



UPCOMING EVENTS

9/4 Labor Day NO SCHOOL

9/15 Inservice

BIRTHDAYS!



August:

Josh L
Jessica M
Megan R

September:

Patricia
Ryan
Kristina
Melissa L.
Meon

GENERAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The staff break room is in the process of a make-over! Please help keep it clean



- Van staff remember to Transfer your punch arriving/leaving school
- Everyone did a wonderful job during training week, and the classrooms all look amazing! Let's try to maintain all that hard work, keeping the rooms clean, and organized!

STAFF SHOUTOUTS

- Welcome our new staff Angela, Trinadee, Vivica, Julie, and Kristina!
- Welcome our new students Owen and Zubaid in 1A, Shayne in 2B, Elliot in 4A
- Hello, Team Odyssey! Thank you all for a wonderful first two weeks of the 2023/2024 school year. Even with the challenges that have been faced, you all have done a fantastic job of starting the year off on a high note. As a team, we have set our intentions for a positive year (they will be hanging in your recently refurbished breakroom shortly) and I cannot wait to see where it takes us. I love seeing new faces, both staff and students, and to see everyone working together diligently. I appreciate all that you do, and I am looking forward to the rest of a fantastic school year. -Jessica
- Shoutout to Shawn for filling in as our maintenance person, outside every morning leaf blowing, and cleaning the pool deck!
- Shoutout to all of 1A staff for their tireless and consistent work. They've done a phenomenal job with our new students, Owen and Zubaid. They continue to step up and embrace change. Lessons our going well because of their rapport and dedication to our students' education and individual needs. Their applied collective knowledge, experience, and team effort with 1A students and each other makes a huge difference for a new teacher like me! Thank you 1A Staff! -Ryan
- Shoutout to Classroom 4A staff for their flexibility and teamwork! And to all that were assisting with transportation while we were down! Appreciate you all! – Kathy
- Shout out the administration team for their leadership and help through difficult behaviors and help when down staffed. A special shoutout to Josh, Monique, Shea, and Jessica for their willingness to step up and to collaborate on behaviors to create solutions to help reduce the behaviors and their intensities. Another shoutout to Delia and Amber for handling difficult behaviors in a respectful manner and putting the safety of the students first. – Anthony

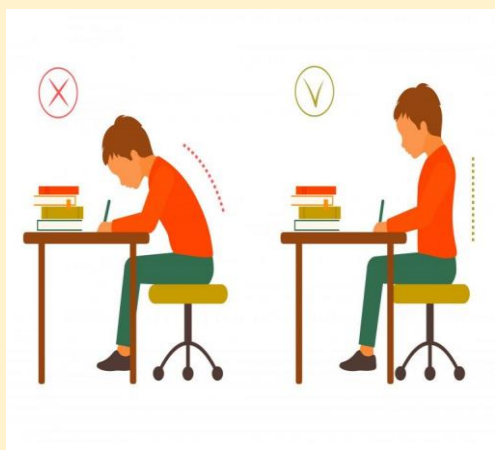


STAFF SHOUTOUTS CONTIN.

- Shout out to Mando and Angelica. Thanks for always being so hardworking and flexible. I know being tripled up for this long and helping train someone is not easy! I appreciate everything you do for the students! Thanks for being so amazing. -Yareli
- I would like to thank Matthew Watts for his sense of humor and rapport he's building with the students. He always responds in a calm and steady manner that is appropriate and respectful. Matthew is a major asset to our room, and we appreciate his attention to the needs of our students- Blake
- Shoutout to Melissa L. and Hendryx for positively engaging with your students on the playground! -HR
- Shoutout to Blake, Anthony, Jessica, Ta'Tyana and Christy for being so flexible and covering where it was needed. We all have different roles, but we are one team! Also, Shea, Shawn, and Jessica for helping out in our transportation maintenance department. That extra help is greatly appreciated. At last, but not least, ALL of the Transportation Team! Although we've been short staffed, everyone has been amazing. Thank you! - Velma

O.T.

Setting up a tabletop workstation can be crucial for your students' success. Things to consider are sitting position, decreasing visual distractions, and possibly having sensory items available if as needed to help with focus and attention.



Good tabletop sensory items/tools include:

- Theraputty
- Playdough
- Fidget spinner
- Bubble/pop fidget
- Stress ball



A good rule for sitting position is an upright posture with the joints of the knees, hips, and elbows at 90-degree angles.

To decrease visual distractions, choose a quieter part of the room with minimal movement and noise. This will increase the ability to focus on the task at hand.