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# ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

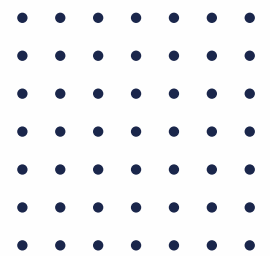
October 2025

*We are Voyagers*



*Follow Odyssey on Social Media*





September was a wonderful month at Odyssey! Our annual Fall Carnival was a huge success—thank you to our families, staff, and volunteers who made it possible.

Events like these highlight the strength of our community and the joy of coming together.

As we turn to October, our continued priority is keeping Odyssey a safe and welcoming place for every student. I believe every student and staff member should feel safe and respected at school. Earlier this year, we shared a video reviewing expectations for safe behavior and the serious consequences that follow aggressive actions. We encourage you to revisit this video. Reinforcing these expectations at home and school helps us ensure that every student feels secure and respected.

Each month, we continue to guide our students not only in academics but also in character, so they may grow into thoughtful and responsible citizens.

Thank you for partnering with us in this meaningful work.

Mrs. Austin



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# *Halloween Parade*

**October 2025**



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.



For student costumes, please remember that we are trying to create a fun and festive atmosphere at the school. Truly scary or terrifying costumes should be used for trick or treating.

Please do not allow students to bring weapons or wear costumes with blood/gore or that depict violent acts. Masks may be worn during the school parade but not during class time. Also, please consider your student's ability to sit at their desk and participate in class as you choose their costume. We are looking forward to a really fun day.



# PARENT VOLUNTEERS

“Parents As Partners”

IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR CHARTER'S PHILOSOPHY. WE BELIEVE CHILDREN WILL SUCCEED IN EDUCATION WHEN PARENTS, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ALL WORK TOGETHER.

**PARENT TEACHER  
CONFERENCE DINNER**

**Sign Up Here**



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**Book Fair**



See sign up below

**SPIRIT  
NIGHT**

**FAMILY  
SKATE NIGHT**

**Oct. 28th**

**4:30–8:30PM**



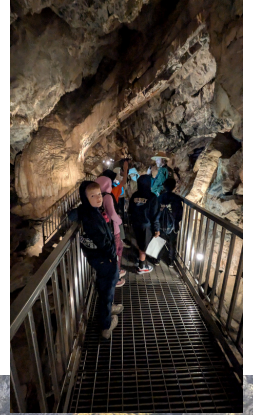
# VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT

JACKIE NELSON



We are so lucky to have Ms. Nelson as part of our Odyssey Community! She shows up and pitches in whenever there is a chance. Creating amazing activities and opportunities for not only her children but all students at Odyssey. Next time you see her around school (which is a lot) say hi.

# AROUND ODYSSEY



**GREEN HOUSE**

was our House winner

*Spirit Night at Zupas*



*5th Grade Field Trip*

*6th Grade VS Staff*













# THE CRITICAL THINKING CORNER

## DISCOVERING OUR “SMARTS”: BUILDING CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES

This month in our K–6 Critical Thinking classes, students explored the idea that everyone is smart—we just shine in different ways. Using Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences theory, each student took a short test to discover their strongest “smarts.” We then added our names to a schoolwide bulletin board that will remain up all year, celebrating the wide variety of strengths in our community.

This lesson connects to the Utah Social Studies Standard K.1.1 (and its grade-level progressions): *“Students will recognize that people have similarities and differences within their families, schools, and communities.”* By identifying and celebrating these differences, students learn to value themselves and others in meaningful ways.

Gardner’s Eight Intelligences remind us that being “smart” looks different for each person:

-  Word Smart (Linguistic): good with words and stories
-  Logic Smart (Logical-Mathematical): good with numbers and problem-solving
-  Picture Smart (Visual-Spatial): good at drawing, design, or seeing things in new ways
-  Music Smart (Musical): good with rhythm, sound, and music
-  Body Smart (Bodily-Kinesthetic): good with movement, sports, and hands-on learning
-  People Smart (Interpersonal): good at understanding and working with others
-  Self Smart (Intrapersonal): good at understanding oneself, feelings, and goals
-  Nature Smart (Naturalist): good at noticing patterns in the natural world

Starting the year with this activity is powerful. When students understand their strongest smarts, they can use them to their advantage throughout the school year—approaching challenges with confidence and making the most of their learning opportunities.

**ASK YOUR CHILD**  
at HOME

What is your strong smart?

Which ‘smart’ do you think helps you most when you’re learning something new?

Can you think of a time you used it outside of school?

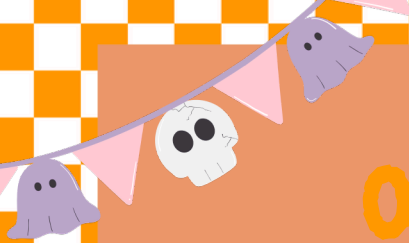




# CARNIVAL

*Thanks to everyone who made it a successful and fun night.*





# OCTOBER: COURAGE



## OCTOBER FOCUS: COURAGE

### THE STRESS RESPONSE IN KIDS

#### FIGHT

Yelling, Screaming, Using Mean Words

Hitting, Kicking, Biting, Throwing, Punching

Blaming, Deflecting, Responsibility, Defensive

Demanding, Controlling

"Oppositional", "Defiant", "Noncompliant"

Moving Towards What Feels Threatening

Irritable, Angry, Furious, Offended, Aggressive

#### FLIGHT

Wanting to Escape, Running Away

Unfocused, Hard to Pay Attention

Fidgeting, Restlessness, Hyperactive

Preoccupied, Busy with Everything But the Thing

Procrastinating, Avoidant, Ignores the Situation

Moving Away From What Feels Threatening

Anxious, Panicked, Scared, Worried, Overwhelmed

#### FREEZE

Shutting Down, Mind Goes Blank

Urge to Hide, Isolates Self

Verbally Unresponsive, Says, "I don't know" a lot

Difficulty with Completing Tasks

Zoned Out, Daydreaming

Unable to Move, Feeling Stuck

Depressed, Numb, Bored/Apathetic, Helpless

## CHALLENGE



### BOOK

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- *Some Days I Flip My Lid: Learning to be a Calm, Cool Kid* by Kellie Bailey
- *Bubble Gum Brain* by Julia Cook
- *Enemy Pie* by Derek Munson
- *Can I Play Too?* by Mo Willems

## RESOURCES





WE'RE HAVING  
A  
**BOOK FAIR!**

10/9 - 10/14

ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

738 E QUALITY DR AMERICAN FORK, UT 84003

**Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!**

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Find bestselling series and characters that students love from more than 100 publishers. Plus every purchase benefits our school. We hope you can join us for the Best. Week. Ever!

**Prepare for the Fair**  
**Click here for all the important info**



# BOOK FAIR

**Shop in person or online!**

Online anytime, (24/7):

[scholastic.com/bf/odysseycharterschool](http://scholastic.com/bf/odysseycharterschool)

Ship straight home—perfect for early Christmas shopping!

You can also set up a Book Fair eWallet on the page above.

**On-Campus Fair Hours:**

**Thurs & Fri: 8:15 AM – 3 PM**

**Mon: 8:15 – 7 PM**

**Tues: 8:15 – 5 PM**

**West side of the  
Multipurpose Room**

**Volunteers Needed!!**

[Sign up here](#)

# October



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**Staff Meeting**

3



**BIRTHDAY TABLE  
BOO TO THE FLU**



6

**SMILE DAY** 

7

**FIREMAN VISIT- 2ND**



9

**CET- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
BOOK FAIR**



10

**BOOK FAIR**

13

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES  
DINNER- 4:45-5:15PM**

14

**Early Out Day  
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

15

 **Early Out Day  
FLEX DAY**

16/17

**NO SCHOOL -FALL BREAK  
Nov. Lunch Orders Due**

20

**TEACHER WORK DAY**

23

**CET- 4<sup>TH</sup> Grade**

24

 **CET- 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade  
END OF TERM ASSEMBLY**

27-31

**RED RIBBON WEEK** 

28

**CLASSIC SKATE**  
**FIREMAN VISIT- K**



29

**6th VS Staff- Football**



31

**HALLOWEEN PARADE  
9:30am**

