



# ODEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## *Where the Future Begins!*

### Principal's Corner

*Mrs. Esmeralda Martinez*



*Hello Odem Elementary Families!*

*We are off to a great 2018-19 school year! Teachers are busy establishing relationships and building communities in their classrooms. It is exciting to see such wonderful growth in students since the first day of school! Our classrooms and hallways are filling up with magnificent student products. We will continue our focus on positive relationships, growth, instruction, and student learning throughout the school year.*

### NATIONAL RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon Campaign has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. This campaign reinforces the commitment to raise awareness and educate youth through drug prevention activities.

#### Red Ribbon Spirit Week

Monday, Oct 29:  
Tuesday, Oct 30:  
Wednesday, Oct 31:  
Thursday, Nov 1:

*"Put a Cap on Drugs!"*  
*"Sock it to Drugs!"*  
*"Scare Away Drugs!"*  
*"Shade Out Drugs!"*

Wear your favorite cap.  
Wear crazy socks.  
Wear your Halloween costume.  
Wear sunglasses.



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.***

## Mr. Kippy Visits OES!

Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten are treated each Wednesday afternoon with a visit from Mr. Kippy. During his visits, Mr. Kippy captures students' attention with his vibrant storytelling antics as he reads aloud to them.



## 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!



## OESD Change for Leap

Odem-Edroy I.S.D. will be participating in Change for Leap! Each grade level will be collecting dollars and change beginning October 3rd through October 17th. All proceeds will be donated to the Live n Leap Foundation.

The Odem Elementary class that collects the highest donation amount will be rewarded with popcorn and a movie!

Please visit [www.livenleap.org](http://www.livenleap.org) for more information about this worthy cause!

## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program at Odem Elementary!

The Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program is a partnership that introduces school children to a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have the opportunity to sample. Students at Odem Elementary are provided with selected fruits and vegetables on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Classroom teachers contribute to the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program by incorporating the nutritional education component based on the fruit or vegetable students are sampling. Some of the exciting fruits and vegetables offered for the month of October include grapples, grape tomatoes, honeydew, and mango.

