

Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

The month of September is a time when learning really ramps up! A key part of learning is making sure that students feel safe, no matter the time of day. For this article, I wanted to review our dismissal procedures.

Starting at 3:15 p.m., we try to preserve time for students to share celebrations about their day and clean up their work environment. Furthermore, we have many adults and older siblings who are waiting until dismissal, so there are many people around our building. To help your children and our school stay safe, we ask that parents do not try to pick up children from our office starting at 3:15 p.m. This helps our office staff concentrate on last-minute needs, it helps our administrative team prepare for any adjustments, and it helps our teachers and students share good things about the day.

If you arrive at 3:15 p.m., we highly encourage you to wait until dismissal at 3:30.

By now, our students are familiar with how they exit the building. Our teachers stay with students until 3:38 or so, and then any children who have not been picked up are brought to the office. Picking up your child promptly during our dismissal helps teachers begin meetings, gives them time make final plans for the next day, and provides us time to finish our work so teachers can get well-deserved rest! If you arrive late, please plan on coming into the office to sign your child out.

As always, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for all that you do.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi
OES Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September:

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!**



AUSTIN BLUFFS

4575 Austin Bluffs Pkwy.
(719) 591-1016

www.skatecitycolorado.com

OES Walking Buddies

Odyssey Elementary is looking to connect families that live in the same neighborhoods or apartments that have kids that already walk to school or are able to help give a ride to and from school.

[Walking Buddy Sign Up](#)

Nurse's Corner - How Sick is Too Sick

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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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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

Timing is everything! Sometimes if your child does something wrong or you get into an argument with them, they may seem unreceptive to you when you try to reason with them. Try giving them ten minutes to calm down before you discuss what can be done differently next time. Make sure they are not too hungry or tired before having a discussion that might require their concentration!

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/BellSchedule/AttendancePolicy)

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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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](#)

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

Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

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