

News from the Principal

Mrs. Jana Kieschnick

It is hard to believe that the first six-weeks has already come to an end. Our staff is working diligently to plan engaging learning experiences for your child. I encourage you to review your child's homework each day and spend a few minutes talking to your child about what he/she learned at school. Thank you for sharing your children with us and please do not hesitate to come to me with questions, concerns, suggestions or just to say hello.



Calendar of Events

Oct. 18th—Family Literacy Night—6:00-7:30 p.m.

Oct. 21st—Early Release for students—12:30 p.m.

Oct. 24th to 25th—Red Ribbon Week dress up and activities.

Oct. 25th—PTO Meeting—3rd & 4th Grades performance in the HS Cafetorium at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 27th—Progress Reports will be sent home

Nov. 7th—Student Holiday/Staff Development.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Your child may follow this attire for each day:

October 24: "Red"-y to Live Drug Free- wear red

October 25: I'm Too Bright for Drugs- wear neon colors

October 26: Hats Off to Being Bully & Drug Free- wear hats & wear orange

October 27: Sock It to Drugs! - wear crazy socks

October 28: Team up Against Drugs-wear team jerseys

October 31: Say Boo to Drugs! – wear Halloween costumes



College Day every Thursday

Did you know that staff members and students wear college shirts every Thursday? We want to promote college early and get our young students thinking about their future!

**United We Teach
United We Learn
United We Stand
Owl Pride!**



**NUMBER SENSES, DICTIONARY SKILLS, ORAL READING
READY WRITING, LISTENING SKILLS, MAPS-CHARTS &
GRAPHS, SPELLING, & MUSIC MEMORY**

Students in grades 2nd-5th have just started after school UIL practice. There are a variety of academic contests that have been developed for elementary students. We believe children deserve the opportunity to accept academic challenges, and use their talents to be recognized and appreciated. Students involved in UIL climb to greater heights and understand and appreciate the educational values of competition. The UIL written contest will be held on campus on November 12th. Other events will be on Saturday, December 10th at Taft Elementary School.



Compass Learning Odyssey and Think Through Math Login Information

Did you know that students can access **Compass Learning Odyssey** and **Think Through Math** from home? Compass is a great computer program that the district has purchased to help students in all subjects. We highly encourage all students to use this program on evenings and weekends.

Here are the steps:

Visit the Odem-Edroy district web page at www.oeisd.org

Click on **Students**.

Then click on **Odyssey Login or Think Through Math**

The username and password is their lunch number for **Odyssey**_____

Enter **Odem-Edroy** for the school (for Odyssey)

Think Through Math:

The username is their lunch number and initials _____

The password is odemowls

You can also access the websites by simply typing in:
www.thelearningodyssey.com or www.thinkthroughmath.com

Accelerated Reading Incentives



Each 6-weeks, students in 1st-5th grade are given an AR (Accelerated Reading) goal. Our goal is to motivate and inspire literacy and to recognize student accomplishments.

How does AR work?

1. Students read books on their specific reading level.
2. Students take an Accelerated Reading test on their chosen book to earn points.
3. Points accumulate each six weeks and students are rewarded for tests passed with a 70% or higher.

Upcoming Incentives:

- 1st six-weeks: Go Noodle in the library
- 2nd six-weeks: Carnival Activities
- 3rd six weeks: Movie & popcorn



Make it ORANGE and make it end!
Unite against bullying!



Birthday Treats

Birthday treats are welcome at school, but please make arrangements with your child's teacher at least one day in advance.

Thank you!

What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? If you care about safe and supportive schools and communities make your color **ORANGE** on Wednesdays in October. That's the day everyone can come together—in schools, communities, and online—and send one large **ORANGE** message of support, hope, and unity.

October 5: Kindness Challenge Kicks Off - wear orange

October 12: Promoting Kindness Video (to be shown in class) - wear orange

October 19: Unity Day Rally- wear orange October 24: "Red"-y to Live Drug Free- wear red

October 26: Hats Off to Being Bully & Drug Free- wear hats and wear orange

To make report about a bullying incident, go to the Odem Elementary School campus page at www.oeisd.org. Click on the link on the left side "Report a Bullying Incident." If you have any questions or need help, please contact the elementary office at 368-3881, ext. 239.



After School Pickup Procedure

To minimize the wait in line, please pull up behind the vehicle in front of you until your child has gotten into your vehicle. If your child isn't ready at the front of the school, circle around to the back of the line. To keep the car line moving, do not get out of your vehicle. If you would like to get out of your vehicle, please park in a "Visitor" parking space.

Also, please be reminded, if you park on a red fire lane & get out of your vehicle, you may be ticketed.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with our pickup procedure.

Campus Perfect Attendance Prize Drawing/Board Recognition

It is very important for every student to be in attendance every day. If your child is absent, we ask that you send an excuse from the doctor or a hand written note when your child returns to school. Each six-weeks, students with perfect attendance will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card. The student, chosen in the drawing, will receive board recognition at the monthly school board meeting.



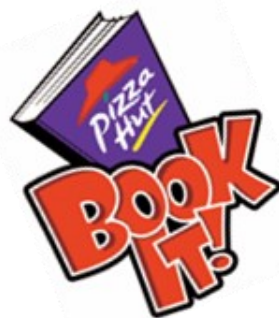
Campus Perfect Attendance Award Celebrations

Every six weeks each campus will host a Campus Perfect Attendance Award Celebration (Ex: pool party, pizza party, movie day, games, etc.) 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 excused or unexcused absences for any period of any day during the six weeks grading period. Also note, students must be in attendance the full school day (7:55-3:30 p.m. for K-5) and (7:55-3:00 for Pre-Kindergarten.)

If a student has a tardy or leaves early, the student will no longer be deemed eligible for the celebration.

TLI News

from Lidamar Yrueges, District Reading Coach



At Odem-Edroy ISD, our teachers and staff strive to promote life-long literacy and learning for all students. Daily classroom instruction emphasizes the development of critical thinking skills in order for students to grow as analytical readers. We also want to foster a love for reading; so, this year, our district will have several reading incentives that encourage students to read beyond the required classroom reading. One of these incentives will be participation in the Book It Program. With the help of their teacher, stu-

dents will set monthly reading goals and if he/she meets that goal, he/she will receive a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. Please motivate your child to participate whether it's setting aside 20 minutes daily to read together or showing them that you enjoy reading for pleasure.