

# Odyssey Weekly Update

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## Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

There are three key things that I would like to discuss in this newsletter.

First, Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up! This is a great time to meet with teachers to discuss your child's growth, your child's goals, and what will be happening in the classroom in the future. Odyssey has great students, great teachers, and great families! We know that the best way for students to learn is when all of us work together as a team for constructive and positive conversations. Teachers are reaching out to schedule conferences, so please look for a Sign-Up Genius email coming your way.

Second, did you know that District 49 is going to have a Mill Levy Override for the upcoming ballot election? Ballot issue 4C is all about "We Love D49 Teachers," and we certainly love our teachers at Odyssey Elementary! If you want additional information, [you can watch some informational videos](#), [read about the 777 proposal](#), [learn about some amazing teachers](#), and [read how D49 has impacted alumni](#).

Finally, we have a new art teacher at Odyssey Elementary! Ms. Mathewson started with us this week, and we are excited for what's to come for our students. Ms. Mathewson has experience in our building as a paraprofessional, but she also has kindergarten through 12th grade teaching experience in art, too. Please be aware that there will not be report grades for art this quarter. We had great experiences to start this year, but we want a full body of evidence before committing to a grade for students. Ms. Mathewson will be reporting grades starting the second quarter of this school year.

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

Thank you for all that you do.

In partnership,

## *Upcoming Dates to Remember*

### **September**

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

### **October**

October 1st - Landsharks Meet, 2pm @ Doherty HS

October 2nd - October Count Day/Field Day

October 2nd - 5th - Spirit Week - Reminder Picture Day is October 5th

October 2nd - Book Fair - 3:30-5:00pm

October 3rd - Book Fair - 3:30-5:00pm

October 3rd OES Appreciation Day - Building Maintenance/Kitchen Staff Day

October 4th - Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

October 4th- Book Fair - 3:30-5:00pm

October 5th - Book Fair 3:30-6:00pm

October 5th - CIA Board Meeting - 8:30 am

October 5th - Lifetouch Fall Pictures

October 6th - Parent/Teacher Conferences, No Students

October 6th - Book Fair - 8:30-12:00pm

October 8th - Landsharks Meet, 2pm @ Doherty HS

October 9th- 20th - School Closed for Fall Break

October 12th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

October 25th - Board of Education - Work Session

October 26th - CIA Parent Meeting- 3:45pm

October 27th - Trunk or Treat - 4:30-6:00 pm

October 31st- Fall Parties in Classroom

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## *October 2nd is School Count Day!*

Monday, October 2nd is Student Count Day.

From the CDE: "The Student October Count is based on a one (1) day membership count in which districts are asked to report all students who are actively enrolled and attending classes through their district on that date." Please be sure that your student is in attendance on October 2nd. The number of students both enrolled and in attendance on October 2nd impacts our state funding.

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## ***Field Day Volunteers Needed- October 2, 2023***

Hello Odyssey Families,

It's that time of year again, the sun is shining, the grass is green, and flowers are blooming.

Odyssey's Annual Field Day is once again upon us. To make this day a success, we are going to need some help.

If there are any volunteers that would like to help, it would be greatly appreciated. As a volunteer you will be overseeing a station as the students rotate.

Field Day is set for October 2, 2023. Session one will be grades K-2: 8:45-11:20am and session two will be 12:30-3pm.

If you are interested in volunteering please follow this link to sign up. [Link to Volunteer for Field Day](#).

Thank You,

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## ***Trunk or Treat Information***

Hello OES Families,

**Get ready for our Second Annual Trunk or Treat to be held at OES, Friday, October 27th from 5-6:30.** We are looking for families, business owners, or other connections from our school community to help make this event fun. If you would like to sponsor a trunk, please sign up below. Plan on bringing enough candy for 300 students.

If you are unable to host a trunk, but would like to host a carnival game, please use this sign up as well. There will be extra space available for carnival games. You are more than welcome to do both.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Wedde at [trinity.wedde@d49.org](mailto:trinity.wedde@d49.org)

[Trunk or Treat Sign Up](#)

Thank you!

Community In Action Committee



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## *Parents for Teachers - September 28, 2023*

Hello OES Families,

Our teachers would appreciate your help making copies, creating bulletin boards, working on projects, etc. Please sign up for 9/28/2023 from 9-12am, thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ABA72AA4F5C07-44495147-parents>

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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](#).

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### ***Note from our Social Worker - Mrs. Mackenzie Whitaker***

While you may think it is unnecessary to praise your child for the small things they do correctly, such as sitting in their chair for dinner after they have been refusing to do so for the last week, you may see an increase in positive behaviors if you praise the small things. The more you point out the good things that your child does, the more likely they are to continue doing what you want them to do.

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### ***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.

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## District 49 School Calendar - 2023-2024

### D49\_23-24\_Calendar\_Final.pdf

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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](https://StudentQuickPay.com)) or pay in the front office with a check or cash.

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# District 49 Attendance Policy

## DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY OVERVIEW

[Bell Schedule / Attendance Policy \(d49.org\)](#)

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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 “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.*

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

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

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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](mailto:trinity.wedde@d49.org).

We look forward to working with you and serving our OES community.

[2023-2024 CIA Bylaws](#)

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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](http://d49.org)

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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.**

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## **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/>

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## **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.

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## King Soppers Fundraiser

Dear OES Families,

Odyssey Elementary School is participating in the King Soppers or City Market Community Rewards Program. Please read the information below to link your King Soppers Loyalty Card.

To Use the King Soppers or City Market Community Rewards Program:

Simply encourage your participants to visit the appropriate link below.

- For King Soppers Stores - go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>
- For City Market Stores - go to <http://www.citymarket.com>

Once logged into their King Soppers 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 Soppers or City Market *loyalty* card account to link to your organization.

\*If a member does not yet have a King Soppers or City Market *loyalty* card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soppers 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 Soppers or City Market *loyalty* card or use the phone number that is related to their registered King Soppers or City Market *loyalty* card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you!

King Soppers or City Market Community Rewards Department

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