



Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

It has been a fantastic first month back following Holiday Break! Our teachers are seeing amazing things from our students.

At Odyssey, our learning environment gives us purpose in two important ways. First, of course, is the academic growth that includes reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Kids are reading at a quicker pace and comprehending text, writing their thoughts with correct spelling and complete sentences, learning math facts and problem solving strategies, and doing so much more to grow their brains. On top of this, we grow hearts, too! Behaviors are improving school-wide, and we know that it is a positive cycle when students understand their role in their own learning. Success leads to smiles, which leads to more success!

At the end of next week (February 3rd), you will receive an email from your child's teacher to schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences. These conferences will be led by your child. They will be discussing their growth, sharing assignments, communicating goals, and more. Our kids love bragging about themselves! Please do everything that you can to work with your child's teacher to allow your child to have this spotlight.

As always, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi
OES Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

February 2nd - SAC Meeting - 8:30-9:30am

February 5th - Zoo Mobile - Kindergarten

February 8th - CIA Board Meeting

February 8th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

February 9th - Elementary Professional Day, No Elementary Students

February 14th - Valentine Parties in Classrooms

February 15th - Kinder 100 Days Celebration - Parade @ 8:45am

February 15th - Starbase - 5th Grade

February 16th - Parent/Teacher Conferences. No Students

February 19th - District Closed for President's Day

February 21st - Class Pictures/Spring Pictures

February 21st - CIA Parent Meeting- 3:45pm

February 22nd - Starbase - 5th Grade

February 26th - Team Pro Day, No Students

February 28th - Board of Education - Work Session

February 27th-March 1st - Spirit Week

February 29th - Bingo for Books - 4:30-6:30pm

District Art Show

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Library 21c - 1175 Chapel Hills Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

February 6, 2024 - February 29, 2024

February 6th - Awards Announced

February 29th -

Closing Reception 6:00pm

Awards Ceremony 6:30 pm



D49 Weather Conditions/Get Closure Updates

- In District 49, our community expects timely communications, especially during safety concerns, like inclement weather. Because each weather-related call is based on current and forecasted conditions, we often publish a final decision early in the morning, rather than the night before. But when a weather forecast is severe enough, we may issue a decision the night before. With winter conditions uncertain and further observations necessary, our crews start evaluating road conditions at midnight. Decisions to close the district are often made by 4:30 a.m.

While anyone can proactively check [D49.org](https://www.d49.org) and our **Facebook page** for updates, or watch for local media reports.

Parent Notifications: If you are a parent in District 49, you can enable "text/SMS" messages with your school administrative secretary. Ensure your parent account in PowerSchool has your correct, text/SMS capable cell number and that the account is checked "enabled" in PowerSchool. You'll receive our D49 alert messages for closures and emergencies.

Please check with your D49 public charter school for how they handle weather delays and closures. Please note, Banning Lewis Ranch Academy parents should use Flash Alert for texts and push notifications, knowing the school does not use the district's student information system.

<https://www.d49.org/Page/441>

Nurse's Office

Attached is our annual required Immunization letter from the state with the OES 22/23 immunization data. This is required for schools to send to all students by Feb 15th.

Immunization Letter.pdf

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D49 STUDENT PHOTO / IMAGE USAGE OPT-OUT FORM

- District 49 uses student photos and videos to promote school and educational activities, awards, athletics, clubs, special programs, honors, and other events, including photos in the yearbook.

These images will be used on district and school websites, social media, videos, posters, promotional materials, advertisements and other online and offline media. You have our assurance that these images will be used only for official purposes and with the respect and consideration to which you and your student(s) are entitled. Please take a look at the district website and social media for examples.

If you wish to opt out of having D49 use your student's image, (including yearbook) you will need to fill out this form that restricts your child's name, photo / image and directory information (school and grade) from being published in staff-produced district and school media listed above.

This does not restrict a teacher from sending information, photos or videos related to a student to the parent or guardian.

If no photo / image opt-out documentation is on file, it will be assumed that permission for release of information has been granted per school board policy JRA/JRC: Disclosure of Directory Information.

Open Events: Please be aware that ensuring student privacy is NOT POSSIBLE during open events such as school or district-related meetings, assemblies, activities, performances and athletics where cameras are permitted.

Parents, guardians, family members, and students are potentially taking and sharing photos and videos during these Open Events, even if not open to the general public. Images of your student could be in these photos and videos. By choosing to allow students to attend or participate in such activities and programs, parents/guardians agree to this condition. D49 will do its best to not share photos of students with photo opt-out forms taken at open events.

Public Events: Students participating in sports, choir, band, JROTC, cheerleading, theater, and other school activities, or attending such activities, that are open to the public are NOT ELIGIBLE for photo opt-out forms, as there is no way to prevent photography and videos and news media coverage of public events. D49 has the right to use photos of these students.

Student-produced news is not considered student directory information. Parents/guardians who do not want their children included in student-produced media should not allow their children to pose for these photos or videos or participate in student media.

The district limits access to the outside news media, but it does not have control of the media. Access by news media, individuals, organizations, or television/film production companies to non-public locations and events, such as inside a classroom, will be conditioned upon agreement to honor parent/guardian preferences.

Instructions for the new form can be found on the D49 website here:

www.d49.org/Page/10310

Some changes of note:

1. If a student is participating in an activity such as band, sports, choir, ROTC, etc., parents and students cannot adhere to an expectation of privacy outlined in the Photo Opt Out, due to the public nature of events that correspond with the chosen activity.
2. Parents must fill out the form each school year.

Kids Heart Challenge

A message from Nick Mimmo.

Ready for a life-changing mission **Odyssey Elementary**? Grab your family and join us in learning Hands-Only CPR through the **Kids Heart Challenge** and crush our goal for the American Heart Association!

How to get started: Download the app for [*iPhone*](#) or [*Android*](#), or register online

http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=9733&pg=company&company_id=438828! From there, AHA Ambassador Finn will be your guide. Conquer Finn's Mission with your family!

Exciting news: **NFL and AHA** have teamed up, offering a chance to **WIN TICKETS TO SUPERBOWL 2025! EVERY STUDENT** who completes Finn's Mission will be entered into a regional sweepstakes to win **[TWO SUPERBOWL 2025 TICKETS!](#)** [Click here](#) to learn more.

Why does it matter?

Heart Disease is the leading cause of death in America and is 80% preventable. We want to empower families to take charge of their heart health.

¿Listo para una misión que cambiará tu vida, **Odyssey Elementary**? ¡Reúne a su familia y únete a nosotros para aprender RCP solo con las manos a través del **Kids Heart Challenge** y supera nuestra meta de para la Asociación Americana del Corazón!

Cómo empezar: Descarga la aplicación para [*iPhone*](#) o [*Android*](#), o regístrate en línea

http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=9733&pg=company&company_id=438828. A partir de ahí, el embajador de la AHA Finn, será tu guía. ¡Conquista la Misión de Finn con tu familia!

Noticias emocionantes: ¡**La NFL y la AHA** se han unido para ofrecer la oportunidad de **GANAR ENTRADAS PARA EL SUPERBOWL 2025!** ¡**CADA ESTUDIANTE** que complete la Misión de Finn participará en un sorteo regional para ganar **[DOS ENTRADAS PARA EL SUPERBOWL 2025!](#)** [Pulsa aquí](#) para saber más.

¿Por qué esto importa?

Las enfermedades cardíacas son la principal causa de muerte en los Estados Unidos y se pueden prevenir en un 80%. Queremos capacitar a las familias para que se hagan cargo de la salud de su corazón.

[Click here to register for Odyssey Elementary.](#)

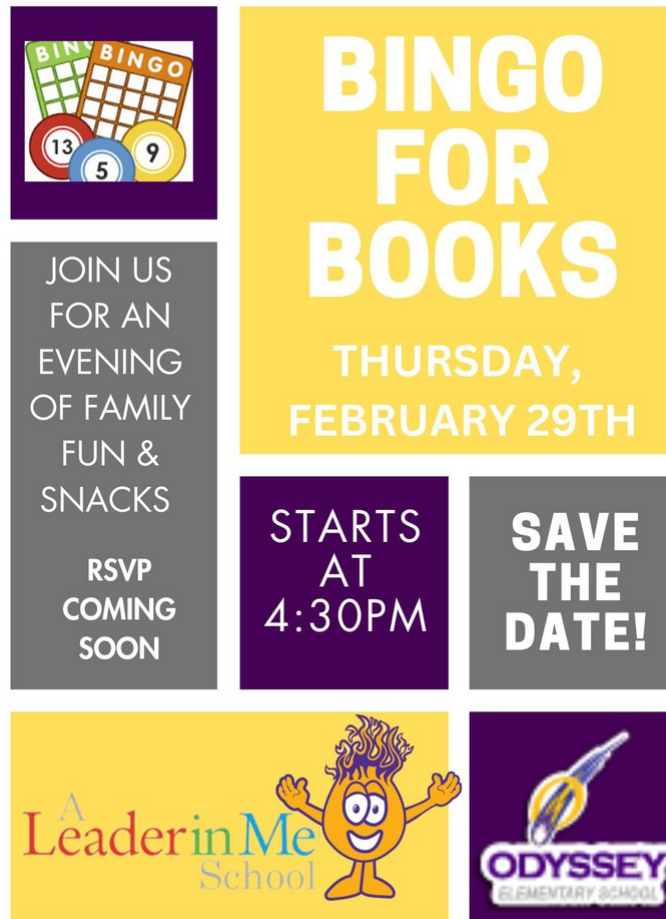
If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address:

http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?company=Odyssey+Elementary&company_id=438828&pg=company&fr_id=9733&et=ibAVP6CAkzwfql7KgkqueaGSvsIEldTsuNEk5_d0IN6MUXqZ5dzuA

Coach Nick Mimmo (nicholas.mimmo@d49.org)

OES PE Teacher

Save the Date - Bingo For Books



The graphic is a collage of colored squares. At the top left is a purple square with a bingo card and balls. To its right is a large yellow square with the text 'BINGO FOR BOOKS' and the date 'THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH'. Below the purple square is a grey square with text about family fun and snacks, and an RSVP notice. To the right of that is a purple square with the start time and a grey square with 'SAVE THE DATE!'. At the bottom are two squares: one with the 'Leader in Me School' logo and a cartoon character, and another with the 'Odyssey Elementary School' logo.

BINGO FOR BOOKS

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 29TH

JOIN US
FOR AN
EVENING
OF FAMILY
FUN &
SNACKS

RSVP
COMING
SOON

STARTS
AT
4:30PM

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE

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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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 \(d49.org\)](https://d49.org)

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>

<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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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OESComets>



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