

BREEZE

ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

December 2025

Happy
Holidays
VOYAGERS

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Every December, I'm reminded of fond memories from teaching kindergarten and the excitement, hope, and magic of Christmas that exuded from the students as they anticipated the arrival of the holidays. As a team, we've been thoughtful about shaping our December experiences so they uplift and unify. In preparing this month's message, I asked a few staff members to tell me what feels most meaningful about this season at Odyssey.

"At Odyssey, December often carries a kind of meaning that's both gentle and powerful. December naturally draws people closer. Classrooms feel warmer, families visit more often, and shared activities, performances, art projects, celebrations -- create a sense of belonging. Students genuinely feel part of something bigger." --Ms. Clements

"In December, we all feel a little more connected and present. From students to parents to teachers, everyone is a bit more relaxed. Classrooms fill with holiday performances, crafts, and joyful energy." --Ms. Baginska

"There's a special kind of magic at Odyssey this time of year. The children's eyes shine with hope, love, and the spirit of giving. Teachers are hiding elves or making lessons that excite and brighten the children's days! The fun CET that parents participate in makes the school feel warm and full of community." --Ms. Yorgason

"In December, the magic of Christmas bleeds into our classrooms. The wonder and magic of Christmas with children is, for me as a teacher, very rewarding." --Ms. Parrett

"In December, at Odyssey, things feel just a little different. The students get so excited to make a present for their parents. I also love seeing the joy on the faces of students as they hand out homemade cards that they have made for teachers and friends. Finally, I love little kind things that people do for each other." -- Ms. Landon

"I think the most meaningful part of this season at Odyssey is getting to come together and have fun in events like spirit days, the carols at the choir concert, and class celebrations. We're able to feel a sense of community and joy, and holiday spirit." -- Ms. Wilkinson

"What's most meaningful to me is the feeling of joy and excitement that fills the school during this time of year. Every thing we do seems to bring us closer together. I love the books we get to read and all the fun art projects we get to do together. The joy of the season can be felt in every thing we do and in every moment we share with each other. It is my favorite time to be a teacher." --Ms. Ross

Their responses helped me narrow our focus to two priorities:

Honoring traditions that bring families together.

Creating moments of connection between students, staff, and families.

This month, you'll see each of these come to life: classroom celebrations, showcase moments of student work, and opportunities to gather as a community. As always, we'll be looking for signs that these experiences are resonating with you—your smiles, your feedback, your stories from home.

We'd love to invite you to be part of the celebration. Engage with us: ask your child what they're most proud of, attend an upcoming event (the Choir Concert, the Awards Assembly, join in Festive Week), or share a family tradition with your teacher. Your participation is what transforms these moments into memories.

Call to Action:

This month, join us in celebrating both where our students come from and how far they've come. Help us make December a joyful, connected, deeply meaningful part of their learning journey.

Thank you for being a part of our community!

Brooke Austin

Director



The Grinch Kindness Challenge

Dear Students of Odyssey,
This letter was written for you
To tell you of a challenge I'd like to do.
Some people say my heart is too small.

Some have even said you can't see it at all.
So how can it grow? You ask me today.
I don't think it's possible but there may be one way.

If you show kindness my heart may just grow.
Maybe to a regular stop, don't you know,
Make a craft for a neighbor, send a card to a friend.

Compliment a classmate but don't let that be the end. In
December spread kindness wherever you go
Write it on a heart and let everyone know.

Stick your heart on the wall for the whole school to see.
How easy it is to be kind and help me!

Do you think you can do it? I just don't know.
Let's see if you can make my very heart grow!

This season, our school is partnering with KSL TV to help provide warm clothing and shoes for Utah children in need.

QUARTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

A red quilted puffer jacket is shown in the background of the central graphic.

 Please Donate Generously
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For decades, Quarters for Christmas has supported families right here in our community, and we're excited to involve our students in a simple, meaningful way to give back. Also 100% of your donation goes to the children.

DECEMBER 8TH-12TH

The Great Odyssey Sleigh Race

This year we are doing a Quarters for Christmas drive. We are turning it into a fun grade-level challenge with a holiday twist!

Each grade will receive a sleigh/sled displayed in our main hallway. During the week we'll update the wall to show how many quarters each grade has collected. As their total grows, their sleigh will move closer and closer to the North Pole!

How Families Can Participate

- Send in any spare quarters (or dollars/coins — we'll convert them!)
- Encourage your student to help their grade's sleigh race ahead
- Cheer along as we post daily updates on which grade is in the lead

Our goal is to fill Santa's sleigh with kindness and help Utah kids in need this holiday season.



Why We Do It

Quarters for Christmas provides clothing and essentials for children in our community during the winter months. Every coin makes a difference!

Collection Week: December 8th - 12th

Daily Updates: Posted on the school wall and shared with classrooms
Let's spread some holiday magic and see which grade helps Santa's sleigh reach the North Pole first! Thank you for supporting this tradition of giving at Odyssey.

MONDAY

Grinch Day

Wear all things
Green & Red



TUESDAY

ELF DAY

Wear your
Holiday sweaters



**FESTIVE
WEEK**

DEC. 15TH - 19TH

WEDNESDAY

Festive hats day

Wear your
antlers, holiday hats,
elf ears, anything
fun.



THURSDAY

*Frosty
the Snowman Day*

Wear all white



FRIDAY

**POLAR
EXPRESS
DAY**

Wear your
coziest pajamas





Please join the
**ODYSSEY
CONCERT CHOIR**

as they present their

Winter Concert

Thursday, December 4th

9:00 am and 6:30 pm

Odyssey Charter School

738 E. Quality Drive, American Fork

Free Admission



Open Enrollment!

Starts
December 8th

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

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Experiences



Holistic Student
Development



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American Fork.
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HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Cold and Flu season is here. Here are some tips for parents and guardians:



KEEP ME HOME:

***Fever**

(higher than 100 degrees)

***Sore Throat**

***Persistent Cough**

***Strep Throat**

***Vomiting or Diarrhea**

***Abdominal Pain**

(severe or long- lasting)

***illness**

(prevents from participating comfortably in activities)



SEND ME TO SCHOOL

***No Fever**

(without fever reducing medicine for 24 hours)

***Occasional Cough**

***Strep Throat**

(after at least 24 hours of treatment)

***No vomiting or Diarrhea**

(for 24 hours)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Staff Birthday Treats

→ Sign Up [HERE](#)

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Why Volunteer?

Make a difference in your child's education.

“Parents As Partners”

Ms. Schelin our Community Engagement Specialist is here to help you find the best way to participate and make Odyssey Amazing.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns-

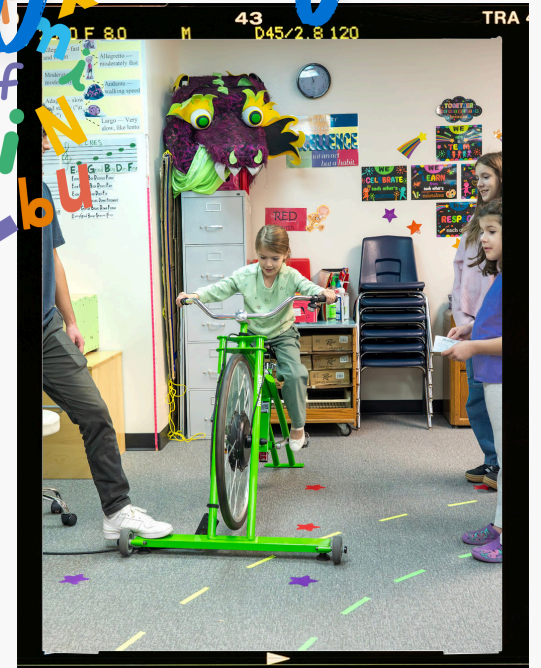
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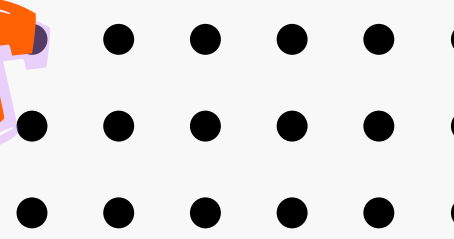
In accordance with EPA regulation 763.94, this is the annual notice to the Odyssey Community regarding asbestos in the school's building. The building has been certified asbestos free. An asbestos management plan is in place and followed in accordance with the regulation. Odyssey is in compliance with the regulation.

GNOMIE

Literacy Night



CET





December: Accountability

This month, students are learning about Accountability—taking responsibility for their actions and choices. We'll focus on:

- **Expected vs. Unexpected Emotions & Actions** – Understanding how our behavior affects others.
- **Hidden Rules** – Learning the unspoken social rules in different settings.
- **Decision to Improve (Small Daily Goals)** – Setting simple goals and practicing small steps toward growth.

These lessons help students understand that accountability isn't about being perfect—it's about being honest, learning from mistakes, and trying again with a positive attitude.

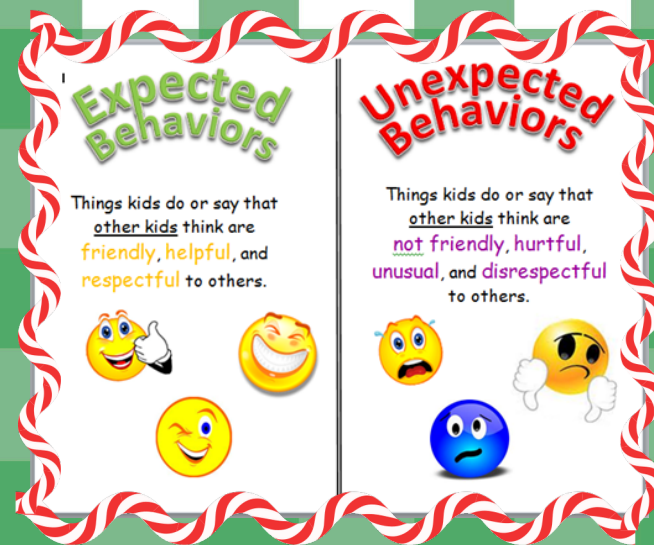


At-Home Challenge:

- **Daily Goal Check-In** – Have your child set one small goal each day and talk about how it went.
- **Hidden Rules Hunt** – Choose a room at home and identify the “hidden rules” that help things run smoothly.

These quick activities make practicing accountability easy and fun!

Our [EGL website](#) has a ton of great resources to use when talking about accountability. Scan the QR Code or click the [hyperlink](#) and navigate to this month's topic!



Book Recommendations

- *Decibella and Her 6-Inch Voice* by Julia Cook
- *Do Unto Otters* by Laurie Kelle
- *Tomorrow I'll Be Brave* by Jessica Hische





After school STEM Club

An after-school program designed to spark your child's creativity and passion for STEAM through hands-on learning.

Jan. 14 - Feb. 18
Wednesdays 1:45-3:00

Grades 1st - 6th



JOIN THE FUN!



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DECEMBER

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HOPE SQUAD MTG



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Choir Concert 9am/6:30pm
After School Soccer

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Birthday table



Open enrollment begins

Dec. 8th

Quarters For Christmas

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After School Art



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After School Art



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STUDENT COUNCIL MTG.

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After School Soccer



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Kindergarten CET- 8:45am
First Grade CET- 1:30pm

FESTIVE WEEK

15

Grinch Day

wear green or red



16

Elf Day

wear your favorite Christmas sweater



17

Festive Hat Day

wear holiday hats



18

Frosty the Snowman Day

wear all white



19

Polar Express day

wear your pj's

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY/CHRISTMAS SING

Early Out

