



ODEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Where the Future Begins!

3rd Six Weeks

Principal's Corner: *Mrs. Esmeralda Martinez*

Hello Odem Elementary Families!

Our students have had a successful semester of learning in 2018! We are continuing to emphasize student growth and reaching reading goals during the new semester. We hope everyone had a restful winter break and are excited for a strong finish to the second semester!



Book Fair - Clifford Visits OES Students!

The Scholastic Book Fair was held on the campus of OES on Monday, December 3rd through Friday, December 7th. Students at all grade levels enjoyed browsing books and gift selections throughout the week. To conclude another successful book fair event, OES students had a special visit from Clifford, the Big Red Dog distributed free books to students at OES during his visit.

Many thanks to staff and parents for helping make the book fair a success for our students.



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).*

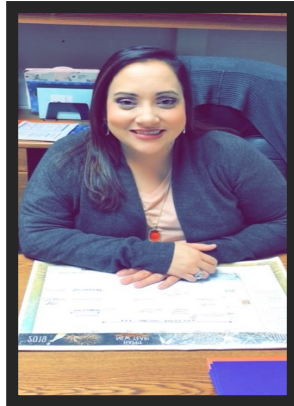
Afternoon Pick-Up:

- 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.



We would like to welcome Dr. Lidamar Yruegas to our OES team! She will take over as Assistant Principal for the OES & OIS campuses. We are excited to have Dr. Yruegas on our campus. Please stop by to welcome her!

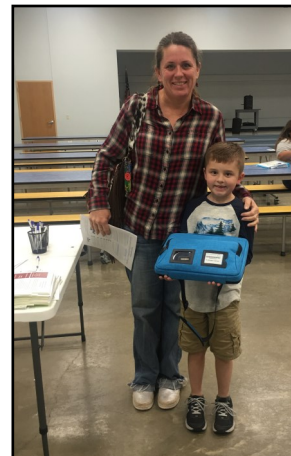


OES Sticker Machine

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!

Tech Lending Program

OEISD is excited to offer a technology lending opportunity for families in the community! On Thursday, December 6th, parents of eligible students in grades 2-7 were invited to attend a parent informational meeting that explained the purpose of the grant. In addition, parents were able to check out their tech lending devices and get a quick overview on device set-up. Staff also introduced parents to online programs and resources that promote student learning at home. We are excited to see the benefits of additional access to secure technology at home!



Odem Edroy ISD is now accepting referrals for students who may need Gifted/Talented services for the school year. This program is designed for students who exhibit intellectual and creative thinking abilities at an extraordinary level not normally served in the regular classroom. Services are provided only upon identification of educational needs of the student. Anyone wishing to refer a student attending Odem-Edroy ISD in kindergarten through 12th grade this school year can go to the OEISD website and print a form or go by the student's campus office and request a copy of the referral form. This form must be returned to the school counselor by January 18, 2019. Those unable to go by the school should call 361-368-8121 ext. 268 and request that a form be sent to them.

Special Points of Interest

Jan. 9 to 25– TPRI Testing for grades K to 2nd

January 18– G/T Referrals due

January 21– No school/ Martin King Luther Jr. Day

January 30– Progress Reports

February 18– No school/ Staff Development

February 22– Report Cards

February 28– OES/OIS Math & Science Night @ 6:00 pm in cafetorium

With respect to all students and staff on our campus, we will no longer be accepting Valentine's Day deliveries. In the best interest of all our students, the factors determining this decision are listed below:

- Educational description for both teaching and learning
- Not all student receive deliveries and this presents multiple problems
- Safety issues on our busses with oversized objects, balloons, etc.

Thank you very much for your understanding, support and cooperation.



if you want a child's mind to grow...

you must first plant a seed.

School Board Appreciation Month

Odem Elementary appreciates our school board members! Thank you for planting the seeds of success!



Please donate your Box Tops to raise funds for our school library. The class that collects the most Box Tops will win a pizza party. The deadline to submit Box Tops is February 2, 2019.

When is the last day of school for students?

Students that meet the following criteria will be required to attend the final seven days of school from May 22-31, 2019. The day of class for student will be on Tuesday May 21st 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
- Kindergarten TPRI– Developed on Screener and Letter Names & Sounds