



Osan Middle School Thunderbirds

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*We honor Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr. for all that he
did to bring equality and civil
rights in a nonviolent manner.*



Important Dates to Remember

Student Early Dismissal

Friday, January 18 - 10:25

Thursday, January 24 - 11:25

Quarter 2/1st semester ends on Thursday, January 24

Student Holiday on Friday, January 25

Thunderbird Parent Forum

Tuesday, January 29

1730-1830 in Room 116

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Parent Connection

Help your child by regularly visiting
our website:

www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/



Calendar of Events

- 21 JAN Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
federal holiday; no school
- 25 JAN Student holiday
- 28 JAN SAC meeting at 4:30 PM



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Math Counts Competitions

The following fifteen Mathletes* have been training and preparing for the MathCounts Competitions since October:

Matthew Burbee	Jonas Kudson	Leah Park
Young Park	Renee Siewert	Sun Hee Maxwell
Sarah Song	Catherine Hettler	Nicole Veeder
Marissa Millspaugh	Tommy Hulsopple	Audrey Kwiat
Samantha Kwawsniewski		

* Two students requested that their names not be listed.

MathCounts is a challenging academic program where middle school students solve Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and Discrete Math problems like the following:

- It takes Mickey a total of 45 minutes to ride his bike 5 miles to Minnie's house and then walk the remaining mile to school with her. If he rides his bike the entire distance to school at the same rate he rode to Minnie's house, it will take him 30 minutes. What is his walking speed, in miles per hour?
- The mean of the increasing ordered set of numbers, (6, x, 22), is equal to the median. What is the value of x?
- The line $2x - 3y = -3$ is graphed and then reflected over the x-axis. If the equation of its reflection is $y = mx + b$, what is the value of $m + b$? Express your answer as a common fraction.

On January 24 these students will take a two-hour MathCounts school test. The top four scorers will continue to prepare for the MathCounts Chapter Competition to be held on February 8. This team of four will represent OMS and will compete against all the MathCounts teams in the Pacific Region.

There will be a final celebration for all Mathletes on February 14th. What a great season! You can't hide that Thunderbird pride!



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Preventive Actions to Stop the Spread of Germs

Flu season

Many people are ill these days with common colds, stomach virus, etc. Please read the following article from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and stay flue free!

Take Everyday Preventive Actions to Stop the Spread of Germs

Everyday preventive actions are steps that people can take to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory illness, like flu. They are not a substitute for vaccination. These include the following personal and community actions:

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with a respiratory illness, such as the flu, limit contact with others as much as possible to help prevent spreading illness. Stay home (or keep your child at home) for at least 24 hours after fever is gone except to seek medical care or for other necessities. Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. This will block the spread of droplets from your mouth or nose that could contain germs.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Here are some useful websites:

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/fluactivity/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm>



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7th grade Health Screening

Mrs. Elliott, our school nurse, will start conducting health screenings for all 7th graders. The screenings include Vision, Hearing, Blood pressure and BMI (Ht/Wt) check during seminar (B4 class period). However, if a 7th grade student happens to visit the nurse's office for another reason, the nurse will conduct some of the screenings that do not require much time. Students do not need to wear special clothes for these screenings.

Parents will receive a letter that shows the result when it is completed. If a parent does not want his/her child to be screened, please let Mrs. Elliott know as soon as possible at hyoeun.elliott@pac.dodea.edu or DSN 784-7244/9117 or from off-base or cell phone 031-661-7244/9117.

*If your child is not a 7th grader but you wants your child to be screened, please let Mrs. Elliott know and she will be happy to check your child's condition.

AAFES Will No Longer Sell Breakfast

Osan Middle School would like to extend a special thank you to AAFES for their willingness to sell breakfast items for students before school; however, due to extremely low breakfast sales, AAFES will no longer be able to provide a breakfast program, effective Monday, January 14.

Thanks for your cooperation as you continue to encourage your child to eat breakfast prior to school arrival.

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