

OSAN AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 2009
Issue 5

Principal: David L. Petree
784-6912

Acting Superintendent: Doug Kelsey
738-6826



"Home of the
Fighting Mustangs"

Principal's News



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

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

Mission 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.

School Improvement Goals

Goal 1: All students will improve reading comprehension skills across the curriculum.

Goal 2: All students will effectively use appropriate language and terminology across the curriculum

Welcome back from the Winter Break!

Happy New Year! I trust that your holiday season was relaxing, joyful and full of wonderful memories. As 2009 begins, our thoughts turn to what is new and fresh.

As we look forward to the New Year, I wish the best to you and your families. It is hard to believe the school year is almost ½ over. We at OAES will continue to make this a great school for your children.

With this New Year, there are new changes in our school system. There is new age requirement for our Sure Start students and Kindergarten students for next school year.

Minimum Age Requirement for Pre-Kindergarten, the Sure Start Program, Kindergarten, and First Grade Dependents on November 26, 2008, changed the minimum age requirement for kindergarten enrollment to 5 years of age from 31 October to 1 September. This policy change impacts approximately 20% of the children currently enrolled in DoDEA Pre-kindergarten or Sure Start programs who will not turn 5 years of age by September 1, 2009. Pre-kindergarten is not a prerequisite grade level for entering kindergarten. Age is the only prerequisite for first time enrollment in kindergarten and therefore; these children will not be eligible to enroll in the 2009/10 DoDEA kindergarten program.

Please see our website for more information on this change.
<http://www.osan-es.pac.dodea.edu/>
<http://www.dodea.edu/>

The winter season has arrived. We will continue to have outdoor recess on the days that the weather and temperature permits. Please make sure that your child is dressed warmly for the winter weather and prepared to go outdoors for recess.

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

Thank you,

David L. Petree
Principal

OAES CALENDAR

Monday 19 January
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 21 January
 Coffee with the Principal
 1000
 Cafeteria

Thursday 22 January
 End of 2nd Quarter &
 1st Semester

Friday 23 January
 Teacher Work Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday 26 January
 Lunar New Year
 Teacher In-service
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday 26 January
 Begin 3rd Quarter &
 2nd Semester

Tuesday 27 January
*"Learning to Read-
 Fluency and Comprehension"*
 Focus Group: Parents of
 K-6 Students
 1:15-2:30
 Room # 107

Wednesday 28 January
 Awards Assembly
 4th, 5th & 6th grades

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.

Note: Regretfully, in the near future, Mr. Samuel Menniti, Korea's Superintendent, will take a medical retirement. Mr. Doug Kelsey will continue as Acting Superintendent until a new superintendent is selected.



Parent Workshop
"Learning to Read- Fluency and Comprehension"
Focus Group: Parents of K-6 Students
January 27, 2009-1:15-2:30
Room # 107

The Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement and the National Institute of Literacy identified five major building blocks for teaching children to read: Phonemic Awareness. Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension

This workshop will focus on the last two building blocks:
Fluency
Comprehension

NOTIFICATION TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Now is the time to verify the 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. It is important for us to have these changes to contact you in a time of emergency.

[DoDEA Cares](#) [Customer Satisfaction Survey](#)

Students & Parents, please take the DoDEA online Customer Satisfaction Survey. www.dodea.edu

The survey is available from November 1st to February 28th



NURSE'S CORNER

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.

Colds

Winter is bringing inclement weather, and our homes often lack humidity! These afflictions are already evident in the school nurses' office as increased numbers of students are making their appearance. The following are some tips to help you better understand and cope with a cold:

- Cold symptoms are caused by a virus and include one or more of the following: running or stopped-up nose, sore throat, dry cough, weakness, a general sick feeling, and sometimes aches and pains.
- Virus is the key word here. People often mistakenly believe that they should be taking an antibiotic to rid themselves of a cold. Antibiotics are not effective against a virus and when taken for a viral condition, antibiotics destroy the normal flora (bacteria) in the body. This leaves the individual more vulnerable to infection by other bacteria.
- A cold lasts from three to seven days and is usually full-blown after the first two or three days. Treatment is usually symptomatic, that is, it is given to make you feel better, but not to cure the cold.

Home Treatment: Many colds require no treatment except to keep out of the cold weather and not become too tired.

1. Activity: you may remain as active as your feelings allow.
2. Diet: eat a well-balanced diet. Try to drink more fluids than usual.
3. Medication: cold, cough, sore throat, and mild pain medications such as Tylenol are available from the BX and Commissary. These medications do not require your seeing a doctor.

4. Environment: avoid air which is dry. You can increase humidity or moisture in your room by placing a pan of water over the heater or using a commercial vaporizer.

5. Strength: get extra sleep and rest.

6. Patience: have plenty of it. Your cold will go away.

7. Smoking: stop since it will increase your discomfort and chances of getting bronchitis.

8. Comfort: if your throat feels dry or sore, gargle with salt water frequently (one-half teaspoon of salt in an 8-oz glass of water).

When your child should see the doctor:

1. If he/she has a temperature over 101 that persists for more than 48 hours.
2. If he/she has a cough that produces thick, yellow, green, or brown sputum.
3. If he/she has chest pain or shortness of breath.
4. If he/she develops an earache or pain in the teeth or facial sinuses.

To prevent sharing your colds with others, REMEMBER: don't share eating and drinking utensils; do use tissues and dispose of them properly; and stay home when you find yourself coughing excessively or running an elevated temperature. GIVE YOURSELVES AND YOUR FRIENDS A BREAK! A day or so of rest from school or work may save several weeks at home.

Remember to WASH YOUR HANDS!!!