

News from the Principal



Calendar of Events

Oct. 23rd to 26th—Red Ribbon Week dress up and activities.

Oct. 26th Progress Reports go home today

Oct. 27th—No School (Teacher Planning Day)

Oct. 31st Happy Halloween! Students may wear their costumes.

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.

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 23 "Red"-y to be Drug & Bully Free!

October 24 Kick out Drugs & Bullying! Wear Boots

October 25 Lei Out Drugs & Bullying! Wear Hawaiian

October 26 Team up against Drugs & Bullying! Wear Blue & Gold



2017-2018 OIS Student Council Representatives



3rd Grade

Mrs. Boehme's Class---Michelle Rogers

Mrs. Decker's Class---Alyssa Ayala

Mrs. Sorrels' Class---Von Barrera

Mrs. Walker's Class---Jordan Alaniz

4th Grade

Mrs. Clenney's Class---Jasmine Martinez

Mrs. Hinojosa---Jeriah Cisneros

Mrs. Moreno's Class---Brian Delgado

Mrs. Ortiz Class---Carma Vincent

5th Grade

Mrs. Cantu's Class---Zoe Garcia

Ms. Earley's Class---Illianna Martinez

Ms. McDowell's Class---Jessica Mendez

Mrs. Orta's Class---Jaiden Smith

Sponsor: Mrs. Kelli Walker, 3rd grade teacher

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 a 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:

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:



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Birthday Treats

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

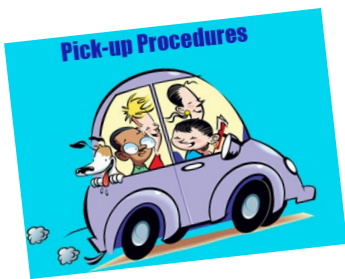
October 5: Kindness Challenge Kicks Off - wear orange

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

October 19: Unity 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.

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



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, students 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

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- 2nd six-weeks: Ice Cream Social.
- 3rd six weeks: Carnival Activities
- 4th six weeks: PJ movie & popcorn party
- 5th six weeks: Game Truck
- 6th six weeks: Odem Pool Party

In addition, students that have met their goal each six-weeks will be rewarded with and end of the year field trip.

Owl Ambassadors



Our Owl Ambassadors help out every morning beginning at 7:30. a.m. They greet students, staff & parents to Odem Intermediate School. Also, they are here to help out in any way needed. These students are selected by their teachers and exemplify true leadership. The Owl Ambassadors are the following students:

- 3rd grade: Ryan Salinas
- 4th grade: Mason Castillo
- 5th grade: Angel Martinez

Students serve as Owl Ambassadors for 1 week at a time.

When is the Last School Day for Students?

Students that meet the following criteria will not be required to attend the final 9 days of school from May 21-June 1, 2018. The last day of class for students will be on Friday, May 18th if the student meets the following requirements:

- 90% attendance rate for the school year (no more than 17 absences),
- Have a 70 or higher yearly average in reading/language arts for the school year,
- Have a 70 or higher yearly average in math for the school year, AND
- Pass all STAAR assessments (if applicable)

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From Melissa Vela UIL District Coordinator

 Hello, my name is Melissa Vela and I am the UIL coordinator for the district. I look forward to working with all campuses, and having a successful year in all aspects of UIL competition from academics to athletics.

As the end of the six weeks is winding down, it is imperative that students stay on top of their grades. In order to participate in any UIL extra-curricular activities, including athletics, band, cheerleading and academic competitions, students must be considered "eligible" to participate. In most cases, this means that students must maintain an average of 70 or above on their six weeks grading report.

If a student does not meet these passing standards, they will become "ineligible" to participate in extra-curricular activities for a specified period of time. With that being said, students can still practice with their team before or after school, but they will not be permitted to travel with the team or participate in any competitions. Students will have an opportunity to regain eligibility at the three week progress report period, but the student must be passing all of their classes, not just the class the student failed previously. If the student does not regain eligibility at this time, the student will have the opportunity to regain eligibility again at the end of the next six weeks grading period.

From Debbie Serrano



All 4 campus libraries are open and bustling with patrons! The librarians have worked at making a comfortable and welcoming environment for our OEISD students. Our staff includes

- ◆ Becky Rackley-Odem Elementary
- ◆ Debbie Serrano- Odem Intermediate
- ◆ Claudina Perez-Odem Jr High
- ◆ Felicia Lopez-Odem High School

Accelerated Reading will start on Monday, October 9 for elementary, intermediate and junior high campuses. The librarians and teachers are working together to help students achieve their reading goals every 6 weeks. Incentives are planned after each 6 weeks to reward students who have met or surpassed their goals. There are also end of the year field trips planned for students who meet their goals each 6 weeks all year.

The high school library is utilized daily by students who need to research, use technology, or quiet place to work or study. College level classes are also held in the library. Mrs. Lopez has technology devices for use for students to research or finish projects in the library.

We have begun a fundraiser to help with costs for incentives and field trips. Each library will have brag tags for



Spirit Brag Tags



for

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From
Joey Avila
Technology Dept.



It was a busy summer here at Odem ISD and we are excited to have you back. The technology here was upgraded during this summer and we now have an updated network infrastructure that can handle all of our district network and wireless needs. We have added devices and interactive projectors to the classroom, cameras and access control to the new campuses, and much more. Thanks for your support and we will continue moving forward with tech here at OEISD.

From
Debbie Serrano



The first chess club meeting will be Tuesday, October 17. Students in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the club. Meetings will be held after school in the intermediate library every Tuesday. Depending on the number of attendees, the students may be split by grade level and meet every other week. This will be determined at a later date. All interested students are invited to attend the first meeting on October 17.

This year our younger students will get the opportunity to learn and play against jh and hs players. Students will also be attending tournaments to represent OEISD.

From
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The staff of the Odem-Edroy School Lunch Program would like to welcome you back to another great school year. Our mission is to provide healthy and nutritious foods. Our staff is committed to serving fresh foods prepared daily in our central kitchen as well as positive customer service opportunities through out our cafeteria serving area.

Due to USDA Regulations, we were required to increase our meals prices for the upcoming school year in response to a provision called lunch price equity. Lunch price equity is a process in which the USDA requires a school lunch program align its paid lunch prices to more accurately reflect the reimbursement money paid by the USDA for free meals.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications: Odem -Edroy schools participate in School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Free and Reduced meals

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From
Dr. Veronica Gutierrez
Curriculum Dept.

Greetings!

For your intermediate age students, some ways to improve their mathematics ability is to play card or board games with them at home. Most of the games that will impact their mathematics ability are games we played as kids. Games like dominoes, UNO, Yahtzee, Bingo, and Monopoly. Other games that help them improve their problem solving skills are games like Connect Four, Battleship, checkers, and chess. Take advantage of real-world situations where students have to compare things like height, length, cost, weight, and temperature, especially using fractions and decimals. There are also simple strategies like counting steps as you walk together but count in 2s, 5s, and 10s. You can also give your child coins to practice counting money. All of these skills are necessary in order to strengthen your child's math ability. Math requires practice in order to master it.

In addition, we highly encourage all our students to log on to Think Through Math once a night for at least thirty minutes. All students have been assigned lessons that will reinforce the concepts that will be tested the most on the STAAR exam. Your child has been assigned lessons that address any achievement gaps that were determined through a screener administered a few weeks ago. This program is web-based and

From
**Esmeralda
Martinez**



As the district's 504 coordinator, I would like to take the opportunity to share some information regarding the Section 504 Program. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, is a federal civil rights statute which protects the rights of persons with disabilities. Section 504 prohibits discrimination against students with disabilities and allows them to participate freely in both public elementary and secondary education.

The 504 Plan is a plan developed to ensure that a child who has a disability identified under the law and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and access to the learning environment. Included in the U.S. Department of Education regulation for Section 504 is the requirement that disabled students be provided with Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). These regulations require identification, evaluation, the provision of appropriate services, and procedural safeguards. An eligible student is a student who is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity such as learning. Major life activities include walking, seeing, hearing, speaking,

From
Lisa Perez
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Message From the School Nurse:

Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. "Every flu season is different, and we don't know ahead of time when we're going to start to see flu circulation," reports CDC. You should get a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in our community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against flu, so make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial and vaccination should continue to be offered throughout the flu season, even into January or later.

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From Yolanda Alvaro, Director Special Ed./Dyslexia

Special education is specially designed instruction, support, and services provided to students with an identified disability requiring an individually designed instructional program to meet their unique learning needs. The purpose of special education is to enable students to successfully develop to their fullest potential by providing a free appropriate public education in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Parents who have children in Special Education play an important role in their child's education. It is imperative that we work together as partners to develop an appropriate IEP for your child. Odem Edroy ISD offers services to meet the needs of each student in the least restrictive environment ensuring access to the general education curriculum. We believe in inclusive education to the maximum extent appropriate. Years of research has consistently demonstrated that the inclusion of students with disabilities in general education classrooms results in favorable outcomes.

At OEISD we have great staff that is equipped to ensure that every child, regardless of needs and abilities is empowered to achieve to his or her potential. The goal of our program is to assist students in developing into self-sufficient young adults. We have high expectations for all of our students regardless of their disability. Our staff works diligently to increase student engagement and decrease time off task as students take more ownership of their work. We realize that in Special Education there may be acronyms or terms used that you may be unfamiliar with, for this reason we encourage you to ask questions during your meeting as well as contact us if needed. We look forward to working as partners with you to ensure your child is receiving the best education to the maximum extent appropriate. Feel free to contact our department should you have any questions.

Dyslexia is one of the most common learning disabilities affecting Texas. This lifelong disorder can be detrimental to a child's education or an adult's professional development by inhibiting interpretation of spoken and written language.

From Dr. Lidamar Yruegas ELAR CS



Next six weeks our 3rd-5th grade students will begin the Book It Program. Your child will set a monthly reading goal in his or her Reading Class and if his or her goal is met, he or she will receive a Reading Award Certificate. This certificate can be redeemed for a free one-topping Personal Pan Pizza from Pizza Hut. Please encourage your child to strive to meet this monthly goal and together we can foster a love for reading!

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From Sonia Gamez SCI CS

Science is all around us. Children have a natural curiosity about the world around them. From observing and finding patterns in nature to helping with meal preparation, families are encouraged to help foster critical thinking skills at home that will greatly promote scientific thinking.

Elementary and Intermediate Age:

Encourage children to use sensory observation skills to introduce a wide range of materials and natural phenomena.

Encourage children to question how and why things work the manner in which they do. Ask questions such as "What would happen if...?"

Visit museums, zoos, and natural parks to integrate new surroundings.

Lead discussions on current weather events or let children assist with problem solving to troubleshoot household problems.

Secondary Age:

Explore science during family vacations; such as hiking trips or beach vacations.

Explore measurement and chemical reactions through cooking and baking.

Visit museums, planetariums, zoos, and galleries.

Watch the news for medical breakthroughs and scientific explorations.

Investigate careers in science.

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From
Traci Pogue



One of the main strategies to help our ELL learners is through parent involvement. Odem-Edroy ISD would like to offer two-way communication and parental guidance to help increase positive relationships between the home and school.

1. We want to encourage ELL parents to volunteer in the classroom as well as at school events to have them promote information about the home language and continue to support home language literacy.
2. We want to provide resources in many different languages so that you are showing that you value all languages and the maintenance of them.
3. We want to create opportunities for parents to engage in sharing their home cultures and their own expertise because this will foster a positive attitude to ELL children about their first language and learning experiences.



From
Jana
Kieschnick

Hello, Parents! I am excited to be serving this year as the district GT coordinator. I believe that parents are partners when it comes to meeting the needs of gifted learners. Parents and teachers can work together to ensure children are not only challenged, but also valued for their unique abilities.

Students that qualify for the Gifted & Talented program will receive the following services at Odem-Edroy ISD:

- Elementary/Intermediate:
GT pullout program daily for 30 minutes
- Jr. High: GT pullout program weekly
- High School: Pre-AP/AP programs

The elementary and intermediate campuses provide differentiated instruction through grouping, advanced learning opportunities, and after school programs (UIL & the chess club). The junior high and high school provide enrichment classes including pre-

From Lisa Flores
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Career and Technical Education or CTE: The purpose of CTE is to prepare high school students with the technical skills needed for postsecondary education and careers of their choosing. Your child has probably been asked what do they want to be when they grow up. Parents can help support their child's interests early on by speaking positively about their child's dreams and goals and by attending educational events on campus. Students typically take two field trips a year. Ask them about their field trip experience and see if the trip sparked an interest.

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From
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Students at the Odem Intermediate campus have been busy this 1st Six Weeks spending some time celebrating Freedom Week. Students are developing an understanding of the meaning of our founding documents and their importance in our country's history. Emphasis has been put on our main founding documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Third grade students created a flipbook in which students studied the who, why and when of our Declaration of Independence.

From
Armando Huerta
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With school well underway, the Odem athletic department would like to encourage all the young owls in the district to follow and take interest in our athletic programs.

Currently we have football, volleyball, and cross country in season. JH volleyball has games on Mondays while JH football has games on Thursdays. JH volleyball remaining home games are on Oct. 16 and 23. JH football remaining home games are on Oct. 12, Oct. 26, and Nov. 2. HS volleyball has its four remaining games on the road, but should begin the playoffs soon. HS football has two remaining home games. Friday Oct. 20 is Little Owl Night and all young football players and cheer leaders are encouraged to attend the game to spend some time on the field. Last home game will Friday Nov. 10. The cross country regular season will be over this week as the district meets take place on Wed/Thur.

Again we encourage all little owls and their families to take inter-



From
Clarissa Moreno
**Parent Involvement
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News

Great jobs parents, we have had a successful first six weeks. OEISD staff would like to thank you for sending your child to school on time and ensuring they are prepared for class. Lets keep up the great work!

Updates

Activities to attend

Elementary

- Fundraiser Kick OFF 10/12
- Living Tree--Coming Soon
- Literacy Night 11/7

Intermediate

- Fundraiser Kick OFF 10/10
- Living Tree--Coming Soon
- Literacy Night 11/7
- Dodgeball Tournament 11/17

Junior High

- Living Tree--Coming Soon

High School

- Living Tree--Coming Soon

Resources

The link below includes articles about
Tips for Your Child's Success in

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From Yvette Maldonado
Custodial Dept.



Why a Clean School Can Impact Student Success With nearly 22 million school days lost annually to the common cold, preventing the spread of germs depends heavily on maintaining a clean school. There are many hotspots for bacteria in a school environment, and, adding to the challenge, cold and flu viruses can live on surfaces anywhere from a few seconds to 48 hours, making these areas highly dangerous when not routinely disinfected.

We all know having a clean school promotes a healthy environment, but a clean school can also lead to student success.

Keeping our four campuses highly cleaned and sanitized is our number one *GOAL* as a *TEAM*.

We know clean schools lead to increased student attendance because students are healthy and well.

Remind your children to always flush and to always wash their hands.

From Arnold Maintenance Dept.



The 1st Six Weeks for the 2017-2018 school year has ended. It was a very busy and productive six weeks for the maintenance department.

We are working hard on repairing and continuing to maintain our A/C units, grounds, football field and any maintenance problem that arises.

We ask for your assistance in observing the district's cross walks by stopping in these areas. We also ask that you observe the "SLOW" signs painted/displayed throughout the district. Slow and Safe driving around Owl Square ensures the safety of all our students/faculty and staff.

If you see a light out around the campuses, please e-mail us at villgasf@oeisd.org so we can tend to those safety/security notices as soon as possible.

During Football games here at Owl Stadium, we ask that you please help us keep it clean by throwing your trash after every game. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

From Roel Arguelles
Transportation Dept.



The Transportation department has rolled through the 1st Six Weeks for the 2017-2018 school year.

Thank you parents for your patience and understanding as we worked hard on getting all our riders on their route buses.

Before every route or extra curricular activity we run our daily inspections on all the buses to make sure they are safe to run.

We are currently having some issues with A/C units in some of our buses, rest assure that we are in the process of getting all this issues repaired.

For the safety of our students we are asking all parents and the Odem Community to please observe this very important traffic rule.

When a school bus has the stop sign out and the red lights flashing, on a two-lane, undivided roads, drivers are required to stop in both directions.