



# Odyssey Weekly Update

*My Path. My Future.*

## Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

Can you believe that it is already December? In addition to strong growth in core subjects, we've also built strong relationships with students and families, too. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Before Thanksgiving Break, teachers included a message I had written specifically regarding student behaviors. This focused on students:

- being rested,
- understanding routines,
- using positive words,
- and never hitting or kicking in school.

On Monday, our Zone Superintendent, Theresa Ritz, also sent out an email regarding student behaviors. Her themes included:

- Schools are expected to maintain high expectations for all students and hold students appropriately accountable for actions that are disruptive, detrimental, unsafe and inappropriate for school.
- It is important that parents/caregivers are aware of these expectations so that you can reinforce and support teacher and administrator actions.

We know that elementary students struggle at times. This is their first step in school as they work toward growing up and eventual high school graduation. The vast, vast majority of our students are positive classroom citizens. However, if a child is having deep, continuous struggles after these four months, we will continue to prioritize a safe and positive learning environment for all our kids. Consequences will occur. Student removal or suspensions are a last resort, but they may be necessary to ensure all students have a structured learning environment.

Our kids smile as they walk through the doors ready to learn. Our teachers wear Odyssey Purple with pride and their hearts on their sleeves. Thank you for your continued partnership, and let's

have a strong finish to 2023.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi  
OES Principal

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## CLDE Multicultural Night Event



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## 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.

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

## **December**

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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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

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

You may feel that your child sometimes needs a mindfulness break during their day. This could be done when they seem escalated, after a difficult activity, or even at a time when they are calm and you want to maintain that. Try this: focus on the 5 senses by asking your child to think about one thing they feel, one thing they see, one thing they hear, one thing they smell, and one thing they taste. You could keep the activity very short by telling them just to think it in their heads, or they could write about it or draw about it with you. This activity is meant to ground your child and help them to have a calm mind and body.

## 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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## 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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## 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>



## 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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