

OSAN AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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"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

I want to thank the community for its support. Many volunteers have enhanced our school programs. Everyday we have parent readers and classroom volunteers helping in our school. Please get involved in our great school.

After-school activities will begin for our students on **October 14**. The activities are held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from 1435 until 1600. Bus transportation is provided for students who live off-base depending on the bus routes. Students have the option for signing up for the activities related to their grade levels or may sign up for more than one activity, if space permits. Students who are 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. Notification of any cancellation of the activity is provided to students and parents in our blue flyers and class newsletters. In case of the illness of the club sponsor, students are notified at school and permitted to call their parents to let them know of the cancellation.

The **School Advisory Committee (SAC)** is a committee that advises the Principal on educational matters and the general quality of the educational programs at OAES. SAC will have its next meeting 23 October @ 1500 in Room 107. We want to welcome 3 new members to our SAC. We have two parent representatives, Katie Stephenson, Monica Thompson, and one teacher representative, Clover Stephenson.

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 of the Mustang Village Housing to the classroom entrance. The 51st Mission Support Group (MSG) has approved the drop off area in the Mustang Valley Housing area in the **Mornings only**.

The focus of the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2006-2011 is centered on ALL students. The plan is a guide for all DoDDS schools to follow in order to ensure that highest student achievement is the focus in the schools for ALL students. The guiding principles are as follows: Success for all students; Trust and respect for others; Uncompromising advocacy for students; Development of lifelong learners; Equal access to quality rigorous education; New and motivating challenges to inspire excellence; Teaching with high expectations and Safe and stable learning environments. More information regarding the CSP is located on the DoDEA website www.dodea.edu.

OAES CALENDAR

Tuesday 07 October
PTO meeting All Welcome!
1700
Cafeteria!

Friday 10 October
Teacher In-service
HALF DAY OF SCHOOL
STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1130

Monday 13 October
Columbus Day
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday & Wednesday
14 & 15 October
School Pictures

Wednesday 15 October
Principals Coffee
1000

Friday 17 October
Educator's Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Thursday 30 October
End of 1st Quarter

Thursday 30 October
PTO Family Fun Night
Wear your costume!
1800

Friday 31 October
Teacher Workday
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday 03 November
Start of 2nd Quarter

Wednesday 05 November
Award Assembly
4th - 6th grades

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

Saturday 15 November
PTO Fall Bazaar

After School Activities start October 14th

(Please see the club sponsor for more information)

Academic Chess - Mr. LeFebre
Art Club - Ms. Dean
Homework Club - Mr. & Mrs. Wall
Indoor Fitness Fun - Mr. Sagstetter (Second semester only)
Indoor Team Sports - Mr. Sagstetter (First semester only)
Korean American Youth Alliance - Mrs. Donaldson
Math Olympiad - Mrs. Donaldson
Music Club - Ms. Downey (First semester grades 1-3. Second semester grades 4-6).
Safety Patrol - Ms. Hoagland
Student Council - Mr. Romero
Video Production Club - Mr. Mitchell
Yearbook - Mr. Romero

School Spirit Shirts

Help earn a FREE ice cream party for your class from the OAES PTO. It's easy - just show the PTO which class has the most spirit. One ice cream party will be awarded to the class with the most spirit on a quarterly basis. The PTO will announce the winner and provide ice cream for the party at the end of each quarter. This will be awarded based on the percentage of spirit your class shows for the OAES Mustangs each Friday. Thanks for your support and let us know if anyone needs to buy a shirt. They're only \$9!

**NURSE'S CORNER**

Parents:

I am giving everyone another few days to get their child's immunizations completed.

- * If you think we already should have a copy, please call me at 784-4809
- * If you put a copy of your child's shot record in his or her backpack, we may not have received it.
- * If you are not sure of your child's immunization status, please call ASAP.

Your child may not be delinquent but we may not have documentation in our office.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me at the contact numbers below.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Karen Chapman RN
School Nurse
Karen.Chapman@pac.dodea.edu
784-4809

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.

Lunch Price: \$2.05
Milk: \$0.60
Additional Items: \$0.75

All Parents, Volunteers & Visitors: Please remember to sign in at the main office before proceeding to the classrooms.