



Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

The upcoming week is our last week before Holiday Break, and it is a great time to reflect on the growth our students have made this year!

On December 8th, our teachers gathered in a spirit of teamwork to analyze reading and math data for your child at the middle of the school year. We use two different measures that help us know the exact areas where students might need either additional support or an extra push if they are accelerating. When we look at *Dibels 8* tests, this alerts us to your child's foundational reading ability. Whether it's identifying the sounds in words or reading an appropriate number of words fluently, we want to build a solid progression for reading that will help your child to graduate high school and pursue life's passions. For *Star 360* tests, we look at both reading and math. *Star 360* examines a range of skills in both subjects and helps us to examine very specific subskills where students may need assistance. The results of these two tests will be shared with you in the future.

Finally, I want to recognize our **amazing staff**! Odyssey Elementary has an extremely dedicated group of teachers, paraprofessionals, and other staff members who truly put kids first. Furthermore, they collaborate and have fun while planning lessons, teaching alongside each other, and overcoming the inevitable challenges that come with working and learning in education. The teaching profession has changed *a lot* over the years. Yet, our OES teachers remain committed to subject-area growth and building a love of learning for your child. We know this love of learning can last a lifetime. Thank you for all that you do to positively partner with your child's teacher as we build the future together.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi
OES Principal

Fun Run Update

OES would like to thank everyone who participated in our Fun Run. It was a great time for all. A special thank you to Coach M. for putting this event on! OES raised over \$5,889.20. This money will go towards gym equipment and supplies for our school. Thank you again to everyone for making this fundraiser a success. Looking forward to doing this next year!

Nurse's Office

A note from the health room:

As we approach cold and flu season please review the following illness guidance regarding fevers at school and the district medication policy. Falcon School District 49 is following the Illness Guidelines from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Children's Hospital Colorado. Please refer to the full guidelines posted here [How Sick is Too Sick?](#)

Symptom/Síntoma Should your child stay home?/Si su hija/hijo se queda en casa?

Fever

Fever is a temperature of 100.4°F or greater. Babies who are 3 months or younger need to see a health care provider right away for a fever of 100°F or higher. Call your health care provider for any fever in an infant aged 6 months or younger.

Yes – The child or staff member may return to school or child care if the fever has been resolved for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medications) unless the fever is caused by an illness that requires them to stay home longer.

If the fever is consistent with the usual symptoms of a known chronic condition and the person is otherwise well enough to return to school, no further evaluation is necessary.

A temporary, elevated temperature due to overexertion or overdress, without other symptoms of illness, should not be considered a fever.

For more information about fever, read Children's Hospital Colorado's recommendations on fever care for children.

Fiebre

La fiebre es una temperatura de 100.4°F o mayor. Si su bebé de 3 meses o menos tiene fiebre mayor a 100°F debe consultar de inmediato a un médico. Llame a su proveedor de atención médica en caso de que un bebé de 6 meses o menos tenga fiebre.

Sí - El niño o el miembro del personal pueden volver a la escuela o a la guardería si la fiebre se ha resuelto en un plazo de 24 horas sin ingerir medicamentos antifebriles (a menos que la fiebre esté causada por una enfermedad que requiera que permanezcan en casa más tiempo).

Si la fiebre encuadra con los síntomas habituales de una enfermedad crónica conocida y la persona se halla lo suficientemente bien como para volver a la escuela, no es necesaria realizar ninguna otra evaluación.

Una temperatura corporal elevada de carácter temporario debida a un sobreesfuerzo o a un exceso de ropa, sin otros síntomas de enfermedad, no debe considerarse fiebre.

Para más información sobre la fiebre, lea Children's Hospital Colorado's recommendations on fever care for children.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December

December 11th - 15th - Spirit Week (See Attached Flyer Below)

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

Spirit Week- November 11th - 15th



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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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.

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

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](#)

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.

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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.

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.

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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