

OSAN AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's News



"Home of the Fighting Mustangs"



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

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 measured by the TerraNova 3™ Social Studies sub test as well as other system-wide and school-based assessments.

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It is hard to believe that the school year is half over. I believe it has been a great first half and the second half will be even greater. I want to thank all who have made our school a great place for our students.

We are growing! In the last 3 weeks we have opened 3 new classrooms. Please welcome to our staff Ms. Lisa Stevenson, 3rd grade; Ms. Angela Robinson, 4th grade; and Mr. Peter Johnson, 5th grade.

This brings me to my next topic. The parking spots at the school are for faculty and staff. The safety of your child is of utmost importance to the staff of OAES. Driving through the grounds to drop off your child creates a potentially hazardous situation. You are respectfully requested **not to drive** on the campus. Parents may walk their children from the parking lot to the classroom entrance. The 51st Mission Support Group (MSG) has approved the drop off area at the Mustang Housing in the **mornings only**. The afternoons are too busy. Taxi drivers have been notified of the location.

At OAES, I want to make sure that you and your student(s) have a great learning experience. I am working to make sure that our staff meets your student's needs. If you have concerns, please stop by and see me. I have a Principal's Town Hall Meeting every month; the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, 17 February at 1300. There is also our School Advisor Committee, a forum to bring up concerns, which will meet Thursday, 25 February.

Now is the time to verify your home phone number, duty phone number, cell phone, and the emergency contact with the office if there has been a change since registration. Please contact the office, 784-6912, to verify the phone numbers we have. It is important for us to have these changes to contact you in case of an emergency.

Are you missing glasses, mittens, or jackets, etc? Please come by the office or cafeteria to check "Lost & Found". We have some unclaimed items waiting for you.

I want you to know that as a new student you are a welcomed addition to OAES. If you any questions about our school, please come and see me.

Your Principal,
Mr. David Petree

OAES CALENDAR**Wednesday, 3 February**

Awards Assembly
 5th Grade – 1315
 4th Grade – 1345

Wednesday, 10 February

PTO Meeting
 Business – 1145
 With Dental – 1800

Monday, 15 February

No School
 Presidents' Day

Wednesday, 17 February

Town Hall Meeting @1300

Thursday, 25 February

SAC Meeting at 1500 in
 Room #116

Wednesday, 10 March

Midterm Reports

15 – 19 March

TerraNova Testing

22 – 26 March

TerraNova Make Up Days

Lunch Price: \$2.05

Milk: \$0.60

Additional Items: \$0.75

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

**COUNSELOR'S CHRONICLES**

By Mr. B, OAES School Counselor

A sense of belonging is equally as important as a positive sense of self-worth. A child feels a sense of belonging when he or she is allowed to contribute to the family and is appreciated by family members. You can facilitate your child's sense of belonging in the following ways:

1. Build close family relationships.

- Close family relationships are important and can be fostered by planning family activities such as trips, movies, games, visiting friends and sporting activities.
- Involve your child in family rituals such as planning birthday parties, holiday activities, or participating in family meetings.
- Always show appreciation when your child contributes.

2. Teach your child how to be a group member.

- The teaching of cooperation skills can occur by modeling appropriate behavior such as taking turns, sharing, and solving conflicts through compromise.
- Participation in extracurricular activities is an important experience and should not be used as a reward for obedience or academic success. Learning that occurs as a result of being a contributing member of a club or group activity is important and these skills will enhance a child's success in a variety of ways.
- No matter how successful a child is in academics or classroom work, participating in a group builds necessary social skills and increases a sense of belonging and self-esteem.

3. Encourage your child to perform service to others

- Martin Luther King said that man has no greater purpose than to serve his fellow man.
- Giving to others and being appreciated builds self-worth and creates a sense of belonging.

To build a sense of belonging to the family, each child must contribute to the family and be appreciated for that contribution. Assign your child tasks or chores to perform. The responsibilities should be important and necessary tasks that help the family function as a unit, not superfluous tasks created to give the child something to do. Contributing to the family must be a regular expected part of membership in the family unit. When this occurs children feel self-worth and a sense of belonging.

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Osan American Elementary School Technology News

By Mr. M, OAES Education Technologist

GradeSpeed Parent Accounts

Please note that on March 1st, we will delete any GradeSpeed parent accounts that have not been accessed in the last 180 days. We have too many unused accounts and it is time to refresh the database. I believe that this action will have minimal impact on you as a parent. If you are using GradeSpeed to follow your student's academic progress, you have accessed the site recently. If you are not aware of GradeSpeed, it is a means of checking in with the teacher's grade book for Grades Four and Five. You can learn more about GradeSpeed from our web site:

<http://www.osan-es.pac.dodea.edu/Pages/GradeSpeed.htm>



Please make sure your children are properly attired for the outside temperatures. Have your children dress in layers that they can add or take off as needed. Hats and gloves should be worn also.

Recommendations for Student Websites

We have a page on our web site where we list links for students to use when they access the Internet. However, we have never attempted to make this page either extensive or current. That is in the process of change right now, as all of our Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade students are learning to access this OAES Student Link page (<http://www.osan-es.pac.dodea.edu/Pages/Educationallinks.htm>) to start their Internet information searches.



We want to get help from parents in making this reference page more complete. If you know of a site that is kid-friendly and you think it would be a good place to share with other parents, educators, and students, please use the recommendation form we have placed on the school web site. You can get to the form from our school home page by clicking on the [Site Recommendation Form](#) link in the [Stay In Touch](#) sidebar on the lower right side of the home page. (See example below).

This will take you to a short form that allows you to enter a one or two sentence description of the site, list the site URL, and enter information about the type of site it is. It should only take a couple of minutes for you to do this, and we will greatly appreciate your help in making the Student Link page an important and often used part of our school web site.

Thank you for your support for everything we do at OAES.

Stay In Touch

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[Feedback Form](#)

[Site Recommendation Form](#)

[Coffee With the Principal](#)

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