



# ODEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## *Where the Future Begins!*

### Principal's Corner

*Mrs. Esmeralda Martinez*

*Hello ODEM Elementary Families!*

*We are continuing our efforts to make 2018-19 a great school year! Students' academic and social growth continue to be the focus of our classrooms as we approach the holiday season.*



### Unity Day Assembly

On Wednesday, October 24th, ODEM-Edroy I.S.D. hosted Unity Day rallies to promote awareness and unity against bullying. The program promotes kindness, acceptance and inclusion among students. The Unity Rally at OES included an inspiring message from Jillian Williams, founder of Live and Leap Foundation. Jillian shared information to students regarding kindness and acceptance of others.



Attendance at school is very important. When students arrive late or are picked up before dismissal, teaching and learning are disrupted. Please make every effort to have your child in school each day!

### Interested in Volunteering?

Please call the OES Office at 361-368-8121 for information and requirements.

We welcome your help and look forward to hearing from you soon!



### PARKING LOT SAFETY REMINDERS



#### Morning Drop-Off:

- In the drop-off lane, always pull completely forward to allow several students to be dropped off at once. This will allow cars to flow through without causing a large backup or stop in traffic.
- If you wish to get out of your car to walk your child to the building, please park your car in the designated visitor parking area only.
- For additional safety measures, please make sure students are exiting the vehicle from the passenger side only (right side of the vehicle).

#### Afternoon Pick-Up:

- There will be two pick-up lanes each afternoon in order to prevent a large backup of cars. Please pull completely forward in the pickup lanes until your child is walked out to your car.
- If you wish to get out of your car to wait for your child outside the building, please park your car in the designated visitor parking area only.

***Always use the crosswalk when walking to and from the building.***

## November Happenings!

- **Nov 5:** Box Top Collection Begins
- **Nov 16:** Turkey Trot (during PE/Music class time)
- **Nov 12-16:** Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Week
- **Nov 19-23:** Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov 26-Dec 8:** OEISD Canned Food Drive



## OES Sticker Machine

If you have not already checked it out, stop by the front office to see the new sticker machine available for students to purchase stickers!

There are some great selections...and Odem Owl spirit stickers are coming soon!



## New and familiar faces!

This year Odem Elementary has two Reading Interventionists for the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. They are Mrs. Jena Hunter, and Mrs. Dora J. Sturgeon. Mrs. Hunter has been a part of the OES family as a Second grade teacher, and Mrs. Sturgeon is new to OEISD. They work with small groups within each classroom, developing Reading Readiness skills. Reading Readiness skills include letter identification, oral language and phonological awareness. Letter identification works on identifying the letters, and letter sounds. Oral language works on identifying and developing daily and functional language, using themes such as community helpers. Phonological awareness works on connecting sounds, such as rhyming and developing the spoken language. The Reading Interventionists provide support for the teachers by using multisensory activities that will develop proficiency skills in each of these areas.

## Take-Home Technology

- Pre-K and Kindergarten students will have access to technology outside of the classroom!
- Additional information to come!

***Be on the lookout for the next parent informational meeting in January!***

