



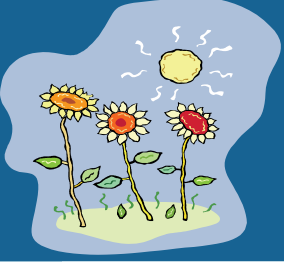
Osan Middle School

Thunderbirds

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Parent Connection

Jonas Knudsen is Among DoDEA's Best

Recently the top MathCounts students from DoDEA Europe and Pacific competed in a second-round contest to determine who would represent DoDEA in the MathCounts State competition. Sixth grader Jonas Knudsen represented Team Osan well proving to be the only student in the Pacific to make the state team. The National MathCounts competition will be held 5-8 May in Washington, D.C. You Can't Hide That Thunderbird Pride!

Welcome to High School!

On 5 April, our current 8th graders will travel across the street for a program designed to introduce them to life at Osan American High School.

The program will begin at 1400 in the high school auditorium and parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you Volunteers

We had a great school dance on 25 March for a number of reasons. Our students demonstrated great decorum and looked super. We had a number of teachers who participated with the students. And, the T-Bird Café looked wonderful due to the effort of a number of volunteers. A huge thank you goes out to Jennifer Maskery, Loretta Grantman, Lilibeth Kennedy, Lynniece Somers, the Caldwells, Michael Rawlins, and David Brett. A thank you also goes out to our Student Council for their sponsorship, and President Alex Soto.

Pre-QAR

On 19-21 April, OMS will undergo a Pre-Quality Assurance Review visit. The QAR is the school version of an ORI. On these days a team of educators from Korea, led by the district specialist for school improvement, will invest three days evaluating our instructional program. Our "real" QAR visit will be in February 2012.

Blue House

We are planning a 6th grade field trip to the Blue House, home of the President of South Korea. This field trip supports curriculum and standards. Because the Blue House is a Korean federal building with high security, each 6th grader who wishes to participate must submit a copy of their passport photo page on or before 1 April 2011. We can copy their passport photo page at OMS Library. Contact Ms. Dunham at christin.dunham@pac.dodea.edu or 784-7356 if you have questions or concerns.

Sports

This weekend your T-Bird basketball team will go on the road to Seoul International School to compete in a jamboree. The T-Birds' opponents will be SFS, SAMS, SIS, GSIS, and KIS. We look forward to the T-Birds representing Team Osan with great sportsmanship!

Stay Connected by regularly visiting our website: www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/

Also, if you have not already done so please register on Gradespeed to view your child's grades.

Calendar of Events

- 5 April: 8th grade intro to OAHS assembly
- 7 April: End of Third Quarter
- 8 April: Teacher Work Day-**No School**
- 11-15 April: Spring Recess
- 21 April: Spelling Bee School Finals
- 22 April: Parent Conferences-**No School**
- 29 April: Spelling Bee Korea Finals (Seoul)
- 17-19 May: USFK Good Neighbor English Camp
- 23-27 May: Science Fair (See last two pages)
- 3 June: Field Day (Volunteers Needed)

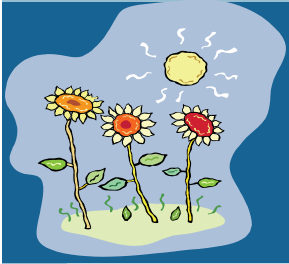


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Class-level Spelling Bee Winners and Alternates

This week our Language Arts teachers completed their class-level spelling bee. A big thank you is in order for Ms. Lunsford for spearheading this important effort. On 21 April these winners will compete in our school-level Spelling Bee for a chance to represent Osan Middle School at the Korea Spelling Bee. The school-level Bee will identify OMS's top three spellers who will travel to Seoul on 29 April for the Korea finals. We are proud of each student who participated!

Ms. Montiel's Classes:

Joy Kim, Chelsea Dewald
Roche'r McFarlane, Ahlia Patton
(alts)

Ms. Perry's Classes:

Jasmine Peoples, Ben Mauldin
Nichaela Bailon, David Solak (alts)

Mr. Dixon's Class:

Hyobi Bender
Sean Copia (alt)

Ms. Tarbox's Classes:

Kyler Nelson, Elena Pendelton
Leah Park, Jordan Nuckols (alts)

Ms. Gourdin's Classes:

Renea Goddard, Danielle Benedict
SinJin Dollarhide, Christopher
Schwartz (alts)

2011-2012 PTSO Officers Needed

If you are interested in serving on our 2011-2012 PTSO Board, please contact our current president Michael Rawlins at:

michael.rawlins@osan.af.mil

Osan Good Neighbor English Camp

On 17-19 May, Osan Middle will support USFK's good neighbor program. Our support will entail receiving 23 host-nation 8th graders. **We are in need of sponsor families that can host one or two children for two nights.**

Last year families coordinated activities (i.e. bowling) and had a great time. Please call Ms. Geer if interested 784-7256...See next page.

Nurse's Station

The product below is being recalled. Check your cabinets, if have this product please throw it away immediately. For more information please go to the following website <http://www.tylenol.com/>.

Product Name	Lot Number	UPC Code
TYLENOL® 8 HOUR EXTENDED RELEASE CAPLET 150 count	ADM074	300450297181

Draft Game Plan: USFK English Camp

Tuesday, 17 May

0830-0930

23 Students for English camp arrive at Doolittle gate for check-in, board LRS bus with PA Staff

Call Ms. Geer at 784-7256 if you are interested in hosting!

1000-1100

Travel/Arrive at Osan Middle School

Welcome Remarks

Administration briefing (safety rules, itinerary, rules for the program, et cetera)

1100-1130

Match Korean students with American buddies (meet and greet)

1130-1210

Lunch with American buddies in Thunderbird Café

1215-1510

Attend classes with American buddy

1515-1630

Meet American host families

1630

Departure with American host families

Wednesday, 18 May

Call Ms. Geer at 784-7256 if you are interested in hosting!

0810-0820

Korean students arrive at Osan Middle with American buddy

0830-1510

Attend classes with American buddy

1520

Departure with American buddy (walk if on base; bus if off base)

Thursday, 19 May

Call Ms. Geer at 784-7256 if you are interested in hosting!

0810-0820

Korean students arrive at Osan Middle with American buddy

0830-1340

Attend classes with American buddy

1400-1500

School-wide celebration/program in Osan Middle Thunderbird Café (w/parents of Korean students)

1500-1545

Reception

1545

Korean students depart for Doolittle gate with Korean family

Osan Middle School
Science Fair Timeline

Please Thank Ms. Lunsford for her Leadership in Coordinating This Activity for Your Children!

<p>Week 1 March 21-25</p>	<p>Informed of a school wide mandatory Science Fair Begin thinking of a topic</p>
<p>Week 2 March 28-April 1</p>	<p>Information sent out via students to parents Introduction to Science Fair Distribute information to students Continue thinking of a topic and begin developing a testable question Do some preliminary research</p>
<p>Week 3 April 4-8</p>	<p>Signed Parent information letter due A Day Wednesday, April 6 B Day Thursday, April 7 Firmly decide on a topic Develop a question and write a hypothesis Begin background research Bring in CD for Copy of all Files and Examples.</p>
<p>Week 4 April 11-15</p>	<p>Continue background research Determine materials needed and purchase them</p>
<p>Week 5 April 18-22</p>	<p>Proposal due A Day Monday, April 18 B Day Tuesday, April 19 Continue background research if necessary Computer lab time given at school (85 minutes) 18th & 20th A Day 19th & 21st B Day Purchase materials Conduct your experiment(s)</p>
<p>Week 6 April 25-29</p>	<p>Conduct your experiment(s) Research paper due A Day Tuesday, April 26 B Day Wednesday, April 27</p>

<p>Week 7 May 2-6</p>	<p>Prepare project display Computer lab time given at school-IF NEEDED 2nd & 4th A Day 3rd & 5th B Day Experiment Details, Materials, Procedures due A Day Wednesday, May 4 B Day Tuesday, May 3</p> <p>Data Notebook due (for review) A Day Wednesday, May 4 B Day Tuesday, May 3</p>
<p>Week 8 May 9-13</p>	<p>Prepare your exhibit Written Report due (for review) A Day Tuesday, May 10 B Day Monday, May 9</p>
<p>Week 9 May 16-19</p> <p>May 20</p>	<p>Put the finishing touches on your project for exhibition Turn projects in between Monday, May 16 – Thursday, May 19 ALL PROJECTS DUE to your Science Teacher by 3:00 Thursday, May 19 Turn in DISPLAY BOARD WRITTEN REPORT DATA NOTEBOOK</p> <p>Science Fair Display set up</p>
<p>Week 10 May 23 & 24</p>	<p>Public viewing 3:00-5:00</p>
<p>May 25</p>	<p>Judging</p>
<p>May 26</p>	<p>Award Ceremony during seminar</p>
<p>May 27</p>	<p>Yeah everything is OVER!! Great job everyone!!!</p>