

Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

After the initial start, it's easy to be tempted to coast. In fact, now is the time to keep accelerating! When it comes to some things that you can do to help us maintain our great partnership, here are some tips you can feel free to use:

- Make sure your child is getting plenty of rest each night. Phones and tablets can be tempting for all of us (as adults, we find ourselves mindlessly scrolling, too), so having kids charge devices in another room can remove temptations.
- Keep reinforcing the importance of positive relationships with teachers and staff. We want our Comets to become leaders, and leaders know how to address others and find solutions in a positive way.
- Ask your child about their school day. Fun, specific questions such as, "What did you do that made you proud of yourself today?" or "What was a challenge you faced?" can lead to great sharing.
- Remember that we are a team. We want to create a positive school experience for all our students. If teachers or families have questions, let's dialogue.

Thank you for all that you do.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi
OES Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

August 23rd - Board of Education - Work Session

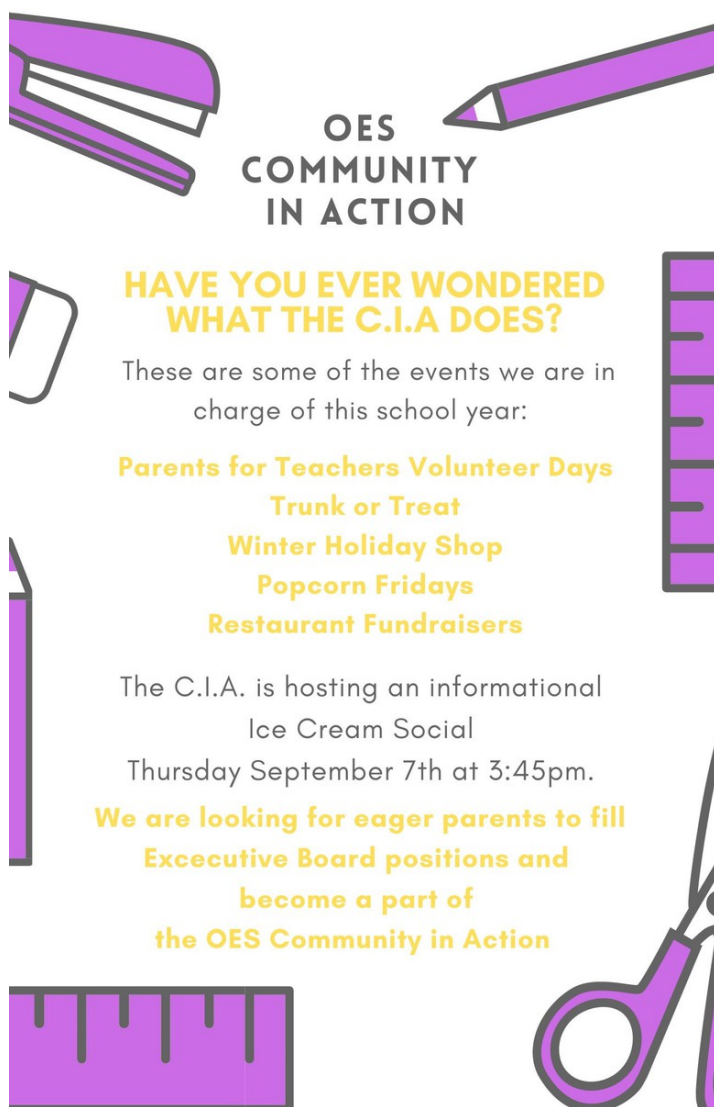
August 24th- Pastries with Parents @7:40 a.m. (Lead: Family Liaison)

August 31st - OES WATCH D.O.G.S Meeting - 4:00-5:00pm

September

September 1st - Professional Development, No Students

September 4th - District Closed for Labor Day



MAKE A DONATION TO OUR OES
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROJECT!!

VISIT THE COMMUNITY IN ACTION
(CIA) TABLE AT OUR UPCOMING
PASTRIES WITH PARENTS EVENT

Any donation will
receive a **FREE**
T-SHIRT or STICKER



Meet the Social Worker

Mrs. Whitaker
School Social Worker



Hello!

I am excited to have the opportunity to work with many students at Odyssey this school year! I have a passion for improving student mental health and providing support to students, staff, and families. It is my goal to help foster a positive learning environment.

What Do I Do?

- Short-term individual counseling
- Small group counseling
- Crisis management
- Classroom lessons
- Consultations with parents and teachers
- Community resource referrals

My Education

Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois

About Me

I love art, reading, and taking walks. I have a husband, two boys, and a puppy.

Please contact me via email at mackenzie.stahlwhitaker@d49.org
Or call at 719-494-8622

Social-emotional tip of the week: If your child seems frustrated at home and does not know how to talk about it, ask them to draw a picture or write about it! Sometimes, this can help them open up and foster your connection with them. While it may seem easy for an adult to use their voice to describe their emotions, elementary school students are still learning this skill.

WATCH D.O.G.S

ALL ABOUT



WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is a family and community engagement educational initiative. There are 2 primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S.® program.

- 1) To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
- 2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

WATCH D.O.G.S.® began in 1998 in a single school in Springdale, Arkansas and has since grown into a nationally recognized program that has brought hundreds of thousands of fathers and father figures into the school classrooms and hallways across the country, creating millions of hours of "in school" volunteer time and having a tremendously positive impact on the educational process.

Program Benefits:

- Students gain positive male role models.
- Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of a father or father figure will provide an additional deterrent to bullying, enhance a sense of security in the building, and will help to create an environment conducive to learning.
- Fathers get a glimpse of their students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and hopefully connect with them.
- Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student's life in three critical areas including: academic performance, self-esteem, social behavior.
- Due to budget shortfalls and cutbacks, often teachers are presented with larger classrooms each year. The WatchDOGS volunteers provide real and important help for the teachers and the students.

Who are WatchDOGS (Dads Of Great Students)?

WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S.® school. During the day, WatchDOGS may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a WatchDOG dramatically reduces reports of bullying. On the day of their participation, WatchDOGS are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official WATCH D.O.G.S.® t-shirt with a disposable 'Dog Tag' identifying them as WatchDOGS.

Program Recognition:

The WATCH D.O.G.S.® program has been recognized by the United States Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and has been involved in the U.S. Department of Education's P.F.I.E. (Partnership For Family Involvement In Education) and the Department's Safe School Summit. The WATCH D.O.G.S.® program is a founding member of National PTA's M.O.R.E. Alliance (Men Organized to Raise Engagement). The WATCH D.O.G.S.® program was featured on ABC World News Tonight with Charlie Gibson in their "Spirit of America" segment on November 17, 2008, on NBC's Nightly News with Brian Williams on September 12, 2012 and on NBC's Today Show which aired February 11, 2013. Also, the program has been recognized on the floor of Congress as a program that "can be a great tool in our efforts to prevent school violence and improve student performance because it can increase parental initiative and involvement in their children's education." (Congressional Record, February 7, 2000 page S392) WATCH D.O.G.S.® has been endorsed by the President's Advisory Council and included in the March 2010 report to the President. In June 2011, US Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan visited a local WATCH D.O.G.S.® program in the DC area to encourage fathers and father figures to become more active in the educational system and to get a firsthand glimpse of the program.

For more information, visit our website at dadsogreatstudents.com, email info@dadsogreatstudents.com or call us at 1-888-540-DOGS(3647) to speak with a Program Developer.

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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.

Bus Schedule A.M. 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 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

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Student Fees

The fees for the 23-24 school year:

Student Fee per student -\$25.00.

Personalized Learning Fee per student- \$35.00

Technology Insurance Fee Optional per student - \$30.00.

You can pay online (StudentQuickPay.com) or pay in the front office with a check or cash.

D49 Student Issued Device Agreement

District 49 Student Issued Device Program Agreement.pdf

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OES Spirit Wear

SPORTS

3690 N. ACADEMY BLVD. COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80917
WWW.SHORALLAMERICANSPORTS.COM

Odyssey Elementary Spirit Wear Fall 2023

Online ordering for Odyssey Elementary Spirit Wear Fall 2023 ends on Sun, Aug 27, 2023 (11:59 PM MDT)

🔗 odysseyelem.itemorder.com

District 49 Attendance Policy

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY OVERVIEW

[Bell Schedule / Attendance Policy \(d49.org\)](#)

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 \(d49.org\)](#)

Nursing Services

ANNUAL HEALTH FORMS

- D49 is now collecting your student's Annual Health History online through your parent portal. Please take the time to set up your portal and inform us of any medical needs your student may need addressed while at school. This is also an excellent time to make sure your phone numbers and emergency contacts are updated.
 - [Nursing Services / Annual Health Forms \(d49.org\)](#)
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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.

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

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

Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

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