

Odyssey Charter School

SUMMER NEWS

2018

Odyssey Charter Elementary School
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"Committed to academic excellence and the education of the whole child"

ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOLS: THE MISSION

The mission of Odyssey Charter Schools is to work in partnership with the family and community, with the aim of helping each child reach their full potential in all areas of life. We seek to educate the whole child with the understanding that each person must achieve a balance of intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual and social skills as a foundation for life.

Dates to Remember

July 12 & 17	Student Registration
August 10	First day of classes for 1st-5th grade
August 10	VPK Starts
August 15	First day for Kindergarten
August 17	Early Release
August 24	Early Release
August 28	OCS Board Meeting
August 31	Early Release
September 3	Labor Day – Holiday for all

Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year

Required for All Odyssey Charter School Families
Thursday July 12, 2018: 12pm to 6pm
Tuesday July 17, 2018: 2pm to 7pm

Please be prepared to complete the following for your student(s):

- Lunch Application
- Bus Assignment & Authorization to Ride
- Elementary Students: Teacher Assignments
- Final Schedules for Junior/Senior High Students
- Before and After-Care Registration
- Health Card
- All 'Dress for Success', school conduct, cell phone, technology, and bus behavior agreements
- Student fees (check or money order only... NO CASH)
 - Kindergarten – 2nd Grade: \$5.00
 - 3rd Grade – 5th Grade: \$10.00 (\$5 Technology Fee + \$5 Student Planner)

The following documents must be provided in order to successfully complete the registration process for the 2018-2019 school year beginning August 10, 2018:

- Birth certificate (Kindergarten & all new students)
- Current Immunization form (Grades: K, 7, 9, & all new students)
- Current Physical Exam (Grades: K, 7, 9, & all new students)
- IEPs, EPs, Behavioral Plans, 504 Plans (All new students - as applicable)

Change to School Uniform Policy

All Odyssey Charter School students are required to wear a school uniform. Our uniforms can be purchased through our uniform provider:

All Uniform Wear - 2585 W. New Haven Ave. (Rte. 192), West Melbourne, FL. 32904 - www.alluniformwear.com, (321) 608-3845

** Discount coupons will be available during Summer Registration at all campuses.*

'Dress for Success' Guidelines: Students can choose from a green or white Odyssey t-shirt, polo, or dry-fit shirt, along with black or khaki bottoms.

- All students are required to wear khaki or black pants, shorts, skirts or 'skorts'. Inappropriately rolling or altering the pants in any way is in direct violation of the dress code. Shorts, skirts and 'skorts' length must be at least mid-thigh.
- Pants, shorts, skirts and 'skorts' that are too big or too tight, as determined by Administration, are not acceptable and will be deemed in violation of the uniform code. Joggers are allowed. Stretch pants, and athletic wear are not allowed. Students may wear solid color leggings under uniform shorts or skorts.
- Belts must be visibly worn at all times. These belts must be black or brown and fastened securely at waist level. Pants must be worn at waist level. Loosely worn and lowly worn pants are not acceptable.
- Students must wear a collared polo shirt or t-shirt. Student polo's and t-shirts must be solid green or white. All shirts must bear the School Logo.
- Any attire and/or backpacks with any inappropriate logos or displays are prohibited.
- All hats, scarves, and bandanas are prohibited on school property.
- Shoes must be closed in the back.
- **CHANGE: If a student chooses or needs to wear a jacket or sweatshirt due to cold weather, it must be a solid color and in accordance with the schools' uniform guide. Odyssey Elementary School students may choose solid black, gray, or navy sweatshirts. Jackets that are not in compliance with the uniform policy will be confiscated.**



Principal's Corner

Hello Odyssey Titan families,

Odyssey Charter School recently became re-accredited through AdvancED. As part of the accreditation process, we are formalizing some of our programs and procedures. This year we will be implementing Founda-

tions, a multisensory, systematic, and explicit phonics program with a clear and thoroughly documented research basis. Foundations focuses on student language development by differentiating instruction, and actively engaging students in their learning. In addition, to enhance our science instruction, our board has adopted Discovery Education, an interdisciplinary resource designed to bring STEM to life in our classrooms by using relatable scenarios to teach students critical-thinking and solution-seeking skills for life.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Please encourage your child to continue reading throughout the summer to keep his/her skills up and help ensure they are ready for the coming school year. Help expand your child's experiences by exposing them to lots of educational opportunities this summer (visit the beach, zoo, nature sanctuary, public library) and have discussions about their experiences.

We are busy preparing for the upcoming school year with your family and are eager to see each and every one of you and your children at our mandatory registration July 12 or 17. Please take a moment to meet our new Assistant Principal and our new Dean of Students at registration. Have a restful and productive summer!

Wendi Nolder, Principal

Welcome to our New Administrators!



Assistant Principal – Mrs. Deb Berg

I am very excited to share that I will be your new Assistant Principal next year. I come to Odyssey Charter School with 28 years of educational experience in several roles. My experience has been across Pasco and Indian River School Districts. I have taught every grade level K-5 in General and/or Exceptional Education roles. I

spent 8 years as an Assistant Principal and also 3 years as the Director of Elementary Education in Indian River School District.

I am married with 2 sons who will be 21 and 25 this summer. Both my sons played collegiate soccer so I was a soccer Mom for the last 20+ years. I love watching sports and enjoy walks with my dog and an occasional tennis or pickle ball game in our neighborhood.

I am extremely passionate about helping children and will always make my decisions based on what is in the best interest of the students. I feel it takes a team to ensure that everyone's needs are being met. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know the staff, students and the families of Odyssey Charter School!



Dean of Students – Mr. Eddie Haber

Dear Odyssey Charter School Families,

I am honored to be selected as the Dean of Students. I have been with the Odyssey family as a 3rd-grade teacher for the past three years and am looking forward to interacting with students and their families across all grade levels.

I graduated from the University of Central Florida with my bachelor's degree and recently graduated from the University of West Florida with my master's degree in Educational Leadership. During my tenure as an educator, I have worked with elementary, middle and high school students.

My goal is to ensure that our students are safe, happy and healthy so that they are able to learn as much as possible. I'm looking forward to this school year and getting to know our new and returning families here at Odyssey.



Before and After-School Enrichment Programs

School Age Before-Care:

Before-Care begins at 6:00am. Students participate in art, a variety of team-based games, and social fun. Students may enjoy a healthy breakfast in the café before the school day commences at 7:30am for the cost of \$1.00.

Registration forms are available in the front offices of Odyssey Charter Elementary School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy. There is a one-time registration fee of \$25.00 per family. The weekly rate for Before-Care is \$35.00 per week and the daily drop-in rate is \$8.00 per day.

School Age After-Care:

After-Care is available to students from dismissal until 6:30pm each day, and every student is provided a healthy snack. Students are grouped by grade levels and activities include: Yoga, Art projects, Nature trails, Digital Learning, and homework support with a certified Odyssey Teacher.

Registration forms are available in the front offices of Odyssey Charter Elementary School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy. There is a one-time registration fee of \$25.00 per family. The weekly rate for After-Care is \$55.00 per week and the daily drop-in rate is \$12.00 per day.

Before and After-Care payments are due every Monday (via check or money order payable to OCS). Please submit payments in the deposit box near the multi-purpose room.

For more information about Before and After-Care Enrichment at Odyssey Charter Elementary School, please contact: Amy White WhiteA@odysseycharterschool.com

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

Montessori Village Green, located at both Odyssey Charter Elementary School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy, provides preschool and VPK programs.



**Montessori Village Green at Odyssey Charter Elementary School:
1755 Eldron Blvd SE, Palm Bay**

- AM Montessori 8:30am-11:30am (3 year old tuition based)
- Full Day Montessori 8:30am-3:30pm (3 year old tuition based)
- VPK AM 8:30am-11:30am (mornings only tuition-free with the VPK voucher)
- VPK PM 12:30pm-3:30pm (afternoons only tuition-free with the VPK voucher)
- VPK Full Day 8:30-3:30pm (tuition for wrap around afternoon hours)

Both campuses are School Readiness Providers. To apply for the Child Care Subsidy, apply on-line at www.elcbrevard.org.

Moving to Jr. Sr. High

If you are interested in learning more about the Odyssey Charter School Jr. Sr. High School (grades 6-12) check out the Jr./Sr. Newsletter at www.odysseycharterschool.com/news.html



FSA Update

We would like to give a shout out to our 3rd grade students! 88% of our students received a level 3 or higher on the reading portion of the FSA. Keep up the great work!

School Hours, Arrival, Dismissal and Early Release

For the 2018-2019 school year, Odyssey Charter Elementary School students: **the school day will begin at 7:45am and end at 2:35 pm for K-2**; the school day will begin at 8:00am and end at 2:50pm for grades 3-5. In addition to keeping our staggered dismissal times, we will be implementing a staggered arrival schedule. Breakfast will be available from 7:20am-7:55am. Please see below for arrival and dismissal times. **Please note that our early release dismissals have changed and will now be every Friday.**

Arrival Times

K-2nd 7:20-7:45am

3rd-5th 7:40-8:00am

Dismissal Times

K-2nd 2:35pm

3rd-5th 2:50pm

Early Release Friday

K-2nd 1:15pm

3rd-5th 1:30pm



Summer Readings

Students are expected to complete their assigned reading and assignment during the summer. All summer reading assignments will be turned in and reviewed during the second week of school. Information about summer reading for each Odyssey Charter School campus is available at: www.odysseycharterschool.com. If you need a copy of your book/assignment, please stop in the front office.

Bus Transportation

Odyssey Charter Schools provides bus transportation to students who live between two and four miles from the school – more miles might be allotted as per established bus routes. A bus slip must be completed for families who wish to sign up for bus services. Bus assignments will be available during summer registration. Each student is allowed one designated bus stop. Changes to assigned routes or bus transportation needs will not be permitted until a new registration form is completed.

School Supply Lists

School Supply Lists are available for Kindergarten thru 5th grade students from the front office for each Odyssey Charter School, and at www.odysseycharterschool.com.

Grievance Procedures

- Step 1: Request Teacher conference to clarify issue
- Step 2: Contact Principal if unresolved with the teacher
- Step 3: **Contact Board Designated Parent Representative
- Step 4: Contact the President of the Governing Board
- Step 5: Present issue at the next monthly Board Meeting if unresolved
- Step 6: Seek mediation with the Sponsor

**Ms. Cindy Gilmore has been designated by the OCS Board of Directors as the Representative to Facilitate Parental Involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes according to charter requirements. Ms. Gilmore can be reached at cgilmore@greenappleschools.com or 321-676-8737.