



Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

This has been a week when our school has sought peace. It's one thing to talk about caring relationships, and it's another to embody and appreciate them. The care that our Odyssey teachers, staff, families, and kids have demonstrated has been absolutely phenomenal.

Adults have been there for adults. Adults and have been there for kids. Your children have given us strength, too. Odyssey Elementary is a place of impact for our community and for each other. We grow hearts and brains. We learn academic lessons together, and we learn life lessons together. It is this impact that we will continue going forward, and it is remembering this impact that will continue to provide us with energy to innovate, find solutions, receive hugs, and make our school the place where we grow together.

Have an excellent weekend with your family and with others. Reach out and support each other, and reach out and support yourself if needed. Should you need resources, or if you should have questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.

With heart,

Mr. Kris Levi
OES Principal

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

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

January 4th - CIA Board Meeting

January 5th - SAC Meeting - 8:30-9:30 am

January 11th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 12th - Elementary Professional Day, No Elementary Students-

January 15th- District Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

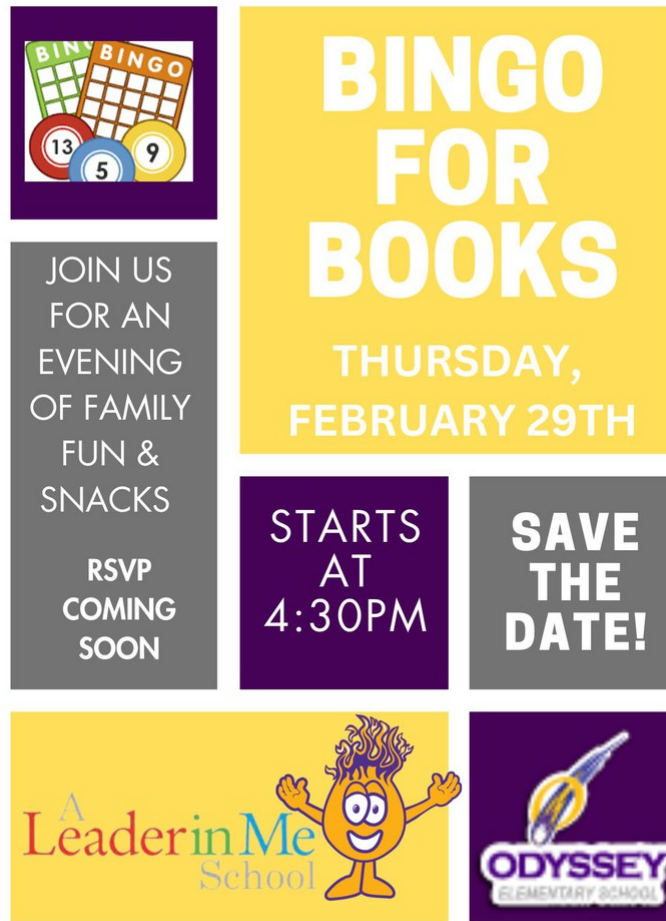
January 16th- Staff Meeting - P/T Conference Prep

January 17th - CIA Parent Meeting- 3:45pm

January 24th- Board of Education - Work Session

January 26th - Personal Pro Day, No Students

Save the Date - Bingo For Books



The graphic is a promotional poster for a 'Bingo for Books' event. It features a yellow background with a large white title 'BINGO FOR BOOKS' and the date 'THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH'. To the left, a purple box contains the text 'JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN & SNACKS' and 'RSVP COMING SOON'. Below the title, two purple boxes state 'STARTS AT 4:30PM' and 'SAVE THE DATE!'. At the bottom, there are two logos: 'A Leader in Me School' with a cartoon character and the 'ODYSSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL' logo with a torch icon.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE

Meet the Discovery Team

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2024!

I would like to officially introduce myself as the art teacher here at Odyssey Elementary. I started in September and have truly enjoyed getting to know your children over the course of a few months. A little about myself: I am a mother of three children and one cat. I love elephants, butterflies, football and watercolor painting. I have 7 years of previous teaching experience. My Bachelor's degree is in Art Education and my Masters Degree is in Reading. I know I have big shoes to fill but I am confident that I will be a great addition to the Odyssey family. This year I would like to focus on students learning the elements of art and how to effectively use them in their own artwork. I will also touch on various media and cultures.



I hope I can enrich the lives of your child(ren) and help them to love art. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at lyndsey.mathewson@d49.org. I am always happy to help in any way that I can! "Creativity takes courage."- Henri Matisse

Note from our Social Worker - Mrs. Mackenzie Whitaker

Mental health tip: Enjoy your break with your students! Towards the end of break, try getting your kids back into a routine of going to bed at a good time and eating three meals a day so that they have an easier time getting back into school in January.

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



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DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY OVERVIEW - [Bell Schedule / Attendance Policy \(d49.org\)](#)

Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

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