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ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

November 2023

*'Tis the season for giving thanks.
From all of us at Odyssey, thank you for supporting our school!*



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Cultivating Gratitude: Celebrating Our Dedicated Educators

As we navigate through the academic year, I find myself reflecting on the extraordinary dedication and unwavering commitment demonstrated by our exceptional teaching and support staff here at Odyssey Charter School. It is with extreme gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that I write this article, acknowledging the incredible efforts and sacrifices our educators make each day to ensure the well-being and academic growth of our students.

Our teachers are the unsung heroes of our school community, spending countless hours beyond their contractual obligations to create an enriching learning environment for your children. One of the remarkable aspects of their dedication is the time they invest after school hours, meticulously planning lessons, and grading assignments. Their commitment goes far beyond the classroom, ensuring that every student receives the attention and support they need to excel academically.

Moreover, our staff demonstrates a level of care that goes beyond academics. They extend their compassion to ensure that every child has access to the basic necessities, such as a nutritious breakfast and lunch. Many of our staff have personally stepped in to bridge the gap, making sure no child goes hungry. This act of kindness embodies the true spirit of our community and showcases the depth of their concern for your child's well-being.

Financial sacrifices are also made, as our educators often dip into their own pockets to provide additional resources and supplies for their classrooms. Their generosity ensures that the learning environment is enriched with the tools necessary for a holistic educational experience. This selflessness is a testament to their commitment to your child's education and development.

Navigating the complex landscape of state and federal requirements is no small feat, yet our staff diligently works to remain in compliance, ensuring that our school provides a top-notch education while meeting all necessary standards. Their attention to detail and commitment to excellence is what sets our school apart..



In addition to academic and administrative challenges, our educators face the complexities of dealing with behavior problems that have escalated in recent years. With immense patience and understanding, they employ innovative strategies to create a positive and inclusive atmosphere within the classroom. Their ability to handle these challenges with grace and empathy is truly commendable. If a teacher reaches out to you regarding your child's behavior, please support them.

One of the most remarkable qualities of our teaching staff is their ability to wear multiple hats with ease. They effortlessly transition from educators to mentors, counselors, and sometimes even parental figures. This versatility showcases their deep understanding of the multifaceted roles they play in your child's life. Their willingness to take on these roles is a testament to their dedication to nurturing well-rounded individuals.

Every day, our teachers devote their energy to thinking about your children and how to help them reach their full potential. Their commitment goes far beyond the confines of a job description; it stems from a genuine passion for education and a belief in the limitless potential of every student.

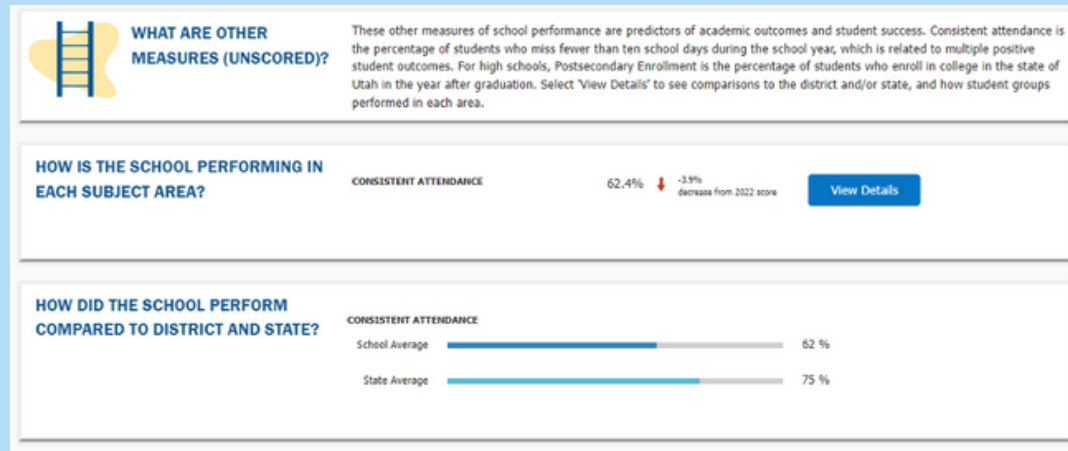
As parents, your support and understanding are invaluable in fostering a positive and nurturing learning environment. We encourage you to take a moment to express your gratitude to our educators. A simple note or word of thanks can go a long way in acknowledging their tireless efforts.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our exceptional teaching and support staff. Their dedication, compassion, and resilience inspire us all. Together, let us celebrate their unwavering commitment to shaping the future leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Brooke Austin
Director

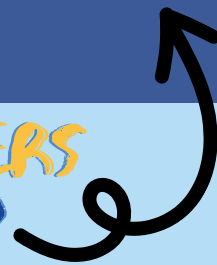
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School report cards were recently published. One of the areas measured but not included in the total score is attendance. Odyssey is well below the state with our consistent attendance percentage. Average daily attendance is tied directly to the funding we receive. Parents, we plead with you to do what you can to have your student here every day and on time! Chronic absenteeism plagues our school and is straining on multiple levels. Show your teachers you care by having your students at school each and every day.



CHECK OUT
OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE RIGHT
NOW

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Why Volunteer?

Make a difference in your child's education.

“Parents As Partners”

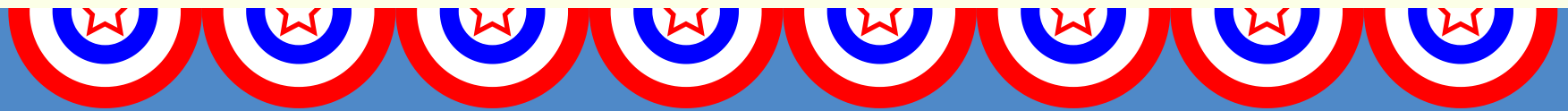
Our Parent Volunteer Coordinator (Cortney Schelin) is here to help you find the best way to participate and make Odyssey Amazing. Please reach out with any questions or concerns-
cschelin@odysseycharter.net





VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Join us for an assembly and recognition event for all-family, friends and all veterans of the community

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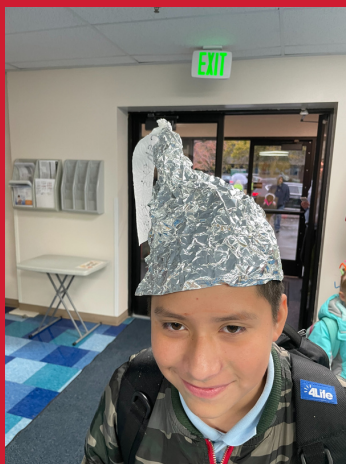
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RED RIBBON WEEK



Our Hope Squad created a fun filled week of crazy hair, socks, mustaches, and even a pirate day to help us celebrate Red Ribbon Week.



Emotional Growth and Learning

The 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 [here](#) Find the weekly topics and information about each one so you can help your child continue their learning at home.

November Topics

Nov. 1 - Diversity

Nov. 8 - Empathy

Nov. 15 - Expected vs. Unexpected

Nov. 29 - Gratitude



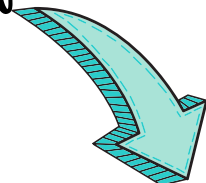
10 ways ART helps kids

- 1- To make sense of their thoughts
- 2- To connect with their feelings
- 3- To explore their inner world
- 4- To encourage play, stimulate imagination
- 5- To relieve stress, reduce anxiety
- 6- To relax, quiet their minds, aid concentration
- 7- To help build self-awareness
- 8- To build confidence and self esteem
- 9- To lower their blood pressure
- 10- To express what is hard to put into words



Ongoing art education now available at Odyssey!

New dates



4 Week blocks

When- Tuesday, November 28th, Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th for the youngers (K-3rd grade) and Thursday, November 30th, Dec 7th, 14th, 21st for the olders (4th-6th grade).

Where- In Room 229 with Ms. Parrett.

All supplies will be provided.

New classes and aspects of art will be taught with each block.

Classes start at dismissal of school day and end at 4:00pm.

Cost: Only \$40 per session- payment through- hotlunch.com or in the office.

Space is limited, so sign up today!

Please fill out the form and return it to the office

After School Art

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email(s): _____

HAPPENING AT SCHOOL!

The fourth graders participated in the Mountain Man Rendezvous and had an unforgettable educational adventure! In the spirit of the wilderness, they delved into the art of animal tracking, identifying scat and tracks. They tried their hand at frontier living by hunting animals, making butter, and competing in games of skill and strength. They spun tall tales that seemed larger than life, embodying the spirit of the mountain men of old. Creativity flowed as they crafted beaded bear claw necklaces. This unique rendezvous offered our young adventurers an enriching blend of history, nature, and creativity. Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers for making this event such a wild success!

4th Grade



6th Grade



2nd Grade



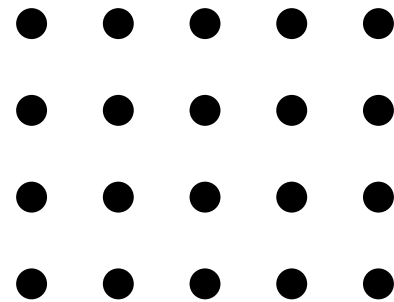
HAPPENING AT SCHOOL!



1st grade



Birthday Table





FALL FLING



What a fun night of bouncing, face painting and games. Thanks to everyone who came and had fun or helped put it on.





Halloween



Loved seeing all the creative costumes at our parade



AWARDS ASSEMBLY

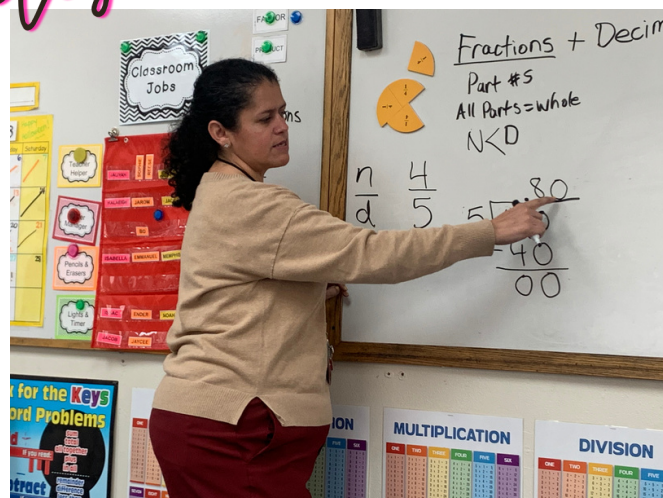


Academic Hero



Citizenship Hero

*Ms.
Galatsatos*



Friday
FACULTY
FEATURE

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LEADERSHIP



Food Drive



The food drive will occur from Friday, November 3rd through Wednesday, November 8th. House bins will be labeled and placed on the main floor by the front office.

Toy Drive



New unopened toys will be collected November 27th-December 3rd



Sneaker Fundraiser



The 6th Grade Leadership Squad is teaming up with [gotsneakers.com](https://www.gotsneakers.com) in which we can help kids that need shoes and raise money for Odyssey at the same time. We are accepting tennis shoes in all sizes, from infants to adults. We are also accepting football and soccer cleats, as well as hiking boots!

Please bring your tennis shoes, cleats, and hiking boots to Room 227 anytime throughout the school year. Together we can make a difference!

Our Leadership squad with the help of our amazing community was able to collect and deliver much needed supplies for the students at Polaris High School. Making a positive difference of the lives in our community. .

Library Corner



OVERDUE BOOKS - Even with all our earlier discussions about turning books in on time so that students won't be charged overdue fines – it's still happening again. Weekly emails go out on Monday mornings to remind parents of overdue books as well as any fines students have accrued. Remember that any fines in the library keeps students from being able to check anything out. Please help them find a safe location for their library books so they don't lose them and help them remember to turn them in on time. Check-out period is two weeks. Fines are an effective way of helping students learn the skill of being responsible citizens.

HRP Corner

We've had our first students complete their Home Reading Program level this year! Congratulations Genevieve M, Asher T, Valen L., and Brady M! Students who finish a level get some COOL prizes that help keep them motivated to keep going. The more reading they do, the better they'll get at it, and the more successful they will be in school, AND life can be much more fun for readers!



Volunteer Help Needed



A few volunteer's schedules have changed, so we desperately need some new volunteers, both for shifts with for our take Home Reading Program(!) (manageable preschoolers okay) and with the classes as they come to the library (no preschoolers). See the sign-up links here:

* HRP – after morning carpool, (greatest need! T/W/T or F) – <https://signup.com/go/URGOGjc>






*Library shifts – various times (T/W) – <https://signup.com/go/TAbObgN>

Serving here makes a big difference for the students -
You will LOVE these service opps!



Odyssey Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 After School Tutoring Chess Mad Science Snapology	2 4th grade CET After School Art	3 Birthday Table 5th CET After School Tutoring After School Golf	4 
5 Daylight Savings	6 After School Tutoring	7 After School Tutoring After School Art	8 After School Tutoring Snapology	9 Veterans Day Assembly After School Tutoring	10 Flex Learning Day NO SCHOOL	11  Veterans Day
FOOD DRIVE						
12	13 After School Tutoring	14  Picture Retake Day After School Tutoring After School Art	15 After School Tutoring Snapology	16  Virtual Parent Meeting	17 First Grade CET	18
19	20 After School Tutoring	21 Kindergarten CET After School Tutoring After School Art	22	23  NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving break	24	25
26	27 After School Tutoring	28 After School Tutoring After School Art	29 After School Tutoring Snapology	30 After School Tutoring After School Art	31 After School Tutoring	
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