

# Osan Middle School Thunderbirds

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#### A Message from the Principal

Parents, Sponsors, and Friends of OMS:

Se Hea Bouk Mani Pa Da Se Oh (Happy New Year)! Although the calendar year has changed, our first semester will not end until 27 January. The final weeks of the semester will present many opportunities for students to show off their learning on tests, guizzes, projects, etcetera. To this end, please continue to monitor homework and study time at home as research (Marzano, 2004) shows the effect size of these efforts to be significant in terms student learning. Another important factor in student learning are the methods that teachers use in classrooms. To this end, our faculty is working hard to equip your children with the knowledge and critical thinking skills necessary for success in the future. Just as we have an outstanding group of students at OMS, we have a high quality collection of professional educators as well!

Thank you to those who completed the DoDea Cares survey. Our percentage of parent completers was in the top 10% of schools in the pacific! Also, a special commendation is in order for our command structure for continuously supporting and showing interest in the success of our school and each student.

Finally, please be aware of our school calendar; below are listed some upcoming dates of note.

Jeffrey W. McGee

Principal

#### **Winter Ball**

All students will have the opportunity to dance at the Winter Ball!

When: January 21st

**Location:** Osan Middle Cafeteria

Time: 6-9pm

Drinks and Snacks will be provided.

\$5 per ticket

#### **NJHS Change Wars!**

The National Junior Honor Society is doing a community service project called change wars. Each seminar class competes to collect the most change. All monies collected go to charity!

## us this month

Hunter Bracy, 6th grade, is leaving Jan 11th and heading to sunny Florida. Have a safe trip.

Moira Cameron will also leave OMS.

### Students leaving **OMS Information Center Sharepoint:**

Students were given Sharepoint usernames and passwords earlier this school year. After logging in, they may access Ms. Dunham's Sharepoint website which provides access to the Osan Air Force Base Library Catalog. That way, they can find out if the base library has what they need ahead of time. While on Sharepoint, students may also type comments, opinions, and evaluations about a book they have read on the Book Blog and can recommend books to each other. Also while on Ms. Dunham's Sharepoint account, check out the fun video ad about our Big Noodle online book fair. Happy Reading!

#### **Calendar of Events**

Jan 14th, HALF DAY, DISMISSAL AT 10:25

Jan. 17th, Martin Luther King Day, NO SCHOOL

January 21st, Winter Ball from 6-9pm.

Jan 22nd, Swim Meet at GSIS

Jan. 28th, Teacher Grading Day, NO SCHOOL



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