

OSAN AMERICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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“Home of the Fighting Mustangs”

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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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS



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

I want to thank the community for its support. Many volunteers have enhanced our school programs. Every day we are blessed with wonderful people that want to make our school better.

Please encourage our students to use the crosswalks and sidewalks while walking to and from school and to the Youth Center. The safety and security of our students at OAES is of the utmost importance. Please make sure that you sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's badge when visiting the school. This helps to ensure the safety of all who are in the buildings

Driving through the school's 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 parking in Mustang Village or the Parking Garage 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 or afternoon

Our School Advisory Committee (SAC) will institute a new policy to help with the congestion in the hallway. As of 15 March, no more baby strollers are to be in the hallways of our school. You may park them outside on the sidewalk by the computer lab, Room 141. This sidewalk is not a high traffic walk. The SAC feels this is best for the safety of our students.

I want to remind you that OAES and DoDEA has a Community Strategic Plan (CSP). Goal 1 is Highest Student Achievement. As we work toward that goal, we have system-wide testing, Terra Nova. It will be 15 -19 March. We are positive that our students will do great.



**OAES MUSTANGS
WELCOME
OUR NEW STUDENTS!**

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

March 1-5

Dr. Seuss Week

Wednesday, March 10

**Midterm Progress
Reports**

Friday, March 12

**No School for Students
Educator's Day**

Monday, March 15

**PTO Meeting at 1445 in
the OAES cafeteria**

March 15-19

TerraNova Testing

Monday, March 22

**Mr. and Mrs. Wall's Study
Trip to the COEX
Aquarium**

March 22-26

**TerraNova Testing (Make
Up Tests)**

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: STANDARDIZED TESTS

By Mr. Burk, OAES School Counselor

Terra Nova testing will begin 15 March for students in grades 3 through 5. The testing will last approximately one week and will be administered in the morning for approximately 2 hours. The students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science. Please do not schedule any appointments or plan any vacations during that week. If it is unavoidable, make-up testing will occur during the week of 22 March.

Standardized testing helps us to see how well our students are doing compared with the national norms and to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each child. We would like to see our children as prepared as possible both mentally and physically. To ensure highest performance, here are some tips parents can employ:

1. Encourage your child to employ good study habits that are useful in test taking as well as in other work. These habits include following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors and rechecking work.
 2. Explain the purpose of the test is to find out which skills students have learned and which skills need further development. Remind your child that this is not a test that a student can fail. It is an opportunity for students to show what they have learned in school. It gives teachers information that helps them know what to teach.
 3. Let your child know that the test is a "snapshot" of the many things he or she has learned so far. Studying at the last minute for the test won't help very much because the test will cover more than can be learned in a few extra hours.
 4. Let your child know that you consider the test important, but encourage him or her not to become too anxious about it. Students who are calm and self-confident do better on tests.
 5. Be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep and has a good, nourishing breakfast and lunch. Test taking is hard work and takes a lot of energy.
 6. Be sure your child is at school on time. Rushing and worrying about being late could affect performance on the test.
 7. Remember to ask your child about the testing at the end of each day. When the results are available, you and your child should review and discuss all comments. Any unclear comments should be discussed with the teacher.
- Relax and let your child show you how well he/she can do.

CHILD FIND SCREENING

Attention Parents of Children Ages 3-5!

There will be a Child Find Screening for children ages 3-5 (with possible developmental delays). It will be held at the Child Development Center on 1 April 2010 from 0830-1130. Please contact Ginny Bartush, PSCD teacher, at 784-6912 if you have any questions.



OAES PARKING LOT

Due to the limited number of spaces in our parking lot, the school's parking lot is reserved for staff members every Monday-Friday between the hours of 0700 and 1500. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Osan American Elementary School Technology News

Student Links

Our students use the OAES Student Link page for getting to web sites that are educational and informative. All of these links have been chosen by our staff and are safe for our students as well as being kid friendly. From the menu on every page in our site, click on **Students** then **Student Links**:



Recommended web sites are grouped according to content and subject matter.

This page helps students get to a site without having to type in a long URL in the browser. This is especially useful for your young students. We hope that you use this page from home as well as school so that students will start developing a consistent approach to gaining access to material on the internet. Of special use from home is access to our student online databases.

Online Databases

Sirs Discovery - A good place to start your search for information.

Note: From school: Username: osanes and Password: !dodea
From home use this Username: raosanes and Password: ra!dodea

Infotrac- This database contains magazine articles on all academic topics as well as an almanac and encyclopedia.

Note: From school: Username: osanes and Password: !dodea
From home use this Username: raosanes and Password: ra!dodea

Gale- Access to a portal that contains three databases.

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