



# Osan Middle School Thunderbirds

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## Veterans Day Tribute

Fighting ceased between Germany and the Allied Powers at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, even though the Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended WWI, was not signed until the following year. In May, 1938, Congress passed an Act declaring Armistice Day as a national holiday. Armistice Day eventually became Veterans Day in June, 1954, to recognize the contributions, sacrifice, and work of all veterans, not just WWI veterans. The red poppy is a symbol of Veterans Day, in reference to the poem, "In Flanders Fields," which is in Belgium and where 368 WWI American soldiers are buried. The author of the poem was Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918) of the Canadian Army Medical Corps who treated wounded soldiers throughout WWI. Our immeasurable gratitude and deepest respect to all our veterans.

### *In Flanders Fields*

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

Help your child by regularly visiting  
our website:  
[www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/](http://www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/)



## Calendar of Events

- 09 NOV Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 12 NOV Veteran's Day; no school
- 22 NOV Thanksgiving; no school
- 23 NOV No school



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## First Quarter Awards Assembly

Osan MS has an awards assembly after the end of each quarter. Our first quarter awards assembly will begin at 1400 hours in the cafeteria for the following grade levels:

Grade 6 - November 16

Grade 7 - November 19

Grade 8 - November 21

Parents will receive an email invitation if their child is receiving an award. For more information, contact our school counselor, Mrs. Kristine Park at [kristine.park@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:kristine.park@pac.dodea.edu).

## Great American Smokeout

This coming November 15<sup>th</sup> is the 37<sup>th</sup> annual "Great American Smokeout" to encourage smokers to use this date to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By doing so, smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life—one that can lead to reducing the risk of cancer. To raise awareness and support for the "Great American Smokeout", Osan Middle School will host a visit from 51<sup>st</sup> Medical Group Health & Wellness Center staff during seminar (B4 class period) on November 13th. Students will have an opportunity to see their presentation and to participate in a short question/answer session. Next week would be a great week to talk to your child about how smoking affects their health and lifestyle.



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## Picture Retake 30 November 2012

If your child missed picture day (e.g. was absent or new to our school) or you would now like to order pictures, flyers outlining package options are available in the school office.

If you've already ordered and the photographs you've received don't meet your quality standards, please send the picture package with your child to the photographer for a retake.

All pictures taken on make-up day (30 NOV) will be submitted to the school's yearbook department. If you would like to order school pictures, please pick up a flyer from the school office. Or you may place an order online at [www.cpi.photo.net](http://www.cpi.photo.net).

## Ordering School T-shirts and Hoodies

You can order your school t-shirt and/or hoodies by printing and completing the Spirit Wear Order Form, which is one of the e-mail attachments along with this issue of Parent Connection. Give your completed Spirit Wear Order Form and money/check to Mrs. Michelle Goodson at Osan MS, Room 203 directly to her or through your child. Checks need to be made out to Osan MS PTSO. She may be contacted at [michelle.goodson@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:michelle.goodson@pac.dodea.edu) or DSN 784-7419/7256. Orders are due by November 21.