



Osan Middle School Thunderbirds

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Principal's Welcome Message

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Welcome to Osan Middle School! On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2012-2013 school year. Osan Middle School is truly one of the best schools in DoDEA. It is an AdvancED accredited institution and firmly committed to continuous school improvement. The vision of Osan Middle School is "providing a setting of high expectations that engage and motivate all students in a successful learning environment. Therefore, my focus is (1) to ensure that all students meet or exceed challenging standards in academic content and (2) to facilitate a safe environment conducive to optimum student achievement. To that end, my educational background is as follows:

A native of Savannah, Georgia, I grew in Hinesville, Georgia near the military installation of Fort Stewart. I am a graduate of Bradwell Institute in Hinesville, Georgia. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education from the University of Georgia, a Master of Education in Instructional Technology from Georgia Southern University, an Education Specialist and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Southern Mississippi, and an AdvancED School Improvement Specialist certificate from the University of Nebraska.

For the past two years, I have been an assistant principal at Seoul American Middle School in Seoul, Korea. Prior to that assignment, I served in numerous education positions to include district curriculum supervisor, assistant principal, media/technology specialist, middle school teacher, college instructor in grades PK-12+ for 19 years in various locations to include Okinawa, Japan, Hanau, Germany, and the states of Texas, Mississippi, and Georgia.

I have two school-age children, daughter, Weyatta and son, Musa.

I am committed to working in collaborative environment focused on student achievement!

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Parent Connection

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

Calendar of Events

03 SEP Labor Day, no school
13 SEP Open House, 5:00-7:00 PM



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New Staff at Osan Middle School

We have several new staff members who have joined our OMS family: Mr. Richard Southard (Educational Technologist), Mrs. Kristine Park (Counselor for 6th-9th grade students), and Ms. Camilla Hudson (Art and Family & Consumer Science Teacher). A big welcome to our new T-bird staff!

News from the School Nurse

New Students: Letters to parents regarding immunization records will be sent and doctor's letter for student's medication (i.e. inhaler) and allergies. Please check with your child to see if he/she received a letter from me.

11 year vaccinations: T-dap and Meningococcal conjugate vaccinations are required for students 11 years old and above. If your child receives these vaccinations, please provide copy to school nurse's office. You will also receive reminder from me after your child turns 11.

Medication policy: Students are not allowed to carry or bring any medication at school without doctor's letter. This applies to ALL medications including eye drops, over the counter medications, and topical medicated creams.

Students who have a body temperature above 100 F will be sent home after contacting a parent. For throwing up and having diarrhea, the school nurse will determine case by case whether a student needs to go home and discuss this with parents.

You can reach our school nurse, Mrs. Elliott at anytime via e-mail:
hyeun.elliott@pac.dodea.edu

She works all school day at OMS on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her phone number is 784-7244 (DSN) or 031-661-7244 (off-base or cell phone).

Please keep in mind that she is the school nurse for both Osan American HS and Osan MS and works at OAHS on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.



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Osan MS School Advisory Committee

The OMS SAC is requesting parent participation in this year's program. The SAC is a parent and school employee committee which advises the principal on educational matters such as:

- School policies affecting students and parents
- Administrative procedures affecting students
- Instructional programs and educational resources within the school
- Allocation of resources with the school to achieve educational goals
- Pupil services (health, special ed, testing, evaluation)
- Student standards of conduct and discipline
- Policies and standards of the dependent's education system related to the above

The SAC will be holding an election for the following positions:
Two parents, with one of the parent positions as the Installation Advisory Committee Liaison.

If you are interested in one of these elected positions, please contact Mr. Bryan Kwasniewski at bryan.kwasniewski@us.af.mil.

SAC meetings are scheduled to be held the first Monday of every month beginning in October. Agendas will be posted seven days in advance in the school office and through the parent connection. All parents are welcome to attend meetings.

Thank you and have a wonderful school year.



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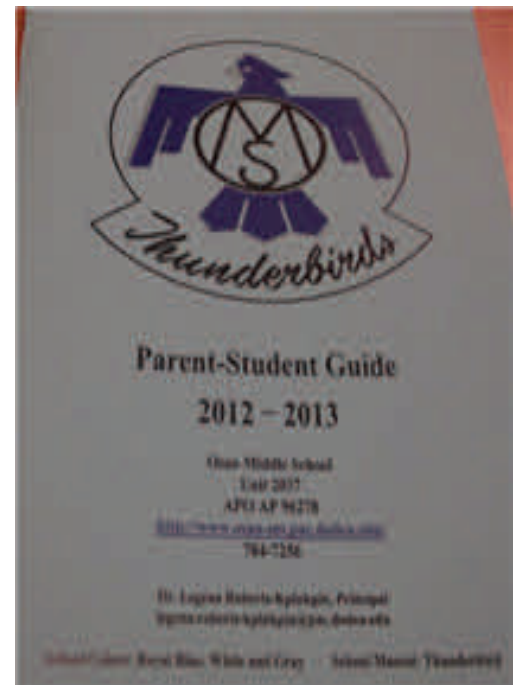
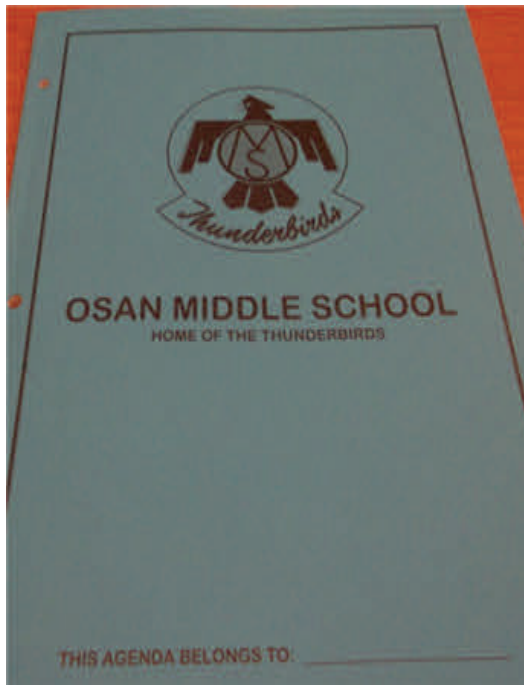
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Update Contact Information and DEROS Documentation

Please be sure to stop by and update your child's contact information with Ms. Geer in the front office. And if you need a new ration card you need to update your DEROS documentation at the schools as well.

Parent-Student Guides and Student Planners Distributed



Students were issued a Parent-Student Guide and Student Planner on Friday, August 31st. Please sign and return the form that indicates receipt of Parent-Student Guide.

Students should come to school daily with the Student Planner.

The seminar class for each grade level that returns all forms no later than Friday, September 7 will receive a seminar incentive, Popsicle Social or Cookie Social during seminar.

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