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9/11 Remembered



On Tuesday, September 11th, 2012, flags were lowered to half mast as Osan Middle School observed the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks that forever changed our lives. During morning announcements, a moving tribute video was shown to all students which honored those that were lost and paid tribute to those who served, fought, and assisted the victims of that tragic day. President Barack Obama joined with Congress to pass a law that established 9/11 as a

National Day of Service and Remembrance. Following the 9/11 attacks, people were inspired to help and support others.

Our Osan Middle School students were babies or toddlers when terrorists attacked our nation on September 11, 2001, so some of our English Language Arts students interviewed their parents or another adult with questions about their memories and feelings when they found out about the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

And all students through their history classes pledged to join the 9/11 Day Movement by writing and committing to achieve at least three actions that can help families, friends, and the community as a positive way to mark the anniversary and renew the spirit of unity that came from people working collectively to help others.



Help your child by regularly visiting
our website:
www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/

Calendar of Events

- 01 OCT Chusok; student holiday
- 05 OCT Columbus Day; no school



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Gradespeed Parent Account

Gradespeed is the program used by DoDDS teachers to post their students' grades. Parents may create their own accounts on Gradespeed so they can look at their child's grades. Please read the attached PDF document with instructions for creating a parent account. For more information or help, contact our Osan MS Educational Technologist, Mr. Rick Southard, at DSN 784-7392 or richard.southard@pac.dodea.edu.

Winning Seminar Classes



Congratulations to the following seminar classes for returning receipt of Parent/Student forms for Parent-Student Guide and Student Planner:



Grade 6 - Mr. Carlin - *Cookie social*

Grade 7 - Mr. Kwon - *Popsicle social*

Grade 8 - Mr. Paul - *Cookie social*

Grade 7/8 - Ms. Hampton (Mrs. Goodson) - *Popsicle social*

Military Family Life Consultant Contact Information

If you need support or have any questions about the Military Family Life Consultant program, please feel free to call Ms. Carly Zies at (010) 6873-0238. The MFLCs are also available before and after school.

PTSO Needs Parent Volunteers

Our Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) needs parents to volunteer as officers (board members). Please contact our principal, Dr. Kpinkpin at 784-7256 or legena.roberts-kpinkpin@pac.dodea.edu.

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Osan MS is need of parent volunteers to serve as parent representatives on the following school committees:

Continuous School Improvement Leadership Team

Purpose: To develop and monitor our school improvement plan in accordance with DoDEA protocol to ensure student and staff success.

Health Council

Purpose: To promote and protect student's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity.

Parent Teacher Student Organization [PTSO]

Purpose: To provide a venue for the direct support of OMS students and teachers to ensure open lines of communication for collaborative leadership and decision making.

School Advisory Council [SAC]

Purpose: To ensure open lines of communication for collaborative leadership and decision-making.

Student Activity Fund

Purpose: To promote the general welfare and morale of students by financing recognized and authorized extracurricular activities of the student body which are not authorized or funded by appropriated funds.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to help strengthen the school and home community relations to ensure highest student achievement for Osan Middle School students!

Please contact the school at DSN 784-7256, from off-base or cell phone 031-661-7256, or email the principal using the following e-mail address:

legena.roberts-kpinkpin@pac.dodea.edu.



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Cross Country

Cross Country will start practice on September 24th after school. All students who are interested will need to have completed a physical and have their power of attorney document on file with our school nurse, Mrs. Elliott. As Osan MS Activities Coordinator, Mr. Edwards needs to have on file the "Code of Conduct" form signed by the student/athlete and parents. All of this was discussed with students who attended the Cross Country interest meeting after school on Thursday. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mr. James Edwards at james.edwards@pac.dodea.edu or call 784-7256/7540

MathCounts

MathCounts is a national enrichment club and competition program sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. It is a math academic extracurricular activity that challenges students in grades 6-8 with high school-level vocabulary, concepts, skills and word problems (Warm-ups and Workouts).

Starting in October, the OMS MathCounts Club will meet twice a week for an hour. Students will be trained for various math competitions against other middle school-aged students throughout DoDDS. All OMS students are invited to join. A good attitude and the desire to learn is all that is required.

Last school year Osan Middle School's MathCounts Team placed second in the Pacific Region and first individually. It placed sixth in DoDDS and fourth individually. This year's goal is to do even better, but the community's help is needed. **OMS is recruiting volunteer coaches who have a mathematics background.** Their expertise is the edge required to advance the OMS MathCounts Team to that higher level of understanding and performance. If interested please contact Ms. McIntyre at 784-7256 or at martha.mcintyre@pac.dodea.edu.

Further MathCounts information will be posted in the morning broadcasts and future Parent Connections. Math Rocks and Math is FUN!!!