms need to be completed EVERY school year.

<https://www.d49.org/domain/261>

Have a healthy and fun summer!

Best,

OES Health Room Team

Linda Ross RN, BSN
District Cell# 719-499-0484

OES Leadership Day - Sign Up Genius

OES Leadership Day - Thursday, May 9th

Leadership Day is a special opportunity for our school to open our doors to the community and show off the great things happening. We look forward to having you attend our 3rd Annual Leadership Day on **Thursday, May 9th**. Come to be immersed in our leadership culture with presentations from our OES students!

SIGN UP HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BAEAC2AA6FA7-49340242-3rdannual>

Health Room Help

We are looking for gently used clothing items for our health room! Students may require a change of clothing during the day for a variety of reasons, but our current inventory is running low. If you have any pants, shorts, or tops in gently used condition, we would greatly appreciate the donation! We can accept new-in-packaging undergarments as well. We appreciate our families' help with this request!

School Fees

As the school year is coming to an end, it is vitally important that all student fee accounts are

students, this is particularly important, as the fees will travel with them to middle school. Any unpaid balance can result in a student being unable to participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports.

Fee statements will be sent home with students next week for any unpaid balances. If you need a payment plan, have questions or concerns, or would simply like to check on your student's balance, please contact Kirstin Sirmans at kirstin.sirmans@d49.org. If you qualified for Free & Reduced this school year, but do not see that verdict reflected on your student account, please reach out to Odyssey's front office staff.

Student fees can be paid online through the following link:

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/d49/Default.aspx>

You may also pay fees at the school with cash or check (made payable to OES.)

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/3926



Skate City

Buy a Skate City SUMMER CARD For \$5

Skate for just **\$1 Admission** all summer long during regular public skating sessions!

Your school receives **\$2 back** for each card sold!

Summer Membership Card SKATING SCHEDULE
Valid skate sessions listed below:

May 28th—August 11th	
Sunday	12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 pm
Monday	12-2, 2-4, 4-6 pm
Tuesday	12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 pm
Wednesday	12-2, 2-4, 4-6 pm
Thursday	12-2, 2-4, 4-6 pm
Friday	12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8, 7-9 pm
Saturday	10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8, 7-9 pm

Skate Rental \$5.00
(Excludes Memorial & Independence Day)

Excludes Adult Night Sessions & Skate Rental NOT Included

Regular Admission \$8.00
Extra Sessions \$2.50

- ✓ Cards also valid Saturdays & Sundays thru September
- ✓ 15% off purchase of skates with summer cards
- ✓ SUMMER Cards purchased at Skate City - \$12/each
- ✓ BUY a Card for everyone in the family!
- ✓ One card valid per person, per session
- ✓ Summer Cards are valid at ALL Skate City locations

The \$5.00 Summer Membership Cards are non-transferable and sold as a fundraising project with special arrangement with

Odyssey Elementary

Summer Membership Cards will be available for purchase in the main office before & after-school from May 1- May 17, or by using the online link or QR code & picking up your physical 'cards' directly at Skate City with your email confirmation!

Click HERE or scan the QR code to purchase your Skate City Summer Membership Cards
https://us.partywirks.com/storefront_express/main/vendor/skate_city_colorado/520/inquiries/3926



Call Us 719-591-1016

Visit Our Website skatecitycolorado.com

Austin Bluffs 4575 Austin Bluffs Pkwy

3rd Annual Leadership Day - Save the Date





Talent Show - May 17th



ODYSSEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TALENT SHOW

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024
6:00 - 7:30 PM

**AUDITION INFORMATION
COMING SOON**

All Grades PK-5 Welcome to Audition

PZ Back to School 2024-2025 Information

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BACK TO SCHOOL

2024 -2025
FOR POWER ZONE STUDENTS

THE POWER ZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS STRAY SLIGHTLY FROM THE DISTRICT CALENDAR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION DURING THOSE BUSY FIRST FEW DAYS.

Elementary

August 2nd:
Family Orientation Day for POWER Zone Elementary Schools (Ridgeview, Odyssey, ALLIES, and Inspiration View)

August 5th:
First Day of School for all POWER Zone Elementary Students (Including Kindergarten)

Secondary

The POWER Zone **Secondary Schools** align with the district calendar on these dates:

August 1st:
First Day for 6th and 9th Grades.

August 2nd:
First Day for 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades.

FAMILY ORIENTATION DAY has been in place in the POWER Zone for many years, and our families describe it as a calm, welcoming way to start the school year off right! Students and parents get to visit the classroom during a specific time-slot to engage with their teacher as well as a few peers, plus learn more about what the school year will look like. This helps everyone to be best prepared for the first day for our elementary students on August 5.

Our POWER Zone elementary schools will send out communication to parents with a sign-up link for the Family Orientation sessions, with options for both early morning and later afternoon. Please watch for this across the summer months, and if you don't receive communication by late July, call your child's school to secure a time. We can't wait to see you at Family Orientation!

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.

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

[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

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

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



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