

# Odyssey Weekly Update

My Path. My Future.

## Principal Corner

Hello Odyssey Families,

Our Boosterthon Fun Run event kicks-off next week, and we're excited for this event in so many ways!

As a school that emphasizes positive character traits and *Leader in Me* habits, the intrinsic rewards come first. Starting November 8th, our building will include a Boosterthon team that emphasizes healthy living, adds an extra layer of support to our students and staff, and encourages all our Comets to be their best.

In addition to the intrinsic rewards, we are hoping to provide real-life rewards for our school through this fundraiser. We are looking to use the money gathered in ways that help us purchase new equipment for our building. Odyssey opened in 2006, and there are many items throughout the school that are "originals" from long ago. We are looking to enhance the following:

- PE equipment would help Coach Mimmo teach physical fitness to all our students throughout the school.
- There are other needs throughout our Discovery Team. Again, this will help every single Odyssey kid.
- Technology needs are beginning to emerge throughout our school. Many of us grew up with teachers who used projectors. Our teachers use TVs, Apple TVs, and iPads for interactive learning that is much more engaging for today's students than a Vis-à-vis marker. We are hoping that some of our funds generated can help us replace, replenish, and build new opportunities for our growing school.
- Other equipment would be rewarding for our staff in many ways, too.

We selected this fundraiser very carefully based on how we could develop the hearts and brains of our students while also having great opportunities to make real improvements to teaching and learning. While there is certainly no obligation from any individual student, we are hoping to expand possibilities for all of our Comet kids. Thank you for all that you do to help our students pursue a balanced pathway toward the future.

In partnership,

Mr. Kris Levi  
OES Principal

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## ***Upcoming Dates to Remember***

### **November**

November 6th - 10th -National School Psychology Week

November 7th - Picture Re-Takes

November 8th-17th - Fun Run Fundraiser (Fun Run Day will be held on November 17th)

November 9th - Board of Education Regular Meeting

November 10th - Schools Open for Veteran's Day

November 16th - CIA Parent Meeting - 3:45pm

November 17th - Vision and Hearing Screenings

November 17th - Fun Run Final Day

November 17th- Monthly Happy Hour- 3:00pm

November 20th - 24th - Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Break

November 22nd-24th - District Closed for Thanksgiving

November 30th - CIA Board Meeting

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## ***LifeTouch Picture Retake - November 7th***

Lifetouch.

# PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO!

Tuesday, November 07, 2023

Odyssey Elementary School Retake Day!



Scan to order!  
(¡Echa un vistazo para encargarte!)



## How it Works:



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## Leader in Me School Information

Hello Odyssey Families!

As a Leader in Me School, we love being able to provide our families the opportunity to extend the 7 Habits into their homes! Do you have any interest in strengthening family relationships and improving family functioning? If so, this workshop is made just for you!!

Not to mention that childcare for ages 3-12 and dinner will be provided at the 3 workshop sessions. Please note your attendance at all 3 sessions is required.

Session 1: Tuesday, November 28th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Session 2: Tuesday, January 16th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Session 3: Tuesday, April 2nd, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Space is limited, so sign up now! See the attached flyer for the link to sign up.

Questions? Feel free to email Mrs. Willis ~ [amy.willis@d49.org](mailto:amy.willis@d49.org)





The 7 Habits of  
Highly Effective Families

Please Join Us

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE - SIGN UP NOW

Would you like to extend the Leader in Me into your home? Do you have any interest in strengthening family relationships and improving family functioning? If so, this workshop is for YOU!

WORKSHOP DETAILS

In the OES Cafeteria

SESSION 1: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
SESSION 2: TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
SESSION 3: TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

**FREE DINNER AND CHILD CARE**

RSVP HERE:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4BAEAC2AA6FA7-45706504-7habits>

Attendance at all 3 sessions is Required

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

Find something that you and your child both enjoy doing and do that together this week! Reconnecting with your child over a mutually enjoyable activity is a great way to foster your relationship and it'll set them up for a positive mindset when they go to school.

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## ***OES Family Handbook - 2023-2024***

**Odyssey - Family Handbook 2023-2024.pdf**

**Download**

2.2 MB

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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 \(d49.org\)](https://d49.org/Parent-Student-Portal).

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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 \(d49.org\)](https://d49.org/Before-After-School-Program).
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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>

<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.

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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 \(d49.org\)](https://www.d49.org/BellSchedule/AttendancePolicy)**

Inspiring students through caring relationships and meaningful learning.

**Email:** [tammy.alesch@d49.org](mailto:tammy.alesch@d49.org)

**Website:** <https://www.d49.org/oes>

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





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