

Osan American Elementary School

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Issue 2



Home of the
"Mighty Mustangs"

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784-6912

Superintendent: Dr. Irby Miller
738-6826

Principal's Comments

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."
--Chinese Proverb--

I want to thank the community for its support. Many volunteers have enhanced our school programs. We are off to a great start for this school year.

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.

After-school activities will begin on **October 18**. These activities are held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from 1435 until 1600. Bus transportation **will not** be provided for students who live off-base. Students have the option of signing up for activities related to their grade levels and may sign up for more than one activity if space permits. Students interested in a particular club need to contact the sponsor and have the permission slip signed and returned prior to the starting date of the activity. No one is permitted to participate without the signed permission slip. The after-school activities are not held during the weeks of base exercises. Prior notification of any cancellation of the activity is provided to students and parents by the club sponsor. In case of illness of the sponsor, students are notified at school and permitted to call their parents to let them know of the cancellation.

The annual OAES Fall Festival Parade will be held at 1300 on Friday, October 29. The parade will be held on the entry road to the school. Vehicle traffic to/from the school will be restricted during this event. In case of rain, this event will be held in the gym and cafeteria areas. Students, siblings, parents and OAES staff are invited to dress in costume. Each grade level will be lined up and seated along each side of the roadway. This provides everyone an opportunity to see the characters from each classroom. Classes may elect to depict a theme or to just simply wear their Halloween costumes. In the interest of the young children and the school rules; items that represent weapons, blood, gore or inappropriate items will **not** be allowed in the parade. This has always been a fun-filled afternoon for our students, parents, staff and community members. Look for upcoming information about this event.

OAES is in need of parents and community members to be on our Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Committees. These committees meet once a month to discuss and make recommendations on curriculum, technology, and school/home partnership. The (CSI) Committees meet every 3rd Wednesday from 2:40 to 3:40. The CSI Leadership Team meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2:40 to 3:40. Please contact us if you are interested in being part of our Continuous School Improvement.

OAES is pleased to welcome back the Military & Family Life Consultant (MFLC) to OAES. Ms. Winn has many great programs to help with life and living overseas. If you would like your child or family to meet with her, her phone number is 010-3040-1863. Please sign and return the accompanying permission form if you would like to meet with the MFLC.

OAES wants to welcome our new students!

Thank you,

David L. Petree
Principal

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"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is wasted." –Aesop—

Child Find

EDIS in conjunction with OAES will have a Child Find Screening at the CDC October 28, 2010 from 0830-1100am. Parents who wish to have their children, ages 3-5, screened for Developmental Delays can sign a permission form at the CDC.

Contact: Ginny Bartush
PSCD Teacher/OAES
784-6912 x 225

CSI - Continuous School Improvement

By C. Badidis

As part of DoDEA's Community Strategic Plan, each school in DoDDS develops and implements a school improvement plan. We want everyone in our OAES community to be familiar with our CSI plan and efforts to make our school the best it can be. Look on our website for more detailed information about the CSI. Talk with your children about what they're doing to improve their reading comprehension (Goal 1) and knowledge of vocabulary (Goal 2). The basics of our CSI include the following components:

- Mission Statement – the same for ALL schools in DoDEA: *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.*
- Vision Statement - *The OAES community promotes high academic achievement through standards-based education to inspire and prepare students for success in a collaborative, dynamic, and multicultural society.*
 - *Students will be proficient readers, competent mathematicians, scientific thinkers, and skillful users of technology.*
 - *Students will experience multiple opportunities to develop skills in leadership, communication, collaboration, and responsible citizenship.*
 - *We are committed to developing well-rounded citizens who honor and respect cultural diversity throughout the world.*
 - *Students will receive a balanced education which includes the practical and fine arts.*
 - *Our students will have a safe learning environment which fosters scholastic success.*
- Goals for increased performance based on test data. See the web page for more details. We will go into more detail in future newsletters.

Important Dates:

October:

06 Oct.-Mid-quarter Progress reports sent home
8 Oct.-Early Dismissal (1130) Teacher Inservice
11 Oct.-Columbus Day Holiday
12-13 Oct.-School Pictures
29 Oct.-Fall Festival Parade (1300)

Looking Ahead

November:

4 Nov.-End of 1st Quarter
5 Nov.-No School
Teacher Workday
8 Nov.-2nd Quarter begins
10 and 12 Nov.-Parent-Teacher Conferences
11 Nov. Veteran's Day Holiday
15 Nov.-4th and 5th Grade Award Assemblies
25 and 26 Nov.- Thanksgiving Holiday

Lunch Price: \$2.05

Milk: \$0.60

Additional Items: \$0.75

****Safety Alert****

Please use the sidewalks and crosswalks to be safe and to set a good example for the children.

Please remember to sign in at the main office before proceeding to the classrooms.

Please look at our vision statement and let us know how you think we're doing. We encourage parents to be a part of our CSI process by talking with your children about their progress and performance; attending CSI meetings. If you are interested in being on one of our committees please contact me at the school.



NURSE'S CORNER

by K. Chapman

It's that time of year when school has started and things are settling down. Now would be a good time to ensure your child's health records are in proper order. If problems have been noted, you should receive a letter indicating what actions need to be taken on your child's behalf. In addition, many students' have medical conditions that require the use of an inhaler, an Epi Pen, or other prescribed medications that must be taken on a scheduled basis. It is imperative to the health of your child that these items be brought into the nurse's office ASAP. Please update all contact information in the main office to ensure that you can be reached should an emergency arise that requires your presence. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns at 784-4809.

SICK CHILD POLICY

If your child has been diagnosed with ANY communicable infections, please notify the school nurse.

- A child with a fever of **100** degrees or above must stay at home. A child who develops a fever of **100** degrees or above during the day will be sent home.
- A child who has vomited within the last 24 hours must stay at home. A child who becomes sick and vomits during the day will be sent home.
- A child may return to school after they have been free from fever for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Motrin or any other antipyretics.
- A child with uncontrollable diarrhea, (3-4 stools per hour) needs to stay at home.
- A child diagnosed with Strep Throat must have been treated with antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.
- A child diagnosed with bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye) must have medication for 24 hours before returning to school. Children with viral conjunctivitis must have a doctor's release/report before returning to school.
- In order for a child diagnosed with chickenpox to return to school, the lesions must be crusted over, fading and or disappearing 24 hours prior to return to school. The child must be free of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medication.
- A child diagnosed with ringworm must be treated for 24 hours before returning to school and the affected area kept covered until healed.
- A child with impetigo must be free of weeping lesions. The lesions must be covered and medically treated for 24 hours before returning to school.
- A child with head lice must have been treated with a medicated shampoo and be seen by the nurse before returning to school.
- A child must feel well enough to participate in school (well rested and fed).
- A sick child will remain in the Health Room until he or she is picked up by a parent or guardian when he or she has a condition that may be considered contagious and easily passed from child to child. Decision is left up to the discretion of the Nurse.
- Please contact the Health Room at 784-4809.

COUNSELOR CHRONICLES

By J. Burk

Family Activities to Motivate Your Learner

The family is the prime motivator for your learner. It is in the family atmosphere where children learn to be appreciated, to feel secure, to feel a sense of belonging, to feel valued and respected, and to receive encouragement.

The following is a list of activities that have proven successful for motivating learners:

1. When you go shopping, take your child and explain why you buy certain items and not others. (for example, better nutrition, variety, cost etc.)
2. Go through family pictures and have your child create a family tree or a timeline (for example, "At age one I was, at age two I was...etc.)
3. Have a "Do Right" bulletin board where items or messages about good things that have happened or about tasks that have been completed are posted.
4. Have your child make a collage entitled "I'm okay and so is my family."
5. For jobs at home, have your child compute how much they could earn at \$2.00 per hour, for three hours per week, for 52 weeks.
6. Buy toys with *learning* as the objective. These could include science projects, games such as Dominoes and Monopoly, and art supplies.
7. Go on tours of Korea with your family.
8. Read together, both silently and aloud.
9. When you go out to eat, go to different ethnic restaurants which can be discussed.
10. Watch specific or preselected television programs together.
11. Plan vacations together not only deciding where to go but also how to get there and what it will cost.
12. If you have a video camera, develop a set of questions and let your child ask for the information in front of the camera or let them do the filming. The questions can be asked of the child's mother, father, grandparents or siblings. The following are a few questions that might be asked?
 - What is your earliest memory?
 - What do you remember of your school experience?
 - How did you celebrate holidays?
 - What music was popular when you were young?
 - What do you remember of your grandparents?

The most important thing is to have fun and enjoy your time together. The best activities are the ones that work for your family in which everyone gets to participate and enjoy.



"ART SMART" Corner

By Ms. Jennifer Stoy - OAES Art Teacher

**I hope the students enjoyed learning about the famous painter *VINCENT VAN GOGH*.
Van Gogh was born in Holland.**

He struggled throughout his life with depression. Many of his self-portraits depict his moods during his life.

One of the Post- Impressionist painters, Van Gogh enjoyed painting outdoor scenes, flower arrangements and portraits of common people.

His famous "Starry Night "crayon resist pictures and cheerful sunflowers decorate our hallways done by art students.

If you would like more information about this famous painter go to www.enchantedlearning.com . Look under Art & Artists.

PTO News

By A. Montgomery

We will begin collecting Box Tops, Tyson Labels and Campbell's labels September 25th. The classroom with the most labels turned in by October 22nd will win a pizza party. Start collecting today. Thank you for your help and participation in this program!

MEMORANDUM FOR: PARENTS OF ALL OSAN AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

FROM: MR. PETREE AND MR. BURK

SUBJECT: Child and Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Consultant (CYB-MFLC)

1. Due to the unique challenges faced by military families, particularly during this time of war, the Department of Defense is providing professional licensed consulting staff to provide non-medical counseling service to Service members and their families, children, and staff of Osan American Elementary School. This letter is to inform you about the Child and Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life consultant (CYB-MFLC) Program.
2. With the exception of mandatory state, federal, and military reporting requirements (i.e., domestic violence, child abuse, and duty to warn situations) MFLC support is private and confidential to encourage the widest level of participation.
3. The CYB-MFLCs are available to provide non-medical support to faculty, staff, parents, and children for issues amenable to short-term problem resolution such as school adjustment issues, deployment and reunion adjustments, and parent-child communications. In his/her role as consultant, he/she is available to:
 - Observe, participate, and engage in activities with children and youth
 - Outreach to parents
 - Facilitate deployment groups at the school.
 - Conduct trainings for staff and parents.
 - Recommend referrals to military social services and other local resources as needed.
4. Subject areas may include but are not limited to the following:
 - Communication
 - Resolving conflicts
 - Managing anger
 - Bullying
 - Self-esteem/self-confidence
 - Behavioral management techniques
 - Sibling/parental relationships
 - Deployment and reintegration issues

5. The consultant may also work with children in settings such as field trips and other school sponsored activities where he/she is available to talk to the children, facilitate group activities and be involved in such a way as to enhance the children's experiences.
6. The consultant is available to accommodate appointments and meetings/activities after hours and on the weekend with advance notice.
7. Please note the following rule that our consultant must abide by:
 - At no time will the consultant meet individually with a child without being in line of sight of a school employee or their parent/guardian.
8. The school is very excited to offer the Military and Family Life consultant program; a confidential program which is offered at no cost. If you have any questions regarding this new support offering, feel free to call: Mr. Petree (principal) or Mr. Burk (counselor) at 031-661-6912 or you may reach the MFLC directly at 010-3040-1863.

Please complete the permission section below and return to:

Mr. Burk, Counselor
 Osan American Elementary School
 Unit 2037
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I acknowledge that a CYB-MFLC is available and authorize my child, _____
 to receive CYB-MFLC support.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

I acknowledge that a CYB-MFLC is available and **DO NOT** authorize my child, _____
 to receive CYB-MFLC support.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date