

Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

It's Fall Break!

We love partnering with our families when it comes to raising Odyssey students. Thank you for the excellent turnout this week at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Please enjoy the next two weeks with your children. This is a time to balance relaxation with still staying sharp with skills. Many of our teachers gave parents resources to practice over break. Of course, reading and practicing math facts are two great areas you can always practice. You can have your child read independently, or you can read alongside them. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts unlock quick thinking that can allow kids to do deeper math thinking.

Finally, many of you had the chance to walk past our table talking about "We Love D49 Teachers" and the 777 Proposal. We certainly love our Odyssey teachers! Here are some helpful websites if you'd like to gain more information on how the district could translate "We Love 49 Teachers" to "We Show Value to Our D49 Teachers" pay increasing teachers' pay in a way that helps us treasure and recruit the kids we need..

- [see this resource featuring our very own Mrs. Pellow,](#)
- [you can watch some informational videos,](#)
- [read about the 777 proposal,](#) and
- [learn about some amazing teachers.](#)

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi
OES Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October

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

First Quarter Discoveries News

In Movement & Wellness class (aka PE), the students are working very hard learning and/or mastering skills. So far, we've practiced dribbling, throwing, climbing, running, gymnastics, kicking, punting, balance, and more. The students completed their first round of the PACER test last week giving us a baseline score. In this test, students try to run as many laps as they can in increasingly shorter intervals of time. The goal is to improve on the first test score. Students will have all year to practice in gym class, and practice outside the classroom is encouraged, but this test is not one to worry about and other test options are available. On the wellness front, we have been learning about growth mindsets and how challenging tasks help our brain grow.

This quarter in music class, our kindergarteners practiced keeping a steady beat and safely using instruments. In first grade, we continued to build our rhythm-reading skills, and explored musical extremes (high and low, loud and soft). Second grade has continued to work on understanding the difference between beat and rhythm, and how to play an ostinato. 3rd grade has been playing music with more than one part happening simultaneously, while 4th grade learned to compose music for multiple instruments. 5th grade has recently worked on some original compositions as well, and are now choosing and performing instrumental solos for the class. It has been a busy quarter in the music room, that is for certain!

The first quarter in the Library has been full of Book Joy! All of our students have been learning how to navigate the library and choose the "right book for right now". Kindergarteners spent their time with a read-aloud and center activities, working on communication and problem solving skills. 1st and 2nd graders learned about each section of the library and continued exploring through read-alouds and center activities. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been building reading stamina and learning more about themselves as readers. Each student has been building a "Reader Profile" including favorite books, genres, amount of time they choose to spend reading, and their other interests. Reader Profiles will be used to track book selections and guide recommendations throughout the year. 5th Grade Leaders chose to work on student-led projects including comic book creation, several novels in progress, picture book-themed projects prepared to share with K-2

Our team and our students are all very excited to welcome Ms. Mathewson to the Discoveries team as our new art teacher! We look forward to sharing more about what your students learn in art in our update for Quarter 2!

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

[Trunk or Treat Sign Up](#)

Thank you!
Community In Action Committee



Skyview Middle School - Trunk or Treat

Join us for Skyview Middle School's 3rd Annual...

Games!
Music!
Photo-Op!
Firetruck!

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

October 28, 2023
1:00-3:00 PM
Skyview Middle School
6350 Windom Peak
Blvd
Admission: Minimum of
one non-perishable food
item

All students need to be accompanied by an adult.
Bring your siblings for family fun!

- All canned goods will be donated to Care and Share's
Harvest of Love!

Organized by WEB Committee

Note from our Social Worker - Mrs. Mackenzie Whitaker

Give your students a reminder at the beginning of the day that they can be successful at school and try to go over a couple expectations. This could help start their day on a good note and allow them to set their sights on having a positive experience at school, which could mean you get better reports from their teacher at the end of the school day.

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.
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District 49 School Calendar - 2023-2024

D49_23-24_Calendar_Final.pdf

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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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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](#)

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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