

Osan American Elementary School

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"Mighty Mustangs"

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Principal's Comments

"Listen to the children first....learn about them, learn from them."
--Mister Rogers

We have had a great month here at OAES. The PTO Fall Festival was a huge success. Families had a great time. Thanks PTO for all you do!

Mission Statement:

The mission of Osan American Elementary School is to provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

School Improvement Goals

Goal 1: By June 2012, all students will increase performance on targeted reading comprehension skills using instructional interventions implemented in all curricular areas as measured by the TerraNova 3 Reading and Science sub-tests as well as other system-wide and school based assessments.

Goal 2: By June 2012, all students will increase performance on targeted vocabulary skills using instructional interventions implemented in all curricular areas as measure by the TerraNova 3 Social Studies sub-test as well as other system-wide and school – based assessments.

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The Storybook Parade, on 29 October, was an exciting event for all of the students. The fall weather was beautiful and made for a picture perfect day of fun. It was nice to see so many parents and community members present. Thank you to all who made this day such a great event for our students.

During the month of October, OAES participated in Fire Prevention Week. We were visited by the Osan Fire Department and met "Sparky the Fire Dog". We also had KAYA (Korean American Youth Alliance) along with 40 Korean students visit our school. It was a great opportunity to have the KAYA present a Korean Dance and Drum group. We also participated in "Red Ribbon Week". The students took the pledge to be drug free. The classes made posters and hung them in the cafeteria. We want to thank all that participated in this event and took the pledge to be "Drug Free". During the month of November, we will celebrate the heritage and culture of the Native Americans. November also celebrates Military Family Month.

Parent conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 10th and Friday, November 12th. The teachers have collaborated to create a parent friendly schedule that accommodates the scheduling of all siblings back to back. The conferences will be held in each child's homeroom classroom. Report cards will be presented to the parents at this conference. Please contact your child's teacher, if there is a need to change the conference time.

The Thanksgiving season is a time to reflect on our freedom and the sacrifices made by so many of our military and civilian members. Think about all of the blessings that are afforded to us because of their dedication to the cause of freedom. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Principal of OAES. Your children create a unique and invaluable opportunity each day for us to see the world through their eyes.

The weather is turning colder. Please remind your child to wear warm clothing and jackets to school, as these weather changes occur. It is a good idea to wear layers such as sweatshirts over t-shirts that can be removed as the day warms.

Please remember that the Base Commander makes the decision for any school delays/closures due to inclement weather conditions. Please tune in to AFN cable TV (not the satellite station), AFN radio, and/or Commander's Channel (on base) to find out if school is delayed/closed due to inclement weather conditions. We also will post this information on the Osan School Complex Emergency Information Facebook page.

Thank you,

David L. Petree
Principal

PTO News

By A. Montgomery

Send in your Box Tops, Tyson Labels and Campbell's labels. The classroom with the most labels turned in earns a party. Start collecting today. Thank you for your help and participation in this program!

NURSE'S CORNER

By K. Chapman R.N.



Attention Parents!

School-wide health screenings for all students will be held in November and December. The screenings will include vision (remind your children to bring their glasses if they use them) and hearing for Kindergarten through Fourth Grades. In addition to the vision and hearing screenings, Fifth grade will also have blood pressure and scoliosis checks. A note will be sent home to remind the Fifth grade girls to wear either a bathing suit top or a bra under their clothing prior to screening date. Any student who can't complete the vision or hearing screening will be rechecked approximately two weeks after the initial screening. If they need to be seen for further evaluation, I will send home a referral with your child. If you have any questions, please call me at 784-4809.

COUNSELOR CHRONICLES

By J. Burk

MOTIVATING YOUR STUDENT 12 WAYS PARENTS CAN FACILITATE THEIR LEARNER'S MOTIVATION

1. Encourage by EXPECTING your child to be competent and responsible.
2. Provide enthusiastic REWARDS for effort and improvement.
3. Provide SUPPORT and SECURITY for any setbacks and fears.
4. Continually APPRECIATE SMALL STEPS of accomplishment.
5. EXPECT CHILDREN TO MAKE MANY TRIALS at certain behavior.
6. APPLAUD SUCCESSES, regardless of whether they are large or small.
7. LISTEN to your child's feelings as well as his or her message.
8. PROVIDE AS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AS POSSIBLE for your child to develop and refine his or her skills.
9. Help your child VALUE HIS OR HER SUCCESSES by sharing your happiness for the success.
10. Have a TIME SET ASIDE or ritual to allow for skill practice.
11. Provide your child with SECURITY BY SETTING AND MAINTAINING LIMITS.

12. ENJOY BEING WITH YOUR CHILD, providing love, support, guidance, instruction, and by modeling the values and behaviors important to you and your family.

High parent and teacher expectations coupled with providing feedback and acknowledgement produces increased student motivation toward learning. Positive orientation toward school learning is a result of persistence, high level of aspiration, a positive self-concept, and positive feelings about past performance at school. Good parenting is not the easiest job but surely the most rewarding.

CSI - Continuous School Improvement

By C. Badidis (CSI Chairperson)

As a faculty we have decided to use a graphic organizer called a "T Chart" to help improve reading comprehension across the curriculum and across all grade levels. This will be our intervention strategy now for Goal 1: All students will improve their reading skills across the curriculum. [short version]

The T Chart is a way of organizing information that has or will be read. It has a lot of possible variations that can easily and effectively be adapted by content area and grade level. You'll notice them displayed around our school as well as in your child's work. Take some time to discuss them with your students.

Class Tidbits

By Ms. Kane (2nd grade teacher)

With Elections right around the corner and in line with 2nd grade standards, our class is holding a mock election on 2 November. Our class has been participating in many "pre-election" activities to help us prepare for the election. We are excited to see who wins! Good luck to all of the candidates.

The Librarian's Corner

By: S. Richardson (Media Center Specialist)

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