



**Welcome to Kindergarten
Orientation!**

O'Dea Core Knowledge Elementary

Thank you for joining us...



...this is the beginning of a six-year partnership in raising great humans together...

Our goal for this evening....



To give you an **overview of our wonderful school** and our **kindergarten program** ...and to create a **sense of peace** ...knowing that we cannot wait for them to get here...that we will take the time to learn about them **and that we will take very good care of them while they are here with us...**

Flow of our time together...

We will connect here with the nuts and bolts and energy of our Kindergarten Program.

We will then head down to the kindergarten classrooms to see our spaces and meet our teachers.

Who are we?



...we are the O'Dea Owls...Hoot! Hoot!

- **inspire** our students and each other...
- **nurture** our students and each other...
- **teach** our students and each other...
- **learn** alongside each other...

Meet our Administrative team!



Laurie Corso
Principal

Ryan Joyal
Assistant Principal



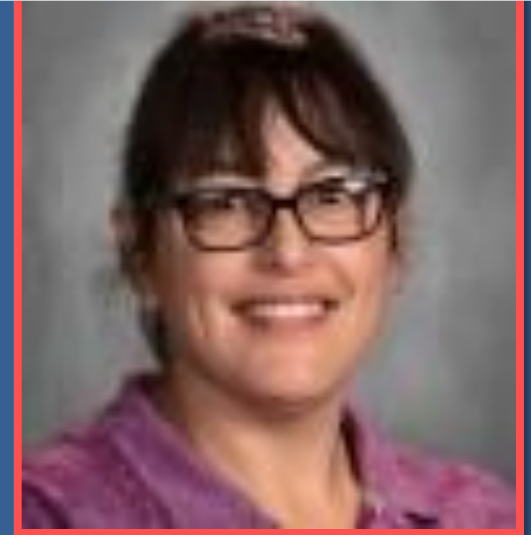
Meet our Kindergarten team!



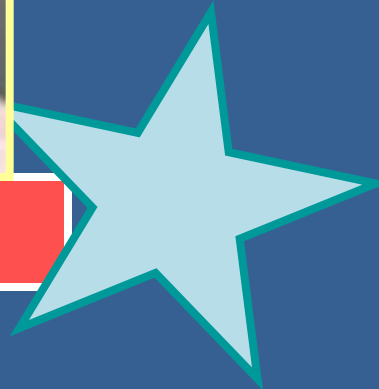
Marjorie Myers



Patti Zamora



Laura Haugen



...who are we?



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Center-based Programming

Our school also hosts a center-based program for students with autism. We currently serve 28 students and families in our community and provide specialized programming for these families. It is an amazing addition to our school and adds to our diversity and understanding of how different children learn and see the world.





This is Us.



Kindergarten big ideas

- On building stamina for the school day
- Focus on social emotional growth as well as academic gains
- Meeting the students where they are at
- Finding time for the important things
- Reading at home is always a good idea



Kindergarten arrival and dismissal

Students have access to busing if they are in within transportation boundary zone.



Kindergarten teachers communicate directly with families regarding pick and drop off for our youngest children.

Core Knowledge



O'Dea Core Knowledge School is one of PSD's neighborhood Core Knowledge schools, **teaching a content-rich curriculum based on the Hirsch Core Knowledge sequence.** This coherent approach to specific content enhances students' **critical thinking and higher-order thinking skills.** O'Dea also considers the whole child with integrated instruction in music, art, and physical education.

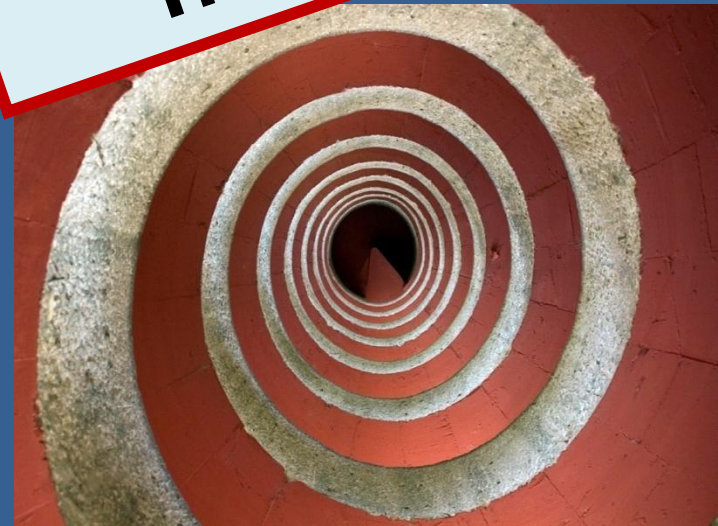
What is Core Knowledge?

Core Knowledge is an educational reform movement based on the premise that a grade-by-grade core of common learning is necessary to ensure a sound and fair elementary education.

Classical Education

Cultural Relevancy

The Spiral



Kindergarten Core Concepts



Kindergarten Stories/Poems/Sayings

- Goldilocks
- Lion and Mouse
- Jack and Jill



- Humpty Dumpty
- The early bird...gets the worm
- Where there is a will...there is a way



Science and Social Studies



Continents Mapping skills Seasons Weather Plants
Taking care of our bodies

Science and Social Studies



Taking care of the earth

Native Americans Pilgrims Columbus Early Explorers

Magnetism

Kindergarten Math



Counting Identifying and Comparing Numbers ●

● Writing and Sequencing Numbers

Shapes ● Representing numbers through addition

Addition and Subtraction problems and stories ● Making 10

Meet our Specialist team!



Rosalie King



Candice McLaren



Penny Alexander



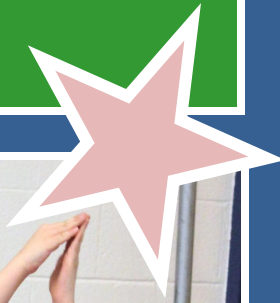
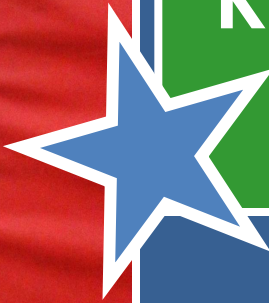
Valentino Dressler



Nathan Mohs



Kindergarten Specials P.E.



Kindergarten Specials Music



Kindergarten Specials

Art





**Kindergarten Specials
Library Time**



Kindergarten Specials
Technology

Kindergarten FUN!



Afterschool and During School Enrichment

Choir

Art Club

Chess Club

Taekwondo

Yoga

Running Club

Odyssey of the Mind

Lego Robotics

Little Kids Rock

Technology Club

After School

**During School
Enrichment Block**



Eco Week for 5th
grade students

Recess before lunch

Activity
Breaks

Balanced party
menus

Birthday
alternatives



O'Dea Yoga
Club

Running
Club

Wellness Focus

Why some people say...it is Disneyland...



...a culture...in our building...that is positive...by intent.



Kindergarten Summer Thoughts

- Summer meet and greet and quick assessments- class lists
- Staggered start days
- August Back to School Picnic
- Parent connections and communication

O'Dea Elementary

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Welcome Kindergarten Families!

What is O'Dea PTA?

O'Dea Parent Teacher Association is an organization of parents and teachers working toward making O'Dea Core Knowledge Elementary School the best place for our students.

What does O'Dea PTA do?

- Raises Funds
- Distributes Funds
- Coordinates Volunteers
- Hosts Community Events
- Provides Community Support
- Coordinates Teacher Appreciation Events
- Hosts monthly meetings

***We need parent support, ideas and effort to make O'Dea PTA successful. Please consider joining and attending meetings (a great way to understand what's going on at O'Dea!!) Questions? Email odeapta@gmail.com**

“Research shows that the most cost-effective way to diminish low student achievement in high school occurs before the age of five...”



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Being read to **is the most important activity** for eventually learning to read.

**When I die, she said,
I'm coming back as
a tree with deep
roots & I'll wave my
leaves at the
children every
morning on their
way to school &
whisper tree songs
at night in their
dreams.**

**Trees with deep
roots know about
the things children
need...**



Registration

- November 28th– registration began
- Complete online registration (link)
(<https://www.psdschools.org/onlineregistration>)
- It is best if this is done on a computer – it will work on a phone, yet it is more difficult.
- Photo or Scan and submit any copies of birth certificates, immunization records and proof of address (application must be complete)
- You can also drop off hard copies.

Registration

- School of choice students (11:59pm – December 15th deadline for first round applications)
- Offers will go out to School of Choice families in January 2023.
- The online portal for kinder registration is districtwide. Your address will route it to your neighborhood school. If you are accepted at O'Dea...we will manage the registration transfer.

Top 10 things we want you to know:

1. We are going to love and take care of your children while they are here with us.
2. We cannot wait to meet you and your children...in person.
3. Kindergarten is an amazing year of growth and independence.
4. We wrap ourselves around our kindergartners to make sure that they feel at home.
5. We love the energy that our kindergartners bring into our building.
6. We will know their names...their friends...their strengths and their struggles.
7. Our kinder team is highly skilled and trained in working with our youngest of children.
8. We strike a healthy balance between academics...social/emotional growth...play and fun.
9. Our differentiation meets the needs of the continuum of students...both academically and socially and emotionally.
10. We are going to love and take care of your children while they are here with us.

Questions? We are here to help.

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