

# OSAN AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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"Home of the  
Fighting Mustangs"

## Principal's News



### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

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

### 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

The Fall Festival Costume Parade on October 30 was an exciting event for all of the students. The fall weather was beautiful and made for a picture perfect day of fun for our students. There were many parents and community members present. Thank you to all who made the day such a great event for our students. Learning is also fun-filled at the elementary level and we had a great deal of fun in the classrooms as well during this time. We also had KAYA activities for a half day. The children rotated through Korean Dance, Art, Calligraphy, Chess, Cooking, Paper Art, and outside games. It was great to have the KAYA group and Korean students teaching us about our host country. We want to thank all who help make it a great success.

During the month of October, OAES students and staff participated in Fire Prevention Week and were able to visit the Osan Fire Department and met with "Sparky". During the month of November, we will celebrate the Native American culture and experience their heritage

Parent conferences will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The teachers have collaborated together to create schedules for parents to accommodate the scheduling of siblings. The conferences will be held in each child's homeroom classroom. Please contact your child's teacher, if there is a need to change the conference time. Report cards will be sent home with parents after each child's conference.

This 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 our lives afford, 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 through their eyes.

The weather is beginning to turn cooler in the mornings. Please remind your child to wear warmer clothing and jackets to school, as the 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 closures due to inclement weather conditions. Please tune in to AFN cable TV (not the satellite station), AFN radio, and/or Command's Call (on base) to find out if school is closed due to inclement weather conditions.

David L. Petree  
Principal

**OAES CALENDAR**

Monday 03 November  
Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Wednesday 05 November  
Award Assemblies  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades

Thursday/Friday 06 & 07  
November  
Parent Conferences  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday 11 November  
Veteran's Day  
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 12 November  
Principal's Coffee  
1000  
Room 107

Saturday 15 November  
PTO Fall Bazaar  
1000 - 1600  
School Gym & Cafeteria

Monday 24 November  
Parent Workshop  
"Learning to Read"  
1315  
Room 107

Thursday 27 November  
Thanksgiving  
NO SCHOOL

Friday 28 November  
NO SCHOOL

**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.

**PTO Fund Raiser**

The OAES PTO is trying an online fundraiser through Current this year. It's an excellent opportunity for you, your family and friends to shop for holiday gifts, supplies and decorations as well as cookie mix, popular magazine subscriptions and many more products making holiday preparations much easier. Individuals can shop from their home 24 hours a day on this secure website: [www.currentfun.com](http://www.currentfun.com) and best of all they ship to stateside and APO addresses. The OAES fundraising session will begin 27 Oct 08 and end 28 Nov 08.

Every online purchase generates 50% of the profit for OAES. The program is hassle free with no direct selling, and no sorting or distribution hassles. All orders are shipped directly to your supporters.

When you check out, select:

State: AP  
Organization: Osan American Elementary School (OAES)  
City: APO

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Linda Weston  
OAES PTO Current Fundraiser  
Coordinator  
[eandlw@yaho.com](mailto:eandlw@yaho.com)

**Saturday 15  
November  
PTO School Bazaar  
1000 - 1600  
Please come and help  
raise money for the  
school!**

**DoDEA Cares Customer Satisfaction Survey**

Students & Parents, please take the DoDEA online  
Customer Satisfaction Survey. [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu)

The survey is available from November 1<sup>st</sup> to February  
28<sup>th</sup>

## Student Transportation Office News

**Bus Safety.** As we approach the winter months it is important to remember a few additional safety items. As the hours of daylight decrease night time darkness increases. Visibility may be affected by darkness, rain, snow, fog and other inclement conditions. It is significant that students be at designated bus stops on time. Also as temperatures drop icy conditions will occur. These conditions may exist on roadways, bus stops, bus steps etc. Please be alert to the condition change as the winter months approach.

**Bus Delays.** Not only does winter bring a change in weather conditions it also increases the chances for bus delays. Remember bus delays require parents/students to adjust the times they assemble at their designated locations. A two hour bus delay means you adjust your assemble time by two hours. Example: Normal departure time is 0730 the Adjusted delayed departure time will be 0930. Students need to be in place before the 0930 departure time. Please remind students to promptly proceed to their buses, get seated and secure their seatbelts for departure.

Note: There is no eating or drinking on school buses. The use of electronic devices is prohibited unless used with headphones.

If you have questions, please contact Student Transportation Office at 784-1827 or commercial 031-661-1827. Our Camp Humphrey's Office extension is DSN 753-3941 or commercial 031-690-3941. Our office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m

Mr. Theodore Graves  
Student Transportation Office



### NURSE'S CORNER

Attention Parents!

School-wide health screenings for all of our students will be held in November. (*Tentative dates are 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>*). The screenings will include vision (remind your children to bring their glasses if they use them), and hearing for Kindergarten through Fourth Grades, and, in addition, blood pressure and scoliosis checks for Fifth and Sixth grades only. A note will be sent home to remind the

girls to wear either a bathing suit top or a bra under their clothing prior to screening date. If your child is suspected of having scoliosis, you will be called and a referral will be sent home the next day. Any student who can't complete the vision or hearing screening will be rechecked about two weeks after the initial screening. If they need to be seen for further evaluation, we will send home a referral with your child. If you have any questions, please call me at 784-4809.

Karen Chapman, R. N.  
School Nurse

[Karen.chapman@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Karen.chapman@pac.dodea.edu)

We need Volunteers for this event!  
Please contact Ms. Chapman if you can help.

### New OAES Web Site

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

Thank you to Mr. Jim Mitchell, OAES Educational Technologist and Webmaster, for his hard work on the site. Please check it often for updates and news



### Parent Workshops

Parent Workshop # 1: Reading Starts With Us - "Learning to Read"

Focus Group: Kindergarten Parents

November 24, 2008 - 1:15 - 2:30

Room # 107

Clover Stephenson, Literacy Facilitator



## American Education Week is November 16-22

### “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility”

Wednesday, 19 November is Education Support Professionals Day. THANK YOU to our incredible support team that enables students to learn in positive, supportive environments. Mrs. Sanghui Duncan, Mrs. Tonda Hook, Mrs. Young-Jin Ohler, Mrs. Sunyong Griess, Mrs. Brenda Massey, and Mrs. Analise Underwood, you are essential to OAES's success!

Friday, 21 November is Substitute Educator's Day. THANK YOU to everyone who helps to provide quality education to our children. Apostolos Badidis, Tara Cappedli, Katherine Chapman, Angela Dean, Richard Donaldson, Sharon LaBella, Lisa Liebold, Safiya McAllister, Chong Moyer, Lisa Stevenson, Melissa Thresher, Patricia Trejo, Jennifer Wever, Keun Yuquimpo, the school depends on you!

## Safety Patrol/Crosswalk

Student Safety patrol has begun monitoring the crosswalk between the Sixth Grade Building and Mustang Valley in the mornings and after school. Thank you to the 5th and 6th graders who have volunteered for this duty! On Thursday, 15 Oct, we received training from Security Forces.

You may have noticed the new Crosswalk sign by the commissary steps. Per Security Forces, parents are asked to park by the commissary steps and walk in to drop off and/or pick up students. The little parking lot by the basketball court is for swimming pool use only. Thank you for your understanding and help with this change. A work order is in to have the crosswalk repainted.

If you have any questions, please just let me know.

Monica Hoagland  
Student Safety Patrol Advisor  
[Monica.hoagland@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Monica.hoagland@pac.dodea.edu)

### 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.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**