

ODEM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

HELLO!

April 12, 2019

Hello, Odem-Edroy I.S.D. families!

We are quickly approaching the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Our 4th -5th graders just finished up the first round of STAAR testing, and I was extremely pleased with the tremendous effort students put into the test. Fifth grade students that did not master the math and reading STAAR test will retest on May 13th & 14th. As a reward for working hard, all 3rd-5th grade students will be attending a field trip to Aransas Pass Aquatic Center in May.

STAAR Test Dates are:

May 13th - 3rd & 4th Grade STAAR Math

May 14th - 3rd & 4th Grade STAAR Reading

May 15th - 5th Grade STAAR Science

Please do not make any appointments for your child on the scheduled STAAR dates. You can help your child be successful by making sure that he/she gets a good night's sleep, eats breakfast, and arrives on time to school every day.

I would like to recognize our fantastic staff for their endless hours of support to our students. May 6th-10th, we will celebrate our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. It is important that we take time to recognize their hard work and dedication. Please take time to thank a teacher this week.

The encouragement of our community is essential for the success of our school and is greatly appreciated. It has been a successful school year, and we have seen our students grow in so many areas. Thank you all!

Yours in Education,
Jana Kieschnick
OIS Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26th - 4th grade field trip to Goliad

May 1st - Progress reports

May 13th- Math STAAR test for 3rd & 4th grade students/ Math Re-test for 5th grade

May 14th - Reading STAAR test for 3rd & 4th grade students/Reading Re-test for 5th grade

May 15th - Science STAAR test for 5th grade students

May 16th - OIS Award Ceremony @ 2:30 in the cafetorium

May 17th - Field Day

May 21st - Last day of school for students that have met the requirements

May 23rd - 3rd & 4th grade field trip to Aransas Pass Aquatic Center

May 24th - 5th grade field trip to Aransas Pass Aquatic Center

May 27th- Memorial Day holiday

May 31st - Last day of school for extended year students.

OIS SCHOOL DAY

Just a reminder: Our school day is from 8:00-3:45 p.m.

Students that arrive late or leave early miss out on important instruction and fall behind.

When is the Last School Day for Students?

Students that meet the following criteria will not be required to attend the final 7 days of school from May 22-May 31, 2019. The last day of class for students 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, AND
- Pass all STAAR assessments (if applicable)

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Just a reminder that changes in transportation must be made by 2:30 p.m. This allows ample time for the school to receive the notes and give it to our transportation department.

TOP 10 AR STUDENTS

1. Michael Jolly
2. Jeriah Cisneros
3. Landon Sturgeon
4. Juliet Rodriguez
5. Andrew Alaniz
6. Alma Almendarez

7. John Hinojosa
8. Angelica Pesina
9. Tim Rogers
10. Leigha Naranjo





ACCELERATED READING PARTY AT THE PARK

Over 100 students attended the AR party!















Happy Easter!



K-5 MUSIC Newsletter

What a year! Music classes for Odem Elementary & Intermediate campuses have been very productive and enjoyable. Every student has made great progress developing their singing, dancing, instrumental and (esp.) listening skills. Listening and observation are two of the most important skills in music class. This is what helps us learn immensely. Thank you, parents for supporting your child's music education and for allowing me to provide them with an outlet to express their talents.

Recorders

Our 2nd graders have begun learning to play the recorder! Although they are currently using classroom recorders, they will be given the opportunity to purchase their own at the start of their 3rd grade year. Please do not buy outside the school, since I will be placing an order with a reputable music company that has better quality instruments. Thank you for your support!



Performances

Throughout the year, each grade level has had their own music program, with singing movement, fun facts and (for some) instruments.

We still have two more yet!

Our **kinder** students will be performing on **Thursday, April 11th** at 6pm in the elementary cafeteria.

Finishing out our performances for the year will be our **5th graders** on **Thursday, May 9th** at 6pm in the OJH Cafetorium.

As per usual, a handout/permission slip will be sent out on Monday or Tuesday the week before their program. Please be on the lookout.

General Music Notes

In addition to our performances, the students are learning so much more in the classroom. This year, our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders have experienced folk dancing, learned about composers, and have also begun to read basic rhythms and understand note values. Our little ones in Kinder and 1st grade love to sing, play instruments and have been doing a wonderful job learning how to listen and move appropriately with the class to music.

It has been a pleasure teaching your children this year in OEISD. Thank you for making me feel welcome in my first year and for all the wonderful complements toward the music program.

Maggie Gonzales
K-5 Music

Coach Orta's Physical Education Newsletter! Odem Intermediate

APRIL 2019

WHAT WE DID: MARCH

March was filled with working on parts of the Fitnessgram, Four Square, and Circuit Stations.

The students learned about the rules of Four Square and the importance of fitness during their Circuit Stations.

During the week of the Circuit Stations, everybody worked hard and got their bodies moving!

Each station required the students to work on different areas of the body. They worked on upper and lower body strength as well as their core. They also learned about the muscles they used during each exercise!



WHAT'S NEXT: APRIL & MAY

1. Cardio
2. Non-Traditional Sports
3. Learning Events for Field Day

During the first few weeks the students will be working on cardio to get fit for Field Day.

They will also be working on participating in Non-Traditional Sports. These activities will include the students making up their own games during PE (within the rules and guidelines of the classroom) and participating in games that include different elements from different sports in one!

The second half of the six weeks will be focused on getting the students ready for Field Day!



Important Dates

FIELD DAY: This day of celebration for your child will be one you don't want to miss. It takes a village and many volunteers to make this day happen. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 17th, to help with this event.

Event will start at 8:45 and end at 2:45!

Hope to see you there!

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Fun Facts About Exercising: Carleton Athletics



1. Music improves workout performance
2. Exercising improves brain performance
3. Working out sharpens your memory
4. More muscle mass = burning more fat while resting
5. Exercise prevents signs of aging
6. A pound of muscle burns 3 times more calories than a pound of fat
7. Exercise helps with getting sick less often
8. Workouts can improve the look of your skin
9. Exercising boosts self-confidence
10. Working out helps you sleep better.