



Odem Jr. High

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Volleyball at Mathis	10/3
Football at Skidmore	10/6
Perfect Attendance Swim Party	10/7
Volleyball vs. Taft	10/10
Volleyball at Goliad	10/17
Early Release (12:30)	10/21
Volleyball at Bloomington	10/24
Football at Hebbronville	10/27
Progress Reports	10/27
Football vs. Banquete	11/3
End of 2nd 6 weeks	11/4
No School	11/7

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education—to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day's, and to grow as an individual. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences.

To receive credit or a final grade in a class, a student must attend at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. A student who attends fewer than 90 percent of the days the class is offered will be referred to the attendance review committee to determine whether there are extenuating circum-

stances for the absences and how the student can regain credit or a final grade lost because of absences. [See policy FEC.]

When a student is absent from school, the student—upon arrival or return to school—must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. A note signed by the student, even with the parent's permission, will not be accepted unless the student is 18 or older or is an emancipated minor under state law. A phone call from the parent is not accepted, the district reserves the right to require a written note. A written note must be turned in within 3 days of the absence.



**Perfect Attendance
Pool Party, Oct. 7
1:00pm to 3:45pm**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Alexis Sanchez (8th grade) is our perfect attendance winner for the 1st 6 weeks!

She will be recognized at the board meeting on October 10.

Attendance Incentives

Students who meet all attendance requirements, earn all course credits, and pass all STAAR EOC assessments (if applicable) will not be required to attend the final 7 days of school from May 22 – May 31, 2017. The school year for students who do meet all attendance requirements as de-

scribed will end on May 19, 2017. Students required to attend will be denied promotion or credits if not in attendance all 7 days.

Every six weeks each campus will host a Campus Perfect Attendance Award Celebration

for all students who achieve perfect attendance for the previous grading period. To be eligible for the Campus Perfect Attendance Award Celebration a student CAN-NOT have any unexcused or excused absences for any period of any day during the six weeks grading period.

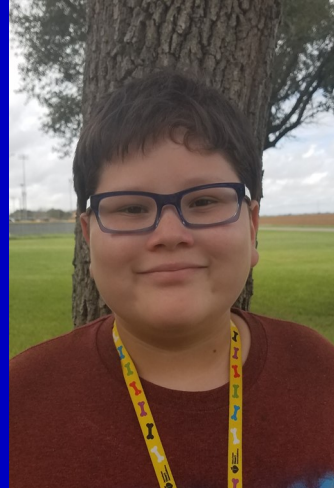
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Mary Ann Nevarez



When it comes to perseverance, Mary Ann is one student who will always give you her all. She strives to do her very best and she does it with a smile. She is willing to give of her time to help a fellow classmate out.

Caleb Ynfante



Caleb is a superb student who is respected by our faculty and his peers. He is organized and well-aware of his responsibilities. Caleb is a student that every teacher would like to have in his/her classroom..

Evelyn Contreras



Evelyn is a conscientious, hard-working student who is kind and helpful to her peers.

Brandon Cantu



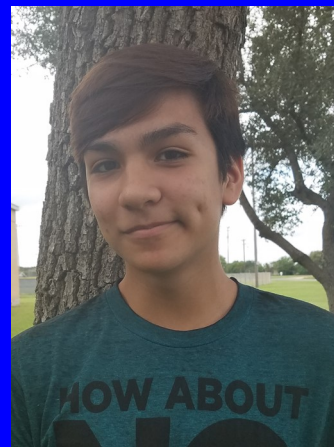
Brandon has proven to be an student who exceeds expectations with the quality of his work. He readily grasps new ideas and concepts.

Fatima Rodriguez



Fatima takes it upon herself to extend and enrich her learning by asking questions for clarification as well as researching material. Her leadership skills allow her to be a great collaborative group member as she encourages others.

Ethan Sanchez



Ethan carries a positive attitude and is eager to learn. He is an excellent model student in his class and provides assistance to others when needed.

6TH GRADE

7TH GRADE

8TH GRADE



Rally Club

***Back Row—Alysha Beltran,
Reagan Coy, Kiersten Barrera***

***Front Row—Emilee Sturgeon,
Bella Kholomeyev, Anna
Decker, Madison Curtis***

Cheerleaders

***Back Row— Lauren Andrade (mascot), Jenna
Chapa, Arabella Garza, Katherine Rodriguez,
Nicole Rodriguez, Mia Gonzales***

***Front Row—Savannah Cordova, Natalie Alaniz,
Allison Ortiz, Madison Vela, Jazmine Acosta***



Perfect Attendance

6th Grade—Cameron Aleman, Karla Covarrubias, Regan Coy, Santino Davis, Pedro Diaz, Julietta Esqueda, Marissa Garcia, Marianna Gomez, Reyes Guajardo, Bella Kholomeyev, Daniel Lopez, Marisel Lopez, Elenna Martinez, Daniela Morales, Aaliyah Parraz, Nicholas Perez, Uriel Rodriguez, Emilee Sturgeon, Kayla Tovar, Caleb Ynfante

7th Grade—James Adams, Josh Adams, Perla Almedarez-Rojas, Krista Beltran, Isiah Brown, Kyle Castaneda, Jenna Chapa, Evelyn Contreras, Alejandro Cruz, Belicia Flores, Catalina Gamez, George Garcia, Arabella Garza, Dario Gomez, Gabriella Gonzales, Marco Gonzales, Lauro Gonzalez, Cesar Lopez, Bryan Magana, Adolfo Martinez, Alyssa Martinez, Amber Martinez, Isabella Mata, Torri McClellen, Mark Moreno, Christina Ortiz, Elijah Pizana, Caleb Robinson, Katherine Rodriguez, Yolanda Salas-Cruz, Edward Sanchez, Sean Sanchez, Jesse Siegford, Joshua Ynfante

8th Grade—Aaliyah Avila Lopez, Ivy Caldwell, Charly Campos, Savannah Cordova, Abel Deluna, Camren Deases, Jessie Doria, Mercedes Doria, Isabella Duncan, Coby Emerson, Catherine Fonseca, Aiden Gonzales, Jacob LunaTerra McClellen, Allison Ortiz, Cain Rivas, Raven Rivas, Fatima Rodriguez Dondiego, Alexis Sanchez, Ethan Sanchez, Jose Trevino, Madison Vela

All 'A' Honor

6th Grade—Ava Aleman, Tyler Brewer, Emma Doria, Julietta Esqueda, Zoey Garcia, Julian Gomez, Beau Hill, Bella Kholomeyev, Daniel Lopez, Daniela Morales, Miranda Pena, Isabella Salinas, Emilee Sturgeon, Kayla Tovar, Caleb Ynfante

7th Grade—Evelyn Contreras, George Garcia, Arabella Garza, Robert Garza, Jacob Gomez, Alyssa Martinez, Mark Moreno

8th Grade—Lauren Andrade, Ivy Caldwell, Isabella Duncan, Allison Ortiz, Serena Rodriguez, Ethan Sanchez

'A' and 'B' Honor Roll

6th Grade—Cameron Aleman, Jasmine Binger, Ricardo Bravo, Karla Covarrubias, Regan Coy, Anna Decker, Pedro Diaz, Adam Echavarria, Jonathan Espinoza, Torin Falcon, Diamon Gomez, Kayla Gomez, Marianna Gomez, Elenna Martinez, Joe Martinez, Mary Navarez, Shamanda Navarez, Skylar Nix, Kalista Ocana, Aaliyah Parraz, Hannah Perales, Marissa Saenez, Jason Silguero

7th Grade—James Adams, Mia Aviles, Krista Beltran, Isiah Brown, Brandon Cantu, Alejandro Cruz, Lizbeth Cruz, Martin Doria, Xavier Drennon, Matthew Dunlap, Preston Dunn, Belicia Flores, Catalina Gamez, Gabriella Gonzales, Marco Gonzales, Jaylin Hernandez, Marcus Martinez, Isabella Mata, Torri McClellen, Nicole Ortiz, Diego Rodriguez, Katherine Rodriguez, Yolanda Salas-Cruz, Edward Sanchez, Jesse Siegford, Joshua Ynfante

8th Grade—Jazmin Acosta, Larry Beasley, Katherine Camilo-Estrada, Mia Cantu, Scott Cantu, Savannah Cordova, Jessie Doria, Jonathan Emerson, John Espinoza, Aiden Gonzales, Paul Hernandez, Micah Lopez, Jacob Luna, Clarissa Marroquin, Kiyanna Martinez, Nevaeh Martinez, Terra McClellen, Shelby Roberson, Fatima Rodriguez Dondiego, Alexis Sanchez, Ethan Stovall, Jose Trevino, Madison Vela, Dominic Zamora

UIL...

Teams are quickly forming for our UIL Academic teams. If any student is interesting in trying out for a team, please contact Mrs. Garcia at 361-368-8661 for more information.

Events:

Black/White Art	Color Art
3D Art	Ready Writing
Editorial Writing	Oral Reading
Impromptu Speaking	Modern Oratory
Modern Oratory	Spelling
Number Sense	Calculator
Science I & II	Music Memory
Art Memory	Mathematics
Listening Skills	Dictionary Skills
Social Studies	Chess Puzzle
Maps, Charts, Graphs	

Come and join our winning tradition!

Volleyball News:

Our Lady Owlets have been doing an Owlstanding job so far this season. Our 7th and 8th Grade A-Teams captured consolation in the winner's bracket by defeating Aransas Pass twice in the Taft tournament on Sept. 17th.

Madison Vela—8th grader and Arabella Garza—7th Grader each received All-Tournament Honors in their Division.

On Oct. 1st we hosted our own tournament at the New Gym.

All 4 teams have been working hard and have compiled a 2-2 District record.

Keep up the great work Lady Owlets!

Coach Hinojosa

Coach Molina

Coach Walker



Our 7th grade football team which consist of 34 players have started the season 2-2. They have been practicing hard every-day and you could see the heart and dedication these boys have for the sport. Leading our team on the offensive side of the ball is QB Marcos Martinez. He does a great job running and throwing the ball. Marcos has some great weapons on offensive which includes Kyle Castaneda, Diego Rodriguez and Marco Gonzales just to name a few. The defense is also pretty solid with Isiah Brown and Mark Moreno playing inside linebackers. Our bigger linemen consist of Frankie Menchaca, Xavier Drennon and Dylan Tijerina who put the fear into the opposing line.

This year's 8th grade team is a special one. Even though we only have 13 players on the roster, these boys show no sign of slowing down. That's right 13 players. We have started



the year with a 1-3 record but that does not show how hard these boys play every game day. Leading the team is Able DeLuna. He plays on both sides of the ball and rarely gets off the field. He is joined on the field by Manual Trevino, Scotty Cantu, and A.J. Martinez to help him lead this 8th grade team.



The ODEM Junior High School Band has been very busy. The Concert Band and Symphonic Winds have helped excite the crowd through the first four Pep Rallies playing Fight Song, Alma Mater, as well as other music and drum cadences. They are also preparing music for their Winter Concert and Region Band Auditions. Both of which will take place in December.

The Beginning Band has gotten off to a fast start. We have one of the largest beginning bands in recent years with around 70 students and they have been learning new and important concepts every day. They will make their performance debut at the Winter Concert in December.



Tips – Stranger Danger

We have provided safety tips for parents to discuss with their children in an effort to make students aware of these incidents and to also be better prepared in case something like this happens.

- * Safety is always best in numbers. Advise your child to walk to and from school with a buddy.
- * If your child feels that he or she is being followed and they have a cell phone, they should immediately call 9-1-1.
- * Never talk to a stranger. Strangers with bad intentions try to trick kids into helping them. Kids should never talk or answer their questions. If they do answer, it should be something along the lines of "go ask an adult" or "I do not know I am only a kid."
- * Teach your child to think on their feet. They need to keep distance from strangers and not let someone get close enough that they could grab or touch them.
- * Advise them to run or walk quickly towards an area where they see people (a shopping center, a home with someone outside, a busy roadway, or a park where they see people.) They should never walk into an alley or location that further isolates them.
- * Know your child's walking/riding path to and from school. Determine a path together that is visible, even if it's a slightly longer route home.
- * Go directly to your destination. Pay attention to where you are going. Talking or texting on your cell phone is a good way to pass the time while you're walking, but it can distract you from noticing what's going on around you.
- * Be aware of surroundings - who is behind you and in front of you. Are there occupied cars parked along your route?
- * If someone approaches you or tries to get your attention, get away immediately. Cross the street or walk the other way.
- * Give your child confidence. Let him/her know that they can fight back - kick, bite, struggle and scream and holler.

-Freemont Police Dept.

News from the Principal

I would like to take a moment to reflect on how fast the first six weeks have flown by. Football and Volleyball are coming to an end and basketball will be starting in a few weeks. With that being said, it is imperative that your child attends school regularly. One absence can result in a large amount of information being missed. Also, remember with good attendance, good grades and passing the STAAR test, your child's last day will be on May 19!

I would like to recognize our amazing teachers and staff. They work extra hours just to make sure they provide the best education for our children. I have left games after 8pm and will drive by just to see teacher's cars still in the parking lot. Please take a moment and say thank you for their hard work and see if there is anything you can do to give them a hand, volunteers are always welcome. The science and math department may need something built or maybe you have memorabilia to share in the history and English classes. Please do not hesitate to get involved, this is our school, our children, our future.

- Traci Fryar