

# Odem Elementary School Newsletter

"Where the Future Begins!"

## Special Points of Interest

4/17 - 2nd Grade Reading Benchmark Testing

4/19 - 2nd Grade Math Benchmark Testing

4/16 through 27—End of the Year TPRI Testing grades Kinder—2nd.

4/19 - Kinder visits the City Library

4/25 - Kinder Field Trip to the CC Aquarium

4/25 - 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Kingsville King Ranch

4/26 - AR Game Truck

4/27 - PK-4 Field Trip to San Antonio

4/27 - 1st Grade Field Trip to the Victoria Zoo

5/11 - Kinder Field Day

5/16 - Awards Ceremony

5/18 - Annual Field Day 1st & 2nd Grades

5/18 - Last day of school for all students who meet the set criteria

5/18--OEISD "Seniors vs Coaches" Game

June 1 - Last day of school and teachers

## From the Office of the Principal

*Esmeralda Martinez*



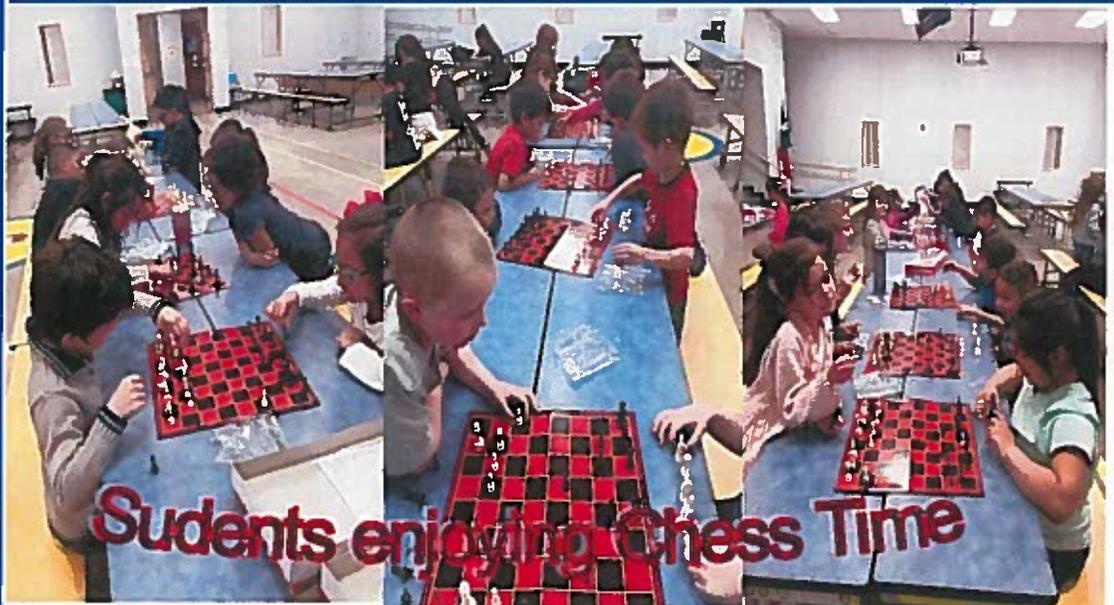
Happy Spring OES Families!

We are now into the 6<sup>th</sup> six weeks of school and time has just flown by very quickly. Soon it will be the end of the school year and our students will be enjoying their summer break. I am so grateful to everyone who has helped out at our campus this year. We couldn't have done things without you all. I am incredibly appreciative of every family that attended our Open House, Sight Words Superstar and Magnificent Mathematician events. Our teachers and staff members put extra energy into preparing for those events.

Our campus is looking great as construction comes to a close. Our families and students will be able to access the school from the central main doors. These doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and will be locked at 8:00 a.m. for the remainder of the day. As always our goal is to provide our students with the safest learning environment possible.

Registration dates and information for the 2018-19 school year will be available through Living Tree, school and district websites.

\*\*Class placement is a team decision with many factors taken into consideration. If you feel that your child has specific needs to be considered, please write a brief note to let us know and turn in to the office





# Elementary Music Newsletter

## Music Term: Ostinato A repeated musical pattern.

Ask your child to sing the song and clap the ostinato pattern.

I'm a super hero zooming high.  
Over buildings watch me fly.  
High, High, watch me fly.  
I'm a superhero zooming high!  
I'm a superhero sneaking low.  
Where did all those bad guys go?  
Low, low, where'd they go?  
I'm a superhero sneaking low.  
Zooming hug, sneaking low.  
I'm a superhero!  
Sometimes high, sometimes low.  
Superhero's, let's go!

I just want to take a moment to thank you for being a part of your child's musical education. Music lasts a lifetime. Music isn't just singing songs and playing an instrument; music teaches cooperation, team building, enhances spatial learning, and also make cross discipline connections to what students learn in the classroom. While not all students will perform in a musical group after they leave our public schools, they will have learned to become well-educated audience members who understand the dedication it takes to make a musical performance great. Music truly creates a global community. I am lucky to be able to work with your students. Thank you for supporting your children!

## December Concert News

In case you missed our December concert, "A Bugz Christmas," it was a big success. We had a large crowd and the students look amazing in their bug costumes. The students sang and danced their buggy tails off. Thank you K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for your gift of music.



# APRIL 2018

## Physical Education Newsletter

### Odem Elementary

#### Important Dates

**FIELD DAY:** This day of celebration for your child will be one you don't want to miss! It takes a village and many volunteers to make this day happen. Mark your calendar now for Friday, May 18th, to help with this event.

Event will start at 8:45 and end at 2:45!

Hope to see you there!

Kinder Field Day is May 11, 2018!

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Teacher

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## What We Did: March

March was packed with cardio, kickball, and soccer.

The students learned about the positions in kickball and learned how to properly kick a soccer ball. The students played a game called continuous kickball which incorporated great cardio!

The other game they participated in was called Sideline Soccer. The students were all engaged by either being a kicker or one of the many goalies we had!

## What's Next: April

Week 1: Throwing and Catching Stations

Week 2: Rock Wall

Week 3: Learning Field Day Events



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### 5th Six Weeks

From  
Joey Avila  
Technology Dept



Hello Parents, I'd like to you know about technology news from our district. We are increasing the number of Chromebook carts per campus, which is helping us get closer to our 1:1 initiative. A new marque that will serve the Elem and Intermediate campuses is going to be installed in the next few weeks. Also, the OHS campus has two new computer labs on the way, this will support our certification program. Our students access to technology is our priority and we want to give them every opportunity for success here at OEISD.

*Jose Carlos Avila  
Technology & Network Director  
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From  
Debbie Serrano



The chess club continues to grow. We have anywhere from 9-15 students attending on Wednesdays. Junior high and high school students attend periodically to assist the younger players.

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From  
Janie Luna  
Cafeteria Dept.



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361-368-8121, x 264

The cafeteria department continues to work hard to provide a healthy and delicious meal for all our OEISD Students. They make sure that all meals are ready to be served in all 3 dining areas in a timely manner.

These dining areas are the:

- ◊ Elementary Cafeteria
- ◊ Intermediate/JH Cafetorium
- ◊ HS Cafeteria

A reminder to all parents and guardians that every student in OEISD will receive Free Breakfast and Free Lunch every day at each campus until the end of this school year (2017-2018). If your child chooses more than one main dish or other extra items, your child will need to pay in cash or use their account with sufficient funds.

You can find our menu in our district website under Food Services.

Have a Happy Spring!

OEISD Cafeteria Dept.

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From  
Leigh Ann Ray  
Parent Liaison -

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EARLY OWL LITERACY presents:



It's time to start making plans for the last Early Owl Literacy class of the 2018 school year. I hope you will make plans to join us. YOU AND YOUR 0 to 3 YEAR OLD, whether you are the child's parent, grandparent, guardian or baby sitter, are invited to join us on May 8, 2018, at the Odem Pool for a special Mommy and Me Swim class. We will recap our literacy strategies and learn a few new ones while learning to swim and play safely in and around the water.

I hope you will join us for a good time.

If you have any questions and/or need a ride, contact Leigh Ann Ray.

[rayl@oeisd.org](mailto:rayl@oeisd.org) or (361)815-6235

From Melissa Vela  
District Coordinator



The school year is winding down and spring UIL events have concluded for the school year. Parents encourage your students to continue to work hard on their academic studies so that they may maintain eligibility for the start of the next school year.

From Debbie Serrano



The libraries have been busy with patrons. Elementary, intermediate and junior high students have been checking out books to help meet their AR goals. They have also been checking out books to help with various research projects for classes. The library also has several databases available to all students at all campuses on their website. Please contact your campus librarian if you have any questions regarding the databases.

The high school library recently had computers and a printer added to the library. High school students may now research, type assignments, and print necessary documents/assignments

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**From  
Dr. Veronica Gutierrez  
Curriculum Dept.**

**Understanding and managing data**  
Every day we are presented with a vast amount of information, much of it involving numbers. Learning to collect, organize, and interpret data at an early age will help children develop the ability to manage information and make sound decisions in the future.

**Sort household items.** As your child tidies up toys or clothing, discuss which items should go together and why. Show your child how you organize food items in the fridge – fruit together, vegetables together, drinks on one shelf, condiments on another.

**Make a weather graph.** Have your child draw pictures on a calendar to record each day's weather. At the end of the month, make a picture graph showing how many sunny days, cloudy days, and rainy days there were in that month.

**Make a food chart.** Create a chart to record the number of apples, oranges, bananas, and other fruit your family eats each day. At the end of the month, have your child count the number of pieces of each type of fruit eaten. Ask how many more of one kind of fruit were eaten than of another. What was your family's least favorite fruit that month?

**From  
Esmeralda  
Martinez**

**504**

**What information is used in doing an evaluation under Section 504?**

Under Section 504, no formalized testing is required. The 504 Committee should look at grades over the past several years, teacher's reports, information from parents or other agencies, state assessment scores or other school administered tests, observations, discipline reports, attendance records, health records and adaptive behavior information. Schools must consider a variety of sources. A single source of information (such as a doctor's report) cannot be the only information considered. Schools must be able to assure that all information submitted is documented and considered.

**Can a student be placed under Section 504 without parental knowledge?**

No. Parents must always be given notice before their child is evaluated and/or placed under Section 504 (34 C.F.R. §104.36). Parents must also be given a copy of their child's Section 504 accommodation plan if the committee determines that the child is eligible under Section 504.

**Will a student still be in the regular classroom or will he/she be in a "special class"?**

A Section 504 eligible child will always be in the regular classroom. Accommodations that are appropriate and have been agreed upon by the 504 committee will be implemented in the regular classroom.

**From  
Lisa Perez  
District Nurse**



Summer is almost here and warmer days are around the corner. When children are outdoors, it's important to protect their skin to prevent melanoma and skin damage from too much sun exposure. Every child needs sun protection. The lighter someone's natural skin color, the less melanin it has to absorb UV rays and protect itself. The darker a person's natural skin color, the more melanin it has. But both dark- and light-skinned children need protection from UV rays because any tanning or burning causes skin damage. Here are the key ways to protect children's skin:

#### **Use Sunscreen:**

Wear sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher, make sure it's broad-spectrum, and if kids are in or near water, is labeled water-resistant

#### **Avoid the Strongest Rays of the Day**

Try to stay in the shade when the sun is at its strongest (usually from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the northern hemisphere)

#### **Cover Up**

One of the best ways to protect skin is to cover up.

#### **Wear Sunglasses**

Sun exposure damages the eyes as well as the skin. Even 1 day in the sun can lead to a burned cornea. The best way to protect eyes is to wear sunglasses that provide 100% UV protection.

#### **Double-Check Medicines**

Some medicines make skin more sensitive to UV rays. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if any prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medicines your kids take can increase sun sensitivity.

Let's reduce your child's risk of sun damage and teach them good sun sense.

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### Form Tony Ramirez Social Studies CS

Social Studies students at Odem Elementary have been busy during the 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks learning important historical information in their respective classes. First grade students have been spending time studying some of our country's symbols. Students spent time on the U.S. flag and its significance to all Americans. They created a mosaic of the U.S. flag. Each student contributed by either drawing the stars or stripes of the flag and putting them all together. A great example of using U.S. History to create teamwork.

### From Armando Huerta Athletics Director

Elementary/Intermediate Athletics  
First and foremost, the Odem athletic department would like to encourage all the young owls in the district to follow and take interest in our athletic programs. Our JH competition season has come to end, but not without a strong showing at the JH track meet. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the district meet with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls coming in 3<sup>rd</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys brought home a District Championship. At the HS both Tennis and Golf have come to an end. Baseball and Softball both sit in first place as the district race is nearing its end. The track program will compete at District this week with several kids looking to advance to Area. One important note is that all summer camps have been set. Basketball (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) is June 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, Basketball (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade) is June 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, volleyball is June 11<sup>th</sup>-12, and football is July 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. For basketball camp info you can email Coach Antonio Ramirez at [ramirez@oeisd.org](mailto:ramirez@oeisd.org). For volleyball information email [trujillom@oeisd.org](mailto:trujillom@oeisd.org). For football please email [huerta@oeisd.org](mailto:huerta@oeisd.org). Again we encourage all little owls and their families to take interest in our athletic programs as they will become the future of those programs. For more information on our athletic programs please visit our school website or [www.odemowlathletics.com](http://www.odemowlathletics.com).



### From Clarissa Moreno

Parent Involvement  
ment  
Coordinator

#### News

Great jobs parents, we had a successful 5<sup>th</sup> Six weeks. OEISD staff would like to thank you for sending your child to school on time and ensuring they are prepared for class. Let's keep up the great work!

Thank you to all OEISD parents who attended the Parental Involvement Conference in Sinton. We enjoyed the keynote speaker Rosie Sanchez presentation covering the ways to help keep our lives less stressful. I hope you left with valuable information.

#### Help Needed

If you are interested in helping out Odem Intermediate 4th grade teachers make STAAR snack bags please email me at [morenoc@oeisd.org](mailto:morenoc@oeisd.org) or 361-726-2260.

#### STAAR Updates

As you know parents, STAAR is always a topic for discussion. STAAR is around the corner and it's imperative to get your child ready! Please ensure your child is getting plenty of rest each night. If they are attending tutoring, talk to them what they learned. Ask them what you can do to help them prepare for the test. Remember parents, you are the biggest help in your child's education.

#### Resources

Please view the link below.

<http://edscoop.com/act-to-add-free-online-test-prep-this-spring>

The program above, ACT Academy, features personalized resources to help students struggling in certain subjects. If you would like to learn more, please click on the link. How can you help you child prepare for STAAR exams? Please click on the link below for tips and an informative video.

<https://texasassessment.com/families/how-to-help-my-child-prepare/>

Below is a link with TIPS to prepare your