

# 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 would like to welcome each of you to the new school year 2008-2009, at Osan American Elementary School (OAES). Parents, you are always welcome to eat lunch with your child; volunteer in the classroom or school; and be an active part of our school. The beginning of school has brought many new and returning students to OAES who's smiling faces and eagerness to learn is evident as I walk throughout the classrooms and hallways. The Department of Defense Dependent Education Activity (DoDEA) has developed rigorous curriculum standards for all schools. The curriculum standards specify what students should know and be able to do in each subject. Standards are important, because they set high levels of learning and performance for all students. You will see the standards posted in all classrooms. All areas of the curriculum standards are also posted on the DoDEA website: [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu)

OAES has been fully accredited since 1985 by the North Central Association. Each year, the school has met the annual requirements and standards for accreditation without citation. As we start the new process for school improvement, we are looking for parents and community member to participate in Continues School Improvement (CSI).

The parent newsletter is sent home once a month. This year, we are going to go paper less as much as we can. Please make sure the office and the classroom teacher has your email address.

You are invited to be an active participant in your child's education at OAES.

Thank you,

David L. Petree  
Principal

**OAES CALENDAR**

Monday, 15 September  
Chusok  
Teacher In-service  
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Wednesday, 17 September  
Principals Coffee  
1000

Wednesday, 24 September  
SAC meeting  
1500

Friday, 10 October  
Teacher Inservice  
**HALF DAY OF CLASS,  
STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1130**

Monday, 3 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

Friday, 31 October  
Teacher Workday  
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

**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.

**NURSE'S CORNER**

The Nurses thank-you parents for updating your child's immunizations and for your support. Please review the Sick **Child** policy when you are deciding whether to send your child to school and **Immunizations** policy below.

**SICK CHILD POLICY**

- 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.

### IMMUNIZATIONS POLICY

Please note the immunization requirements and bring a copy of the shot record when asked. DoD Instruction 6205.1 gives parents **TEN DAYS** in which to provide documentation satisfying the requirements, prior to disenrolling the student. Please refer to following DoDDS Immunization requirements.

- 3 doses of **Polio** Vaccine with the last one given after the fourth birthday
- 3 doses of **DPT** (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus) with the last one given after the fourth birthday
- **Tdap** (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis booster) needed between 11-12 years of age if >5yrs. since last dose of DPT or TD
- **2 doses of MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) with the first one given after the first birthday
- **PPD** (TB skin test) current school year.
- **Hepatitis B** (3 doses, with the last one given 4 month from the first one)
- **Hepatitis A** (2 doses administered at least 6 months apart)
- **Menactra** (Meningococcal conjugate vaccine) all children 11 and older
- **Varicella** Possibly 2 doses. (Chicken Pox) is required for all students who do not have a history of the disease at an early age

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Nurse, Karen Chapman at 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.**

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