

# Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

## Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

On behalf of all of us here at Odyssey Elementary, Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful and grateful to be a partner in the social and emotional growth of your child as they move toward adulthood.

As part of this partnership, we are working with your children to develop reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills. We are also working on positive character traits, too. In this aspect, we know that children benefit when supports are wraparound and include the school, the home, and a student's sense of personal responsibility.

As our kids come back after Thanksgiving, we appreciate the role you play. Here are some great things that you may find helpful to review with your child to help our whole Odyssey Team have a great December and finish 2023 strong:

- **It's important to get plenty of rest.** Many of our younger elementary students go to bed as early as 7:30! While every child is different, please reiterate the habit of going to bed on time to provide plenty of rest for brains to get ready for the next day.
- **Routines are important.** Our school day is full of learning at some times, with breaks and recess at others. Understanding that we shift activities throughout the day is important for students. If your child wants to practice routines to prepare to return, it may be beneficial.
- **Words can hurt.** Students can have arguments, and we're ready to guide them when tensions occasionally arise. If one student is repeatedly targeting another, however, that is not okay. They should tell a trusted adult, and we'll take necessary steps.
- **It is never acceptable to hit or kick at school.** We encourage students to use words or find adults if they are having a struggle. Teachers are here to help and to teach. Students are here to learn, work cooperatively, and have positive interactions with peers and adults. Students who hit or kick other students or our staff take away from this learning. We are always willing to restore, but our students also need to understand that negative actions have consequences.

We care deeply for our students. This spark of the heart is what has led us to this calling. We want to continue to partner with our Odyssey families in a way that is honest, genuine, and with the end in mind. As always, feel free to reach out should you have any questions.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi  
OES Principal

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## ***CLDE Multicultural Night Event***



## ***Nurse's Office***

Cleaning out your elementary aged school kids' closets and planning to donate? Odyssey's Health Room would love to have the clothes! The Health Room is already running low on extra pants, shorts, leggings, etc. Sizes 4 through 10 are in high need. They are definitely appreciated.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### November

November 20th - 24th - Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break

November 22nd-24th - District Closed for Thanksgiving

November 30th - CIA Board Meeting

### December

December 1st - SAC Meeting - 8:30-9:30am

December 6th - CIA Parent Meeting- 3:45pm

December 7th - Supernova Winter Concert - 6:00pm

**December 8th - Elementary Assessment Day- No Students**

December 11th - 15th - Spirit Week

December 14th- Monthly Happy Hour- 3:00pm

December 14th - PBIS Quarterly Assemblies - Parents of award recipients are to be invited personally

December 14th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

December 15th - End of Quarter 2

**December 15th - Elementary & Middle School Early Release Schedule- 12:30pm- Lunch provided**

**December 22nd-29th - District Closed for Holiday Break**

### January

January 1st - District Closed for New Year's Day

January 2nd - Professional Development Day/School Led, No Students

**January 3rd - Students Return from Holiday Break**

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## Art to Remember Fundraiser

Hi families and friends,

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are over 60 products and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Click on the link below and enter the online order code shown on your child's order form or to search for your child's artwork. Then, have fun shopping!

<https://arttoremember.com/school/ASRZM>

Thank you!  
Lyndsey Mathewson  
Art

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## *Leader in Me School Information*

Hello Odyssey Families!

As a Leader in Me School, we love being able to provide our families the opportunity to extend the 7 Habits into their homes! Do you have any interest in strengthening family relationships and improving family functioning? If so, this workshop is made just for you!!

Not to mention that childcare for ages 3-12 and dinner will be provided at the 3 workshop sessions. Please note your attendance at all 3 sessions is required.

Session 1: Tuesday, November 28th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Session 2: Tuesday, January 16th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Session 3: Tuesday, April 2nd, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Space is limited, so sign up now! See the attached flyer for the link to sign up.

Questions? Feel free to email Mrs. Willis ~ [amy.willis@d49.org](mailto:amy.willis@d49.org)



LeaderinMe

## The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families

# Please Join Us

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE - SIGN UP NOW

Would you like to extend the Leader in Me into your home? Do you have any interest in strengthening family relationships and improving family functioning? If so, this workshop is for YOU!

### WORKSHOP DETAILS

In the OES  
Cafeteria

SESSION 1: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

SESSION 2: TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

SESSION 3: TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

### FREE DINNER AND CHILD CARE

RSVP HERE:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BAEAC2AA6FA7-45706504-7habits>

### Attendance at all 3 Sessions is Required



VISTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
BAND BOOSTERS PRESENT THE ANNUAL

*Breakfast with Santa  
&  
Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair*

Breakfast  
\$5 per person  
Children under 2 free



Photos with Santa  
\$5  
Printed while you wait

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH  
BREAKFAST 8AM - 11AM      CRAFT FAIR 9AM - 3PM  
VISTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL | 6888 BLACK FOREST ROAD  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

THESE MATERIALS ARE NEITHER SPONSORED NOR ENDORSED BY DISTRICT 49'S BOARD OF EDUCATION, ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR ANY ZONE OR SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

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

During break, it may be beneficial to maintain some sort of routine with your child so that they do not struggle as much upon returning to school. This could mean that they read at a certain time each day or do a small chore every day. This does not have to take up a lot of time, but it can still help them remain in the mindset of focus and success!

## *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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## 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 \(d49.org\)](https://d49.org/Parent%20Student%20Portal)

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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 \(d49.org\)](https://d49.org/Before%20and%20After%20School)
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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



## ***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 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

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## 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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