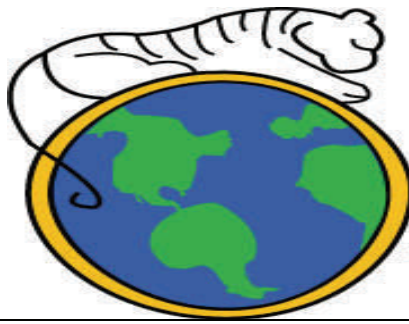


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### Thanksgiving Feast

One of the favorite traditions at Odyssey is the Thanksgiving Feast, which will be held this year on Friday, November 20. It's a great time for the Odyssey community to come together. The PTO will be donating a \$30 Kroger gift card to each class as well as supplying paper goods. Hopefully you have heard from the room parent and/or teacher in your student's room regarding contributions to the menu. We need lots of food!

Food will be set up in each classroom with students and families eating in the cafeteria or art room. Unfortunately, due to parking and the size of the school, we will need to eat in 3 shifts:

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| K/1        | 10:30 am-11:15 am |
| 2/3        | 11:30 am-12:15 pm |
| 4/5 and MS | 12:30 pm-1:15 pm  |

We are trying to work out parking arrangements with the University of West Georgia, located directly behind the school, to handle any overflow parking. As a reminder, everyone needs to park in a parking space and NO ONE may park on the side of the school where Yokogawa is located.

If you wish, you may check your student out of school at the conclusion of their feast time and they will be counted as being present for the day.

### Veterans' Day program

On Wednesday, students in grades 4-7 participated in a Veterans' Day program, conducted by members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3650. The program featured the Newnan High School Jr. ROTC color guard, a presentation to the school of a flag that flew over Camp New York in Kuwait, a slide show and a talk by World War II veteran Helen Denton.

Mrs. Denton spoke with the students about her wartime experiences, including typing the D-Day invasion orders. She also shared stories with the students about meeting General Eisenhower, the British Royal Family and Winston Churchill while stationed in England. The program concluded with Mrs. Denton taking questions from the students, followed by a moment of silence at 11:00 am, commemorating the armistice that ended World War I.

A special thanks to Anne Wallace and Heidi Wallace for their work in arranging this program for our students.

#### Recognition Wall

The Recognition Wall commemorating Odyssey family and friends who have or who are currently serving in the military will remain up through the Christmas Break. If you have additional people to add to the wall, please have your student ask Mrs. Wallace for a form upon which to add his/her name.

#### Chick-fil-a Calendar Sales

Our annual Chick-fil-a calendar sale began this week. The sale will continue through early December. Money from the sale will be used toward the purchase of a new laminator for the school.

#### Shadow Box Project

A year or so ago, Odyssey was honored to receive a special commemorative American flag. However, we are currently unable to display it properly. We are currently looking for a volunteer who will ready this flag for proper display in a flag box. If you are willing to take on this job, please contact Andy Geeter at 770-251-6111 or e-mail [ageeter@odysseycharterschool.net](mailto:ageeter@odysseycharterschool.net).

#### Parking

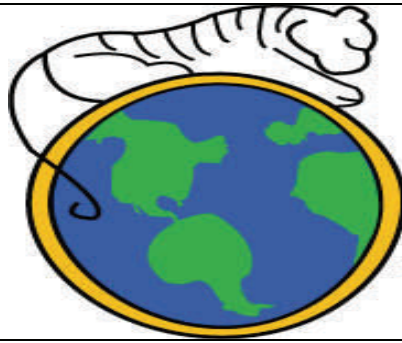
If you are walking your student to the front door of the school, please park in a parking space. Parking your vehicle in the middle of the parking lot makes parking more difficult for staff members and harder for other vehicles to come through the parking lot.

#### No Chick-fil-a Next Week

Due to the Thanksgiving Feast, there will be no Chick-fil-a Friday next week.

#### Calendar

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| November 13    | End of 12 weeks    |
| November 20    | Thanksgiving Feast |
|                | Report cards       |
| November 23-27 | Thanksgiving Break |



### Teacher Web Sites

Important classroom information may be found on the web site of your student's teacher. All of these sites should be updated on a weekly basis. Although all of the web site pages will indicate the last date that particular page was updated, please don't assume that a date on the front page that is more than a week old mean that nothing on their web site has been updated.

You can locate your teacher's web site through the Odyssey School web site (click on the Faculty and Staff link, then on the cluster, and finally on the teacher's name. Teacher web sites are also accessible through Teacher Web ([www.teacherweb.com](http://www.teacherweb.com)).

### School Store

The Odyssey Store has been extremely popular. In response to students' requests, the store is stocking new items such as lead refills, scented pencil grips, and more assorted styles of mechanical pencils. Scented pencils will be coming after the holidays. Colored pencils, scissors, and supply pouches are also available. Thus far we have been meeting our mission of helping students to be prepared for their school day. Additionally, the proceeds from our sales were used to purchase materials to support the RTI writing and spelling programs for the 2/3 and 4/5 clusters. Our goal by Christmas is to add a new Primary Phonics set for the K/1 RTI Reading/Spelling program. Thank you for your support!

### Adopt a Platoon

Thank you for your contributions to the Adopt a Platoon project. I am proud that Odyssey more than doubled our goal of 35 boxes, with families donating enough material to fill 71 boxes. These boxes are currently being filled and readied for shipping. However, with additional boxes comes the need for additional money to cover the mailing costs. If you are able to donate money to help defray the cost of shipping these materials to our platoon in Iraq, we would welcome your contribution. Each box costs \$12 to mail. Please send any contributions to the office or to the school through your student's homeroom teacher. Checks should be made out to Odyssey School.

### Morning Car Line Safety

As you go through car line in the morning, please do not pass vehicles. Since there are less staff members available for outside duty, morning car line is one lane. However, we ask that you please use the outside lane (or park in a parking space) if you require extra time to drop off your student(s). This will enable us to keep the line moving faster and give students more time to get to class.

### Afternoon Car Line Safety

During afternoon car line, please do not depart the line area until you are waived forward by the staff member at the head of the car line. If there is not a staff member at the head of the line, do not leave. Please also pass this message along to others who may pick up your child at car line during the year. This rule is important for the safety of our students and staff. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Change to Cell Phone Policy

In December, the Board will initiate a proposed amended policy on student cell phones at Odyssey. Although cell phones will still be allowed at school if they are turned off, the proposed amended policy will add a "one strike and you're out" clause. This clause will state that students caught having their cell phones out at school without the direct permission and supervision of an Odyssey School staff member will be subject to the loss of that privilege for the remainder of the school year.

Effective November 16, use of a cell phone at school will move from a level 1 to a level 2 infraction on the discipline policy and will carry with it a 5 demerit penalty.

### Walking Students into Class

If you arrive before 8:30 am, you may choose to park in a parking space and walk your student into the Before School room. Unless you have a planned volunteer opportunity scheduled however, we ask that you depart the school by 8:30 am. Also, please remember that parents are not allowed to walk their students past the interior white locking door after 8:30 am. As a general reminder, 8:30 am-8:45 am is not an appropriate time for impromptu conferences with teachers as they are preparing for the school day.