



# ODYSSEY BREEZE

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October 2022

## WHAT'S INSIDE? QUICK LOOK:

- Halloween Parade Info
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
- Spirit Night at Zupas
- School Calendar

...and more!!!

## Director's Corner

It has been an exciting start to the new school year. We are already halfway through the first term and everything is in full swing. Many mornings I stand at the front doors and welcome the students to school. There are lots of smiling faces and many eyes full of excitement. I am grateful for each of our students and their families. Together with our staff, we all work together to help guide our students through their educational journey. Our staff is awesome and work tirelessly to provide a quality education for all our students. Parents, and others, freely volunteer their time and give it to the students to support the students and help them be successful. Our students are committed and most strive to do all they can to help themselves. I love being a part of the Odyssey Family and am thankful for the role each of us plays in the lives of our students. It is a great year to be an Odyssey Voyager.

- Mr. Schellhous

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# Board Elections



We are pleased to announce the results of the most recent Board of Trustee elections! Thank you to those of you that voted. There were two available positions with three candidates running to fill those positions.

Aaron Goodrich was re-elected for a new two-year term. Richard Hydo was also elected to a two-year term. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our school and would like to congratulate them!



# RECAPS & REMINDERS

## Halloween Parade

This year's Halloween Parade will be held on **October 31st at 9:30 AM**. Parents are invited to come watch the students as they parade through the school. We will have some chairs set up in the multipurpose room, but parents will also be able to stand in the hallways to watch. Please make sure you do not park in any of our neighbors parking lots. You will be towed.

Students will be allowed to wear any Halloween costume of their choosing. Reminders:

**No gory or violent accoutrements**

**No weapons of any type**

**No full face masks**

**Face paint is acceptable**

Costumes still need to be appropriate for an elementary setting and cover the parts that a uniform would cover. The costume can be worn all day so make sure it is something that the student is comfortable in or able to easily removed if needed. Thank you!

**\*\*PM Kindergarteners are invited to join! If you have a Kindergartener that attends during PM track, please note that they should be here at 8:30 AM on Halloween to participate in the parade and join in on their class parties!**

# Volunteer at Odyssey

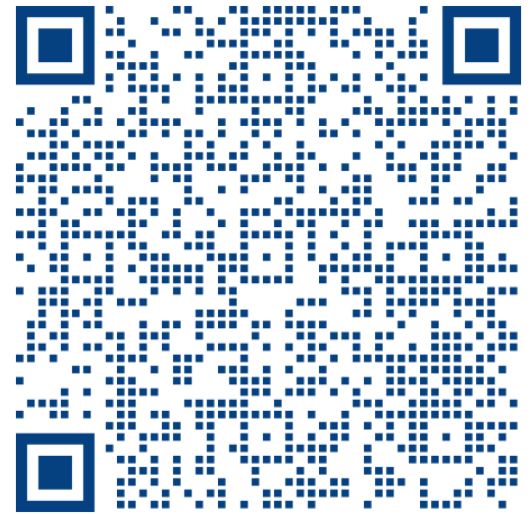
Questions? Email Ms. Hutchings at [mhutchings@odysseycharter.net](mailto:mhutchings@odysseycharter.net)

## FALL FLING IS COMING SOON!

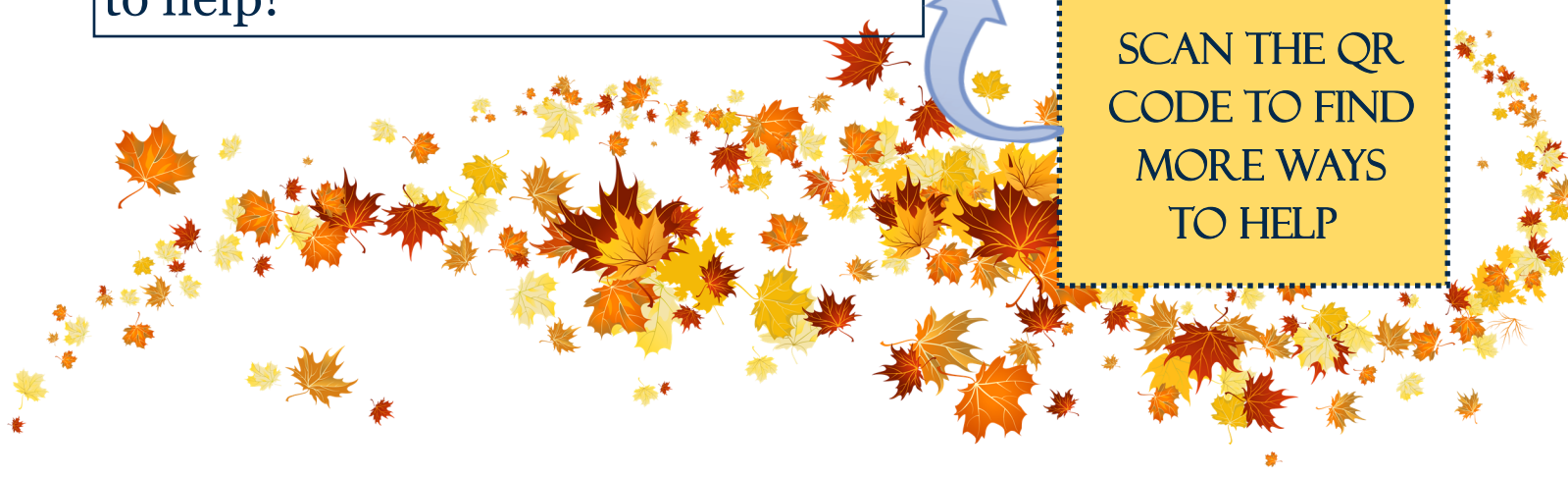
We are so excited to announce that Fall Fling will be held on Monday, October 24 at 5:30 PM— 7:00 PM. As many of you know, we need help to make the fall fling run smoothly. Scan the QR code below to sign up to volunteer or contact Ms. Hutchings and let her know how you can help.

## *You can help with CET*

Curriculum Enhancement Teams help teachers plan and coordinate. With more hands on deck, the work load is lighter for everyone. Please reach out to your teacher or Ms. Hutchings to figure out how to help!



SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO FIND  
MORE WAYS  
TO HELP





# EMOTIONAL GROWTH & LEARNING

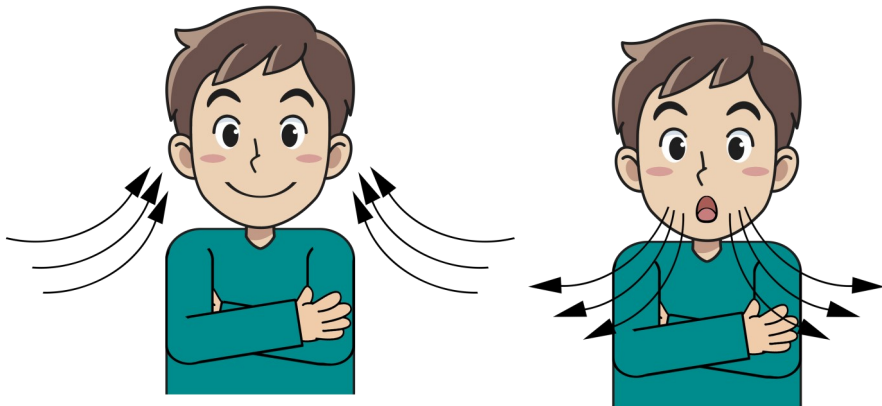
*You can help your child continue the skills they are learning! See this month's topics below:*

Oct. 3 - [Managing My Emotions Through Breathing](#)

Oct. 10 - [Managing My Emotions With Calming Tools](#)

Oct. 18 - [Triggers](#)

Oct. 24 - [Resilience](#)



Visit Odyssey's Emotional Growth and Learning website at [odysseysel.weebly.com](http://odysseysel.weebly.com) or by clicking on the links above to learn more about each weekly topic, check out our calendar, and find resources by topic.

## RESOURCES

CLICK THE LINK!

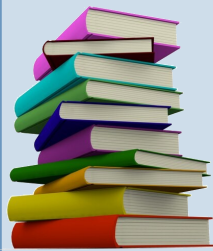
[Breathing Exercises for Kids](#)

[Breathe With Me \(Read-Aloud Book\)](#)

[Teaching Belly Breathing](#)

[Whale Breath Song](#)

[4-7-8 Breathing](#)



## LIBRARY CORNER

REMINDER—We are beginning to see some overdue fines accruing. Please note that students 2nd grade and up can accrue overdue fines (10 cents a day per overdue book) and *will not be able to check out new library books until they pay their fines*. The checkout period is two weeks, but there is a grace period of four days. Watch your email on Mondays for notifications of overdue books and/or fines. This is one way we help out students learn to be responsible citizens.

### Home Reading Program:

Remember to mark off the books on your student's card after they finish them. We're seeing lots of bags with books not marked off. Unless they are marked off, you're likely to get those same books back



Thanks to our volunteers that helped with the Book Fair! We made some good money for the school and look forward to some nice new books for the library to share with everyone, and meanwhile your students get to enjoy the ones you purchased too! Win, win!!

# Odyssey Charter School



# FUNDRAISER NIGHT WITH CAFÉ ZUPAS

## LOCATION

599 W. Main St.  
American Fork, UT

## DATE & TIME

Tuesday, October 11  
4pm - 9pm

**Many ways to earn up to 25% for your organization:**

Dine-In or Take-Out:

Let the cashier know you are with  
the fundraiser

Café Zupas Mobile App or Online Orders:

Enter **FUNDRAISER25** at checkout



*Order with the app*





CHECK IT OUT!!

SIXTH GRADE LEADERSHIP



The Comfy Cozy Blanket Drive was a huge success! We surpassed our goal and collected 72 blankets to donate to the Intermountain Children's Hospital. Red House won the challenge by donating over half of the blankets! Thank you so much to those that donated.



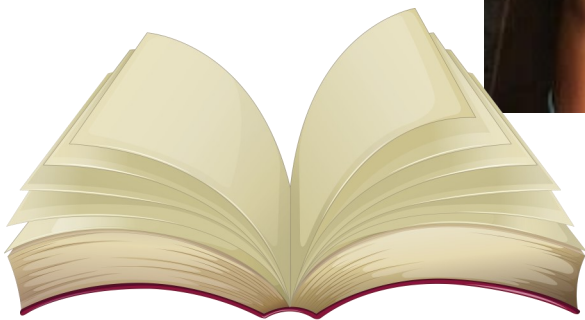
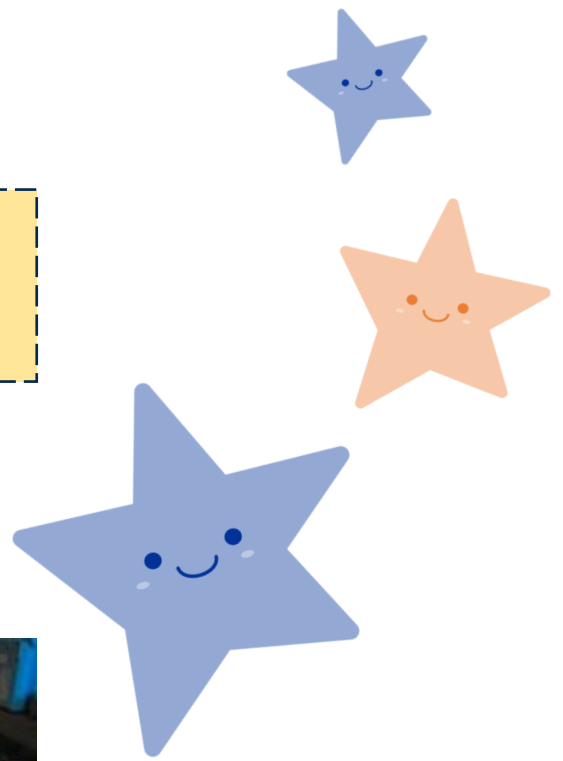
Kindness Day is October 10th. Students will be given a kindness challenge by leadership in order to promote new friendships and kindness amongst all of the voyagers!

Life is Better with Friends!



CHECK IT OUT!!

GLOW STICK READ-A-THON  
*with Ms. McCumber's 4th Grade*



The students had a glow stick read-a-thon to celebrate all of the “glowing” things Ms. McCumber had to say about her students at Parent Teacher Conferences! Thanks for making time to meet with your teachers and partner with them in your student’s education!



# SPIRIT ASSEMBLY

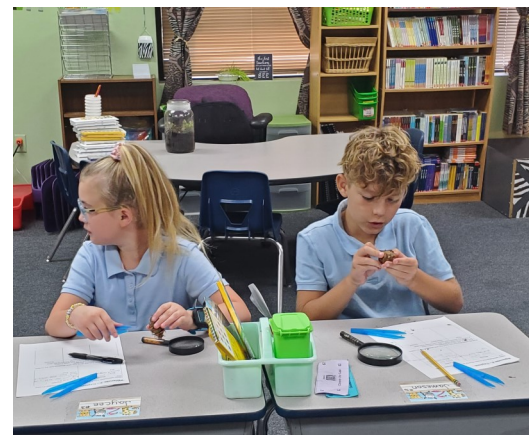
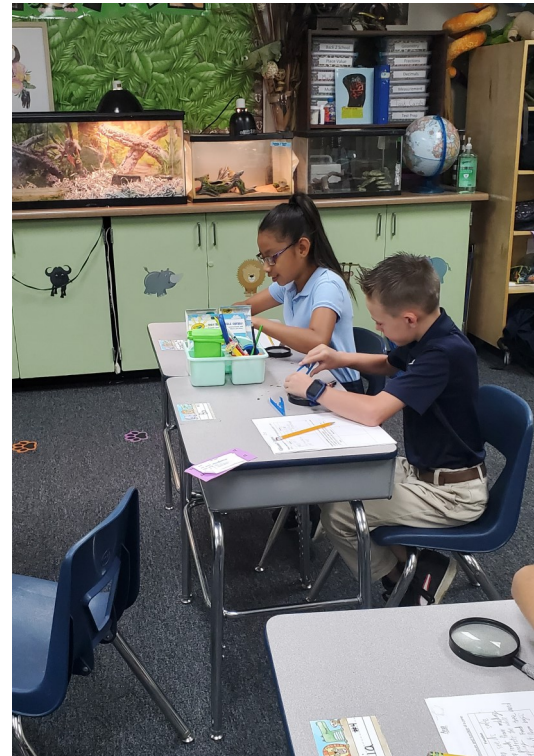
Thank you to our Leadership Squad for carrying out a great assembly! Congrats to our current house leader, **RED HOUSE!**





CHECK IT OUT!!

STRUCTURE + FUNCTION SCIENCE LESSON  
*Dissecting Pinecones with Ms. Clements' 4th Grade*





# Heroes Among Us

Every month, teachers and our school counselor, Ms. Lewis, select students that have shown exceptional skills in emotional growth and learning. We got to recognize these students at our Spirit Assembly this month. Our Odyssey Voyagers are amazing, and we love celebrating them all!



Mia K.	Soleil D.	Keller C.	Maggie L.	Issac R.
Millie H.	Gavin W.	Caleb G.	Amishi D.	Lily P.
Nicole N.	Tegan L.	Sierra D.	Elana V.	Lucien R.
Juy N.	Parker R.	Elsie P.	Reagan N.	



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*Get to know our Odyssey team*

MS. LARSEN  
PHYSICAL ED/ELL



**Ms. Larsen**  
**Physical Education; ELL**

**Favorite Quote:** “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.. As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.” Marianne Williams

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

**Favorite Snack:** Raspberries

**Hidden Talents:** I can play my hands (ask me to show you!)

**If you weren't working at Odyssey, what would your career be?** Volunteer in the Peace Corps

**Something you couldn't live without?** Cats

**What would the title be of a book about your life?** “Are We There Yet?”

**What advice would you give yourself as a kid?**

Take gymnastics!!!

**If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you go?** Cusco Peru

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*Get to know our Odyssey*

MS. BECKSTRAND  
LIBRARIAN



**Favorite Quote:** “Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.” - Frederick Douglass

**Favorite Holiday:** CHRISTMAS!! It’s always SO fun—all the anticipation!

**Favorite Snack/Candy:** Chocolate with nuts/popcorn—but regular flavor only!

**You’d be surprised to know...** I lived abroad much of my growing up years. I also have some sign language experience

**If you weren’t working at Odyssey, what would your career be?** Probably a receptionist somewhere, but this has always been my DREAM JOB!

**Something you can’t live without?** My scriptures, especially The Book of Mormon

**What would the title be of a book about your life?** Happiness is a choice!

**If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you go?** If I could GO anywhere to visit, it would be Kiribati, where I lived as a tween; New Zealand would be a GREAT place to visit too. Someday I’d like to visit Europe... but I’m a homebody, so I’m unlikely to visit any of these places anytime soon.

**Three words to describe yourself?** Reader, Believer, Happy

# Odyssey Calendar

## OCTOBER 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 5th Grade Fieldtrip to Timp Cave	4 Vision Screenings	5 Early Out Day @ 1:30 every Wed (10:30 for AM K)	6 World Smile Day 	7 Oct Birthday Table  1st & 3rd grade CET	8
9	10	11 <b>Spirit Night</b> @ Zupas K CET	12 <b>End of Term</b> 2nd grade CET	13 NO SCHOOL	14	15
Red Ribbon Week			FALL BREAK			
16	17 NO SCHOOL (Professional Day)	18	19	20 Emergency Drill <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:30 PM	21 Deadline for Nov Lunch  4th & 6th grade CET	22
23	24 Fall Fling 5:30 PM— 7:00 PM	25	26	27 End of Term Assembly	28	29
30	31 Halloween Parade @ 9:30 AM					

