

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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## Odem Jr. High School

Odem Jr. High celebrated Anti Bullying month and Red Ribbon Week in October. Students wore orange on Wednesdays to commemorate Anti Bullying. Students watched videos, created hand pledges and links to demonstrate their position on the subjects. Classroom visits were made discussing bullying and how it effects all students.

During Red Ribbon Week, the students received small reminders of what can be done instead of drugs. Students dressed up in order to show support. The week ended with a door decorating contest.

### Naviance

For career readiness, 6th graders have created their Naviance accounts to begin their digital portfolios. These portfolios will follow them until 12th grade. Sixth graders started their portfolios with an interest inventory. By answering different questions, students were able to see what career clusters are compatible with their interests. Then students are able to see what careers are available based on this cluster. 7th and 8th graders will update their Naviance accounts in November.

### Report Cards

Students will be finishing the 2nd six weeks. Students will receive report cards on November 16. Students need to be aware that teachers are taking two daily grades a week. Then two project/assessment grades are taken for the six weeks. Teachers are available Monday to Wednesday for tutorials.

Students can see their grades through the parent portal. If any students are having difficulty, please do not hesitate to call the counselor for help.

### Drug Awareness Facts

Young people start using drugs for many reasons. Many times the teens who perceive little risk in using drugs are more likely to use them. Teens use drugs or alcohol to :

- Relieve boredom
- Feel good
- Forget their troubles and relax/Ease pain
- Satisfy their curiosity
- Belong to a specific group? Show their independence

Risk factors are circumstances or events that increase a child's use and abuse of drugs.

- Low grades or failure in school
- Victim of bullying or cyberbullying/Low self esteem
- Living in a community with high tolerance for smoking, drinking or drug use among youth
- Parent or older sibling drug / alcohol abuse

### Up and Coming Events

November 2- Progress Reports  
 November 6- Living Tree Presentation  
 November 16 - End of the 2nd Six Weeks  
 November 16- Cyberbullying presentation

### Spirit Days-

November 2- Fiesta Day  
 November 9- Go Bananas Day

### Technology Is on Our Side

Parents take advantage of technology. Our teachers use a number of apps and software to keep you up to date with your student. Including email addresses which are usually the teacher's last name and first initial for example garciac@oeisd.org .Teacher's Websites located on the school website.

Teachers are using Living Tree to get out information to parents. Living Tree Presentation will be on **November 6 from 5:30-6:30 in the OJH cafeteria.**

November 2017  
 Odem Junior High School  
 Committed to Excellence

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	30	31	1 Fiesta Day	2 Progress Reports distributed	3	4
5	6 Living Tree Presentation 5:30-6:30 in OJH cafeteria	7	8 Go Bananas	9	10	11
12	13 Teacher Planning	14 Begin 3rd Six Weeks	15	16 Report Cards are distributed Cyberbullying Presentation	17	18
19	20 Thanksgiving Break	21 Thanksgiving Break	22 Thanksgiving Break	23 Thanksgiving Break	24 Thanksgiving Break	25
26	27	28	29	30		