

BREEZE

# ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

2026

# February



*Follow Odyssey on Social Media to stay up to date  
on activities throughout the month!*



## Director's Message-

“ I want to congratulate all of our Science Fair and Spelling Bee winners! It takes great courage to perform in front of a group, and I appreciate the effort these students put in. We wish them the best of luck as they advance to the next level—Odyssey's students have always represented us well!

February is a month where we lean into kindness, connection, and community at Odyssey. We're excited to kick off Kindness Week, a time when students will intentionally practice empathy, respect, and looking out for one another as we continue strengthening our school culture.

Later this month, we look forward to connecting with families during Parent-Teacher Conferences—an important opportunity to partner together in supporting student growth academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our Odyssey community as we work together to help every student thrive.

Odyssey Charter School Kindness Week

# “KINDNESS GROWS HERE!”

February 2–6, 2026

## MONDAY

Plant the Seed



Write 1 kind action you will do.

## TUESDAY

Water with Words



Write a positive note to a friend or teacher.

## WEDNESDAY

Let Kindness Grow Strong



Practice a mindfulness activity.

## THURSDAY

Spread the Roots



Write 1 kind act you have seen.

**Share the kindness!**

## FRIDAY

Watch Kindness Bloom



Reflect on the kindness you have shown or noticed.

**We invite families to complete a kindness challenge together at home.**

**Share your photo and tag @odysseycharterschoolvoyagers to earn house points for your student!**



# SPIRIT NIGHT

**Tuesday Feb. 3rd**

SKATING - BOUNCING - LASER TAG

## FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

AT OREM CLASSIC FUN CENTER

ODYSSEY CHARTER

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**FREE SKATING ADMISSION  
FOR YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!**

### ADDITIONAL OFFERS

**\$5** UNLIMITED ACTIVITIES  
BOUNCING & LASER TAG

**\$5** 60 ARCADE CREDITS

**\$4** ANY RENTAL

**DINNER DEALS - \$5  
12OZ DRINK WITH YOUR CHOICE OF  
NACHOS, SLICE OF PIZZA, OR CORNDOGS!**

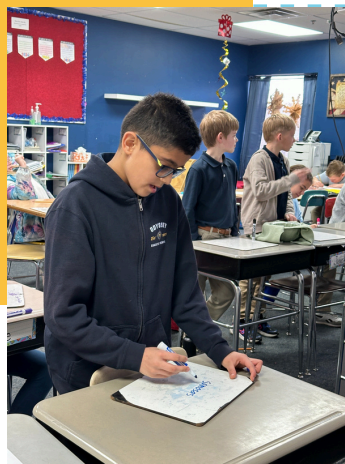
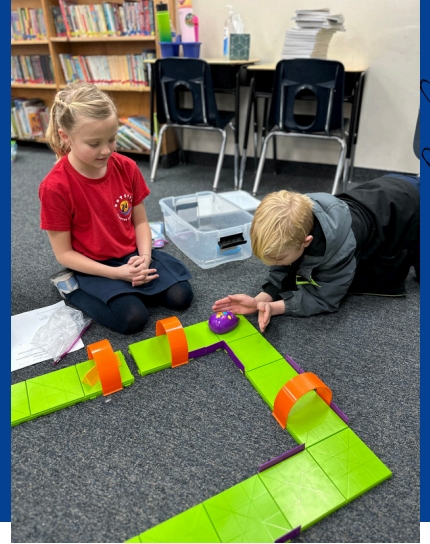
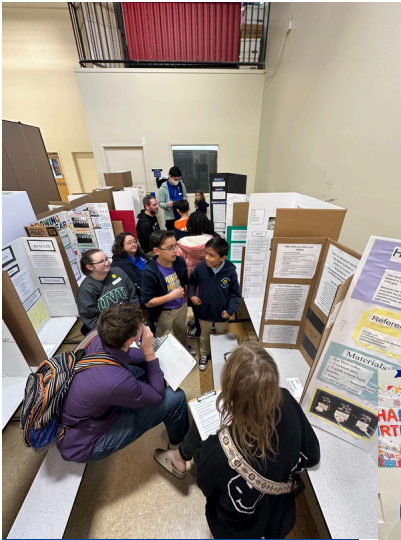


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# HAPPENINGS AT SCHOOL



February 2026

## 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.

Each family at Odyssey is encouraged to volunteer at the school

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](mailto:cschelin@odysseycharter.net)

CHECK OUT  
OPPORTUNITIES  
AVAILABLE  
RIGHT NOW

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



## Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Ms. May and her husband are a wonderful part of our Odyssey community.

In classrooms, running CET's,

helping at school events, spelling bees and so much

more they step in where needed and make Odyssey amazing.

We are so glad

they are a part of our school.

*Ms. May*



# SPELLING BEE



Our classroom Spelling Bees were a huge success. The students did amazing! We want to congratulate all those who moved on to the school Bee and to our school Champions.



# VAL-O-GRAMS

'Val-O-Grams go on sale February 9th. Supplies limited so if you want to get something, make sure to visit the table at lunch between Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Student Council will be delivering the items to your classrooms on Friday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

There is a great, but limited, selection of items. Come early to ensure that the items you want are still available.

Coming Soon

## Val-O-Grams



\$1



\$1

\$3  
one for you & a friend



\$3



\$2



\$5



\$8

class set- buy for  
your whole class.



\$5

Send a fun surprise to a friend,  
teacher, or your whole class.

**ON SALE FEB. 9<sup>TH</sup>- 12<sup>TH</sup>  
DURING LUNCH**

While supplies last.

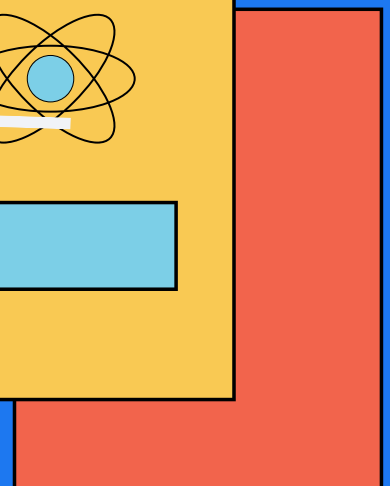
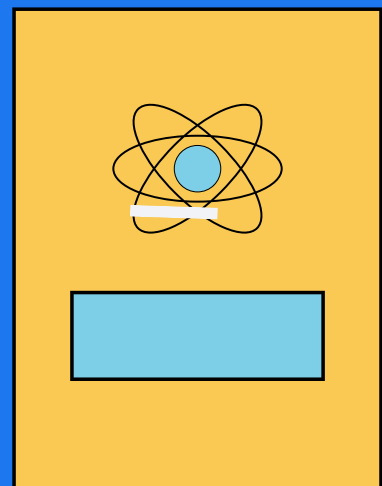
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# Science Fair Winners



*congratulations*

Our Science Fair was amazing! Our 5 Finalist are competing at the District Fair on Feb 3rd.





# THE CRITICAL THINKING CORNER

## THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: FROM ONE ANSWER TO MANY

Greetings, Odyssey Families!

Our Kindergarten through 6th-grade students have been busy expanding their mental toolkits. While the end of the year often brings a flurry of activity, our Critical Thinking classes remained a hub of focus and creativity. Here is a look at where we've been and where we are headed.

As we moved into December and January, we flipped the script! We transitioned from finding the one right answer to discovering as many answers as possible. This is known as Divergent Thinking.

Even though December was a whirlwind of winter testing and assessments, our students didn't miss a beat. They showed incredible grit, balancing their testing focus with the "brain-stretching" required for divergent thought.

### What does Divergent Thinking look like in the classroom?

- **Fluency:** Generating a long list of ideas quickly.
- **Flexibility:** Thinking of ideas in different categories (e.g., "What are 10 ways to use a paperclip that aren't for holding paper?").
- **Originality:** Coming up with unique, "outside-the-box" ideas that no one else thought of.
- **Elaboration:** Adding details to make a simple idea more complex and interesting.

Through these P.E.T.S. activities, students learned that there isn't always just one "right" way to solve a problem. By exploring multiple possibilities, they are building the confidence to innovate and adapt.

### Looking Ahead: Visual Thinking (February & March)

Get ready to see things differently! Starting in February and continuing through March, our curriculum will shift to Visual Thinking. We will be exploring spatial reasoning, patterns, mental imagery, and how to interpret information that is presented visually. These skills are essential for everything from geometry and engineering to art and navigation.

Want to see Divergent Thinking in action at home? Try asking your child these questions over dinner or on the drive home:

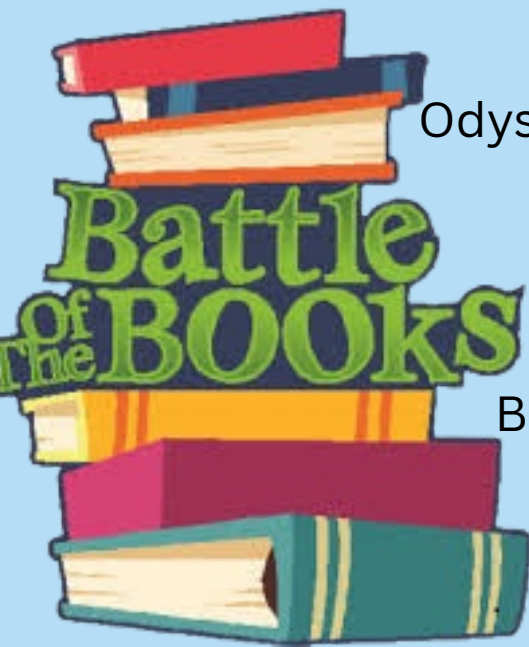
- If you were stranded on a deserted island and only had a giant pile of socks, what are five different things you could build or do with them?



- If we decided to change the color of the sky to something other than blue, what color would you pick, and how would that change how the world looks?
- How many different ways can you think of to get from the front door to the kitchen without walking normally?



Thank you for supporting your child's journey in becoming a more flexible and creative thinker. We can't wait to see the "visual" masterpieces they create in the coming weeks!



Odyssey Charter School is excited to participate in the national Battle of the Books (BoB) this school year, with battles taking place **on March 20th.**

BoB is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in **3rd–6th grade**, designed to encourage a love of reading while building comprehension, teamwork, and confidence—all through a fun and friendly academic competition. Some students have even been reading in preparation since last spring! Students will form their teams of four during this month. Since participation is optional this year, students who wish to participate must turn in two or more completed Memory Joggers. This helps ensure students are prepared and set up for a positive, successful experience. Extra incentive! Students who turn in 15 or more Memory Joggers (out of their 20 BoB titles) will earn automatic admission to the BoB Recognition Movie & Pizza Party. The only other students invited will be members of the first-place teams. (Memory Joggers are available in the library or online, see below.)

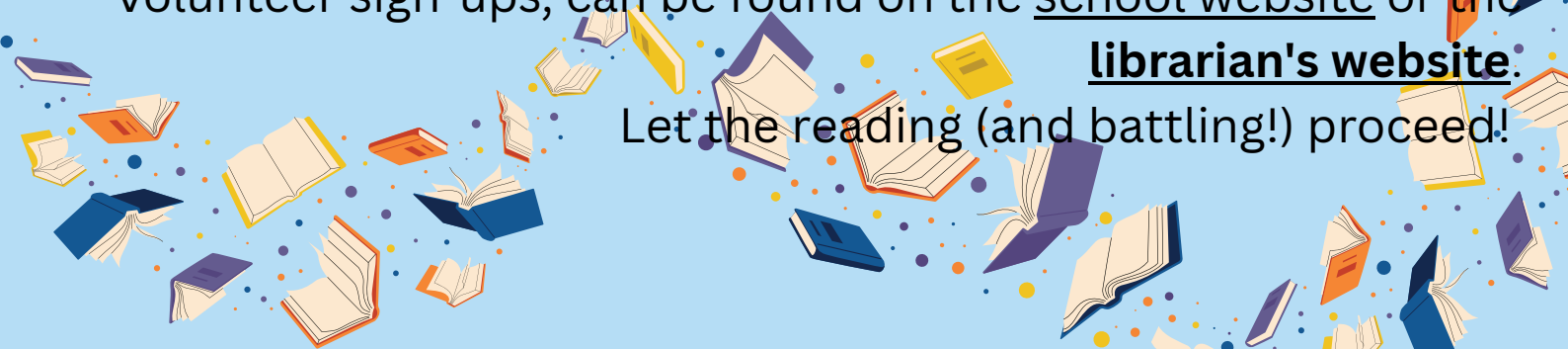
This event also relies heavily on parent and community volunteers—helping with the battle day itself. If you're willing to help, we would love to have you!

Volunteer here: **Sign UP**

More details, including Memory Joggers, important dates, and volunteer sign-ups, can be found on the school website or the

**librarian's website.**

Let the reading (and battling!) proceed!





**Feb. 23rd-26th**

**Book Fair Volunteers Needed!**

Our School Book Fair is coming up February 23–26, during Parent/Teacher Conferences, and we need your help to make it a success!

Volunteers play a huge role in helping students find great books, keeping the fair running smoothly, and creating a welcoming experience for families. Whether you can help for a short shift or multiple times, every bit of help makes a difference.

If you're available to volunteer during the Book Fair, please sign up using the link below:

**[VOLUNTEER HERE](#)**

Thank you for supporting our readers and helping make this a fun and successful event for our school—we truly couldn't do it without you!

# FOOD DRIVE

Feb. 9th-19th



## MOST NEEDED ITEMS

(Top being the highest priority)

### **BOXED MEALS**

Pastas, Mac&Cheese, Hamburger Helper

### **CONDIMENTS:**

Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard, Honey, Pancake Syrup

### **BAKING ITEMS:**

Vegetable Oil, Flour, Sugar, Cake/Muffin Mixes, Evaporated Milk, Cornmeal, etc.

### **HEALTHY FOOD & SNACKS**

### **DIAPERS SIZE 5 & 6**

**No glass or perishable items**



# Stay at Home Checklist

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



## KEEP ME HOME

- \*Temperature  
(higher than 100 degrees)
- \*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
- \*Runny Nose(with no other symptoms)\*
- No Vomiting or Diarrhea  
(for 24 hours)

## My Student is home:What should I do?

- 1.Notify the office as soon as possible.
- 2.Repeat checklist every morning.



## Headed to School:What should I know?

- We are so glad you are here. A day of school missed is lost opportunity for social development. By coming everyday your student learns:
- Time Management
  - Problem Solving
  - Collaboration

We're Better When You're Here!





# February



## Kindness Week



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**SPIRIT NIGHT**  
**Skate Night**



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**Staff Mtg**

6

**Birthday Table**  
6th Grade CET  
1st Grade CET



**VAL-O-GRAMS ON SALE**



9

**Food Drive Begins**



11

**Leadership Mtg.**



12

Last day to order Val-O-Grams

13

**Valentines parties**  
5th Grade - Maturation



Val-O-Grams Delivered

16

**PRESIDENTS DAY - NO SCHOOL**

Food Drive

18

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade VS Staff**

2PM

19

**6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP**

20

Parent Volunteer Mtg.- all welcome  
9am

5th Grade CET

23

**Book Fair**



Awards Assembly-8:45am

25

**1st Grade Field Trip**

Parent Teacher Conferences

26

Parent Teacher Conferences  
EARLY OUT

27

**FLEX DAY- NO SCHOOL**