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ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

September 2023

WELCOME BACK VOYAGERS



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“Directors Message-

Dear Odyssey Community,

As the sun sets on the warm days of summer, it is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I extend a heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you to the beginning of a brand-new school year at Odyssey Charter School. Whether you're a returning student, a new face, a parent, a teacher, or a staff member, I am delighted to embark on this journey of growth and learning alongside you all.

The start of a new school year is a time filled with promise and opportunity. It's a chance for us to collectively embrace fresh beginnings, set new goals, and create lasting memories. At Odyssey Charter School, we firmly believe that every student's potential is boundless, and our highly qualified team of educators is committed to nurturing that potential with care, passion, and dedication.

This year, we are focusing on our individual voyages with the theme “What’s your voyage?” Our school isn't just a place of academic learning; it's a place where friendships are forged, talents are discovered, and dreams are realized. Together, we form a tapestry of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences that enrich our learning environment and prepare our students to thrive in an interconnected world, ready to embark on their own voyage of learning and growing in so many ways.

As your director, I want you to know that my door is always open. I encourage students to share their aspirations, parents to engage in their child's educational journey, and teachers and staff to collaborate as a united team. Let us work together to create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential.

In closing, let's embrace this new school year with optimism and determination. Let's support one another, lift each other up, and celebrate our achievements – both big and small. Together, we will make this school year an unforgettable chapter in our educational journey.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Odyssey Charter School community. Here's to a year filled with growth, success, and endless possibilities.

Warmest regards,

Brooke Austin
Director

WHAT'S YOUR VOYAGE?



WELCOME
2023-2024

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Back To School

RECAPS & REMINDERS

September 2023



Carpool REMINDERS

Thank you so much for your cooperation with carpool as we ease back into the school year. Here are some reminders:

- Please display Odyssey issued carpool tags
- Please make every effort to be on time to pick up your students. If you are late, you must come inside to pick up your students.
- Students not picked up 5 minutes after carpool has ended will be sent to tutoring. Parents must then come inside to Room 109 to pick up the student. Tutoring ends promptly at 4:00 PM (2:30 pm on Wednesdays)

We appreciate your support



Lunch

All breakfast and school lunch orders are placed online through Hot-lunch.com. The October menu will be out in September and an email will be sent out to notify parents when it's ready. Remember, all meals must be ordered a month in advance. The deadline to order breakfast and lunch for the month of October is Saturday, September 16, 2023 by 11:59 PM. Need help? Have questions? Email Ms. Wood at lunch@odysseycharter.net, or come in to meet with her at the school from 8:30—10:00 AM or 2:00—3:30 PM.

Picture Day is Coming

**Mark your calendars now for
September 14th
and get those beautiful smiles
ready for the camera!
Remember, pictures will be
taken in school uniform!**



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

September 2023

New Teachers!

Ms. Frisbie
1st grade



Ms. Madrain
Kindergarten



Ms. Trepanier
2nd grade



Ms. Wallace
2nd grade





Emotional Growth and Learning

Odyssey's Emotional Growth and Learning program helps our students build emotional awareness, self-management skills, social awareness, and relationship skills. Each week we focus as a school community on one topic within those categories. Throughout the week students are introduced to the topic and given opportunities to explore and practice that topic and put it to use when the need arises. Visit the Emotional Growth and Learning website at odysseysel.weebly.com to find the weekly topics and information about each one so you can help your child continue their learning at home.

In August students learned respecting self and others, and all about how the Calm Corner in their classroom works. In September the topics include -
Sept 6 - Emotions and Zones
Sept. 13 - Awareness
Sept. 20 - Strengths
Sept. 27 - Fight, Flight, or Freeze

THINGS TO NOTE...

Fall 2023 Robertson Center Events For families



Webinar: Creating a Nightly Homework Routine

Thursday, September 14th (12:00 - 12:45 PM), webinar

For many parents, getting kids to do their homework is a nightly battle.

We're here to help keep the peace by providing tools for creating a consistent nightly homework routine. We'll also share strategies for how to support students when they have questions about math and tips to strengthen their reading skills at home. Recommended for parents of students in grades K-4.

Parents meeting

We will host a virtual parent meeting on September 7th at 10:00 a.m. Ms.

Austin will discuss our recently updated Attendance Policy as well as how to set up your student for success with our new Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Ms. Lewis, our school counselor, will discuss our commitment and plan to maintain a school climate that is free of harassment and discrimination (OCS Bullying Policy). We would love to have you join us, but if that time does not work for you, the meeting will be recorded and available for viewing when it is convenient for you.

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 825 119 2018

Passcode: 5ta7Cy

Uniform Reinforcement Week

September 11th-16th

Check the website for any uniform questions.



A FEW MORE THINGS TO NOTE...

Rent Our Space

If you, or an organization to which you belong, is looking for space to rent, look no further! Our Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) is a dynamic canvas ready to host everything from rockin' dance parties to indoor soccer practice – the only limit is your imagination! And let's talk about the outdoor field – it's so spacious, even a herd of energetic unicorns would have room to frolic.

But that's not all – imagine transforming a cozy classroom into a whimsical wonderland for an afternoon preschool adventure. Tiny minds will explore, create, and giggle to their hearts' content. Whether you're planning a grand gala, a sports showdown, or an educational escapade, our school spaces are the playgrounds of possibility. Please contact Mr. Schellhous if you are interested.

rschellhous@odysseycharter.net

5th Grade Leadership & Operation **S.O.S.**

Our amazing new Leadership is already up and going with their first project of the year. They are collecting material-(no fray fleece)to make window covers for every classroom. They will be putting these together and installing them next week.



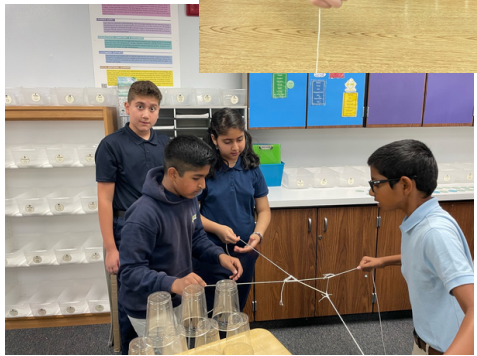
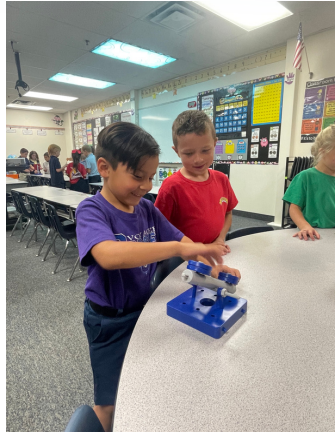
Order School Shirts

All school apparel can be ordered [here](#)





IN THE CLASSROOM



Ms. East's
First grade
Simple
Machines



6th Grade Team Building



Ms. McCumber 4th Grade



Leadership Team 2023

Volunteer at Odyssey

How To Help

Room parents are still needed in the following classes: **Madrian**, and **Frisbie**.

Fall Fling is approaching! We need the help of all willing to make it a great experience! If you would like to help follow the link

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15Gifs52DxzXwV7153DW8v84fBf_H2ivk8S8p

or check out our sign up genius to join a committee [here](#)

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Why Volunteer?

Make a difference in your child's education.

“Parents As Partners”

is an important part of our Charter's philosophy. We believe that children will succeed in education when parents and teachers work together. We have no “PTA”. Instead, structure is provided by specialized parent committees. Each family at Odyssey is encouraged to volunteer at the school in ways that work best for your family. Our Parent Volunteer Coordinator (Cortney Schelin) is here to help you find the best way to participate and make Odyssey Amazing. Please reach out with any questions or concerns- cschelin@odysseycharter.net

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Snapology: Space Wars and Incredible Inventions

Wednesday, Sept. 13th-Oct. 25th (part 1)

Nov. 1-Dec. 13th (part 2)

2nd - 6th Grades

lehi.snapology.com

Power Chess

Wednesday Sept. 13th- Oct. 25th

All students welcome

<https://power-chess.com/product/powerup-chess-program-at-odyssey-2023/>

In Motion Jr. Golf

Fridays Sept 15th-Oct. 13th

All students welcome

<https://inmotionjuniorgolf.com/programs>

Mad Science

Wednesdays Sept 27th-Nov. 8th

All Grades Welcome

<https://greatersaltlake.madscience.org/parents-details-a.aspx?regItemSessionID=394516>

Karate

Sept. 26/28 Oct. 3/5th

All Students welcome

[click here to register](#)

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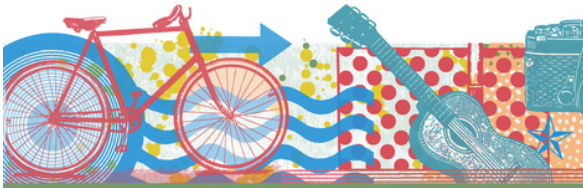
SPIRIT NIGHT



SEPT. 19TH

WE'RE HOSTING A FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Help us earn up to 25% in donations!



Odyssey Charter School

FUNDRAISER NIGHT WITH CAFÉ ZUPAS



LOCATION

599 W. Main St.
American Fork, UT

DATE & TIME

Tuesday, September 19
4pm - 9pm

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

Dine-In or Curbside:

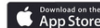
Let the cashier know you are with the fundraiser

Café Zupas Mobile App or Online Orders:

Select your fundraiser at checkout



Order with the app



CAFÉ ZUPAS

Library Corner



WE LOVE OUR LIBRARY!

Students began checking out library books the week of August 28th. All families at OCS accepted the Library Use Agreement when signing school registration forms. Find the agreement with library info and policies on page 41 of the OCS Student Parent Handbook. Students are responsible for books they have checked out, including any fines for overdue or lost books.

A few library notes:

- Battle of the Books - see the school website for current info, including book list bookmarks and memory joggers that can be printed.
- Book Reports - see the Book Reports page on the OCS website for info, including a Schoolwide Book Reports List, very handy for parents of students across multiple grades. (Print that out for the year!)
- Educational access for Utah's Online Library from UEN with lots of tools for students is available. Pick up an info bookmark in the library or contact the librarian for the username and password for K-12 student access for powerful educational resources! Onlinelibrary.uen.org
- Families are welcome to donate books at any time. Check our LIBRARY WISH LIST if you want to peruse our needs and wants.
- **Parents are ABSOLUTELY WELCOME to check out books from our library - just ask!**
- Did you know you can donate a book for your child's birthday? We'll put a birthday faceplate with their name on it in the book.

Library Corner



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

a fun way to get some volunteer hours!

We still have had a few openings for weekly volunteer shifts in the library, with classes & HRP. We have started but we still need additional help. Online signups are listed below; alternately, you may stop by the library to sign up or to see the schedules.

*For detailed job descriptions, see the [Librarian's Website](#)

Weekly Library Shifts* -(Help still needed: Wednesdays & Thursdays.)

[Sign up online here](#)

Weekly Home Reading Program (HRP) Shifts*- (Help still needed: right after carpool Thursdays OR Fridays)

[Sign up online here](#)

Other committees*:

Book Fair signup

<https://forms.gle/PkHeU6CrskgLYpD37>

Battle of the Books signup

<https://forms.gle/sbWxAcQZjuKNbpcHA>

HRP CORNER







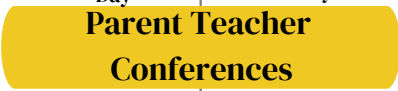



Our Home Reading Program begins the week of September 5th. This is our take home reading program, and students should be able to read and enjoy the books on their own. Please read the information sheet that comes in the zipper bag with the book. Each student is given only one book to begin with. Find full information about the HRP in the bags or on the librarian's website [here](#).

***If you have business connections and would like to contribute toward prizes for the Battle of the Books or other reading incentives, please contact the librarian at sbeckstrand@odysseycharter.net.



Odyssey Calendar

September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31					1 Spirit Assembly	2
3	4 No School 	5	6 Early Out Day 	7 Virtual Parent Meeting 	8 Birthday Table Apparel Order Due 	9
10	11	12	13 Early Out Day	14 Picture Day 	15	16  Oct. Meal Orders Due
UNIFORM REINFORCEMENT WEEK						
17	18	19 Spirit Night @ Zupas 	20 Early Out Day Parent Teacher Conferences 	21 Early Out Day	22 Flex Learning 	23
24	25	26 Vision Screening 	27 Early Out Day	28 5TH grade Field Trip 	29 Spirit Assembly	30