



Osan Middle School Thunderbirds

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Korea Spelling Bee

Friday, 29 April 2011

Hyobi Bender, Danielle Benedict, Renea Goddard, and Ben Mauldin represented OMS at the Korea International School Korea Spelling Bee in Seoul on 29 April. All students performed exceptionally well under the intense pressure.

Ben, however, emerged as the third place finisher (the only DoDDS student to place)!!

Please thank Ms. Lunsford and Ms. Perry, for their hard work and leadership in coordinating our participation and preparing our students for this meaningful and event!

Mrs. Manuel Among DoDEA's Best

Math teacher and department leader Sharon Manuel is among a select group of educators nation wide who are competing for recognition via **The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching**. The PAEMST are the Nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science. The Awards recognize outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.



Honor Roll

We are proud to present the names of students who have earned Honors recognition for their performance during the third nine-week marking period. Please see page 7 for a list of student names. The dates of our awards programs are 29 April and 3 May during seminar for 6th and 7/8th grades respectively. Students receiving recognition in addition to honors are listed on page 2.

Sponsor Families

A huge thank you goes out to the families who have graciously offered to serve the community as an Osan Good Neighbor English Camp host family. The Camp kicks off in mid-May. **More Host Families are needed!**

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Help your child 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

- 29 April: Spelling Bee Korea Finals (Seoul) / 6th grade awards program.
- 3 May: 7/8th grade awards program.
- 17-19 May: USFK Good Neighbor English Camp
- 23-26 May: Science Fair
- 27 May: UDDI Training (10:20 dismissal)
- 3 June: Field Day (Volunteers Needed)
- 8 June: Blue House Trip



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3rd Quarter Achievement Awards

Teacher	Student	Grade	Subject
Kwon	Jasmine Cook	6	Korean Culture
Carlin	Young Park	6	Math
Carlin	Sung June DeAngelo	6	Science
Tarbox	Kasen Stephenson	6	Reading
Tarbox	Ga Young Choe	6	Language Arts
Stoy	Peter Fischer	6	Art
Stoy	Charlotte Wade	6	Art
Marsh	Leah Park	6	Music
Marsh	Matthew Burbee	6	Music
Montiel	Joy Kim	6	Language Arts
Montiel	Krista Quimby	6	Language Arts
Edwards	Roche'r McFarlane	6	World History
Lunsford	Kasen Stephensen	6	Science
Lunsford	Krista Quimby	6	Science

April Competitions

April is also National School Library Month. In celebration of this, there are two competitions that our OMS Information Center (Library) is sponsoring: (1) a bookmark design contest and (2) a national writing contest sponsored by the American Association of School Libraries. The student with the winning bookmark design will receive a \$20 gift certificate and have his or her bookmark printed for everyone in our school. For the writing contest, go to www.figment.com. The grand prize is an Amazon Kindle. Please see Ms. Dunham for more details or e-mail her at christin.dunham@pac.dodea.edu.

Take Two!

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, movies, etc.) and had a great time. *Also it can be more comfortable for the visitors if a family hosts two children.* Please call Ms. Geer if interested 784-7256...*See page 7 for details!*

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Blue House

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The date of the Blue House trip has been set for 8 June. We have 42 sixth graders and 16 chaperones scheduled to attend this trip which is sure to be interesting and educational.

Contact Ms. Dunham at christin.dunham@pac.dodea.edu or 784-7356 if you have questions or concerns.



Security Drill

On Wednesday, 27 April OMS conducted a lock down drill in coordination with the base security drill. DoDEA district personnel were on hand and reported outstanding findings. Teachers handled the drill with poise and professionalism as always!

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



Life at Osan Middle School

World Champion Visits OMS

Seven time world champion jump-roper Peter Nestler visited OMS for a special performance and demonstration. In addition to sharing his fantastic physical skills, citing relevant examples he stressed to students the importance of making good choices in life. And yes, he jumps rope on a unicycle!



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National Junior Honor Society

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The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization that promotes recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship and service. This year we have done numerous individual service projects as well as raised over \$2000 to donate to charity. We are currently accepting applications for new members. Students who earned a 3.5 GPA or higher first semester are eligible to apply. Applications are available from Ms. Votipka and must be completed and returned no later than 3:00 on Friday, May 6th. This has been announced to students on the morning announcements and will continue to be through next week. Students are encouraged to see Ms. V. with any questions.



Teacher of the Year

Please consider nominating an OMS Teacher as DoDDS Teacher of the Year (Korea). Letters of nomination will be accepted April 25 through May 13, 2011. Nominate a great teacher by writing a letter (**no more than one type-written page**) to the principal.

Please include the following:

- Name of the teacher you are nominating, with name and address of school.
- Your relationship to the teacher (parent, student, community leader, etc.)
- Reasons why this teacher deserves to be nominated.
- Your name, address, duty station, and phone number.

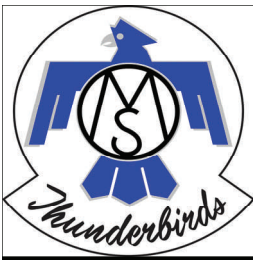
Teacher Appreciation Week (2-6 May)

We will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week next week, May 2-6, 2011 at Osan Middle School. We are in desperate need of volunteers to help make this event successful for all those teachers who help mentor and nurture our childrens education. Help us celebrate the great teachers here at Osan Middle School by volunteering some of your time next week.

If you don't have time to come in to volunteer please help us out by donating the following items: Breakfast items, sweet treats or cash donations for the pizza party on Friday. The luncheon will be served on Thursday and the following food items are need: Hormal chili, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, sour cream, guacamole, shredded cheese, salsa and drinks. If you have any questions about volunteering or would like to drop off your donated items please call or email Betty Nuckols at 010-8671-3902 & nuckolsfamily@mac.com. *See Last Page for Information About how you can Help!*

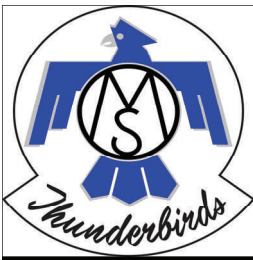
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Osan Middle School Science Fair Timeline

Class	Assignment	Due Date	Points Possible
A Day	Experiment De- tails, Materials and Procedures (for review)	Wednesday, May 4, 2011	250
	Data Notebook (for review)		500
B Day	Experiment De- tails, Materials and Procedures (for review)	Tuesday, May 3, 2011	250
	Data Notebook (for review)		500
A Day	Weekly working time- line	Thursday, May 5, 2011	100
B Day	Weekly working time- line	Friday, May 6, 2011	100



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Science Upcoming Events
All Classes

Class	Assignment	Date
A Day	Matter Quiz	Monday, May 2, 2011
	Matter Crossword Puzzle	Monday, May 2, 2011 (if they did not complete in class)
	Bring in a bottle of white glue	Next week
	Slime lab	Thursday, May 12, 2011
B Day	Matter Quiz	Tuesday, May 3, 2011
	Matter Crossword Puzzle	Tuesday, May 3, 2011 (if they did not complete in class)
	Bring in a bottle of white glue	Next week
	Slime lab	Wednesday, May 11, 2011

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



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Honor Roll Quarter 3 2010-2011



James Adams
Matthew Burbee
Anastasia Caldwell-Rutter
Hanna Kang

Principal's Honor Roll: GPA 4.0

Jonas Kundsén
Leah Park
Krista Quimby
Victoria Sanders

Alexandra Soto
Kasen Stephensen
Christian Yi

Joy Kim
Roche'r McFarlane
Hyobi Bender
Jenna Dahlin
Renea Goddard
Kaylee Guerrero
Alyssa Howell
Mikaila Kopcho
Jessica Kowlak
Aidan Kress
Mitchell Levasseur
Elena Pendleton
Gerardo Rosado
Soolim Jeong

High Honors: GPA From 3.99 to 3.50

Erin Caldwell
Ga Choe
Jasmine Cook
Sung Deangelo
Young Park
Princess Sherril
Sean Stevenson
Desiree Steward
Charlotte Wade
Adam Waite
Jacob Harrold
Gina Larson
Sara Mason
Benjamin Mauldin

Yu Min Park
Erin Rawlins
Amy Sanders
Ryan Woodall
Felicia Jones
Chelsea Dewald
Caroline Petithomme
Danielle Benedict
Alyssa Cook
Caroline Lankford
James Pais
Martha Smith
Kurt Stankewicz

Cyrus Caletena
Jasmine McNary
Kyler Nelson
Donya Campbell
Brandon Canedo
Si Choe
Paige Crofford
Luke Feeley
Rebecca Ives
Jennifer Michels
Allison Millsbaugh
Jordan Ross
Erin Soto
Alyssa Wheeler
Erik Bender
Andrue Bilbo

Honor Roll: GPA From 3.49 to 3.00

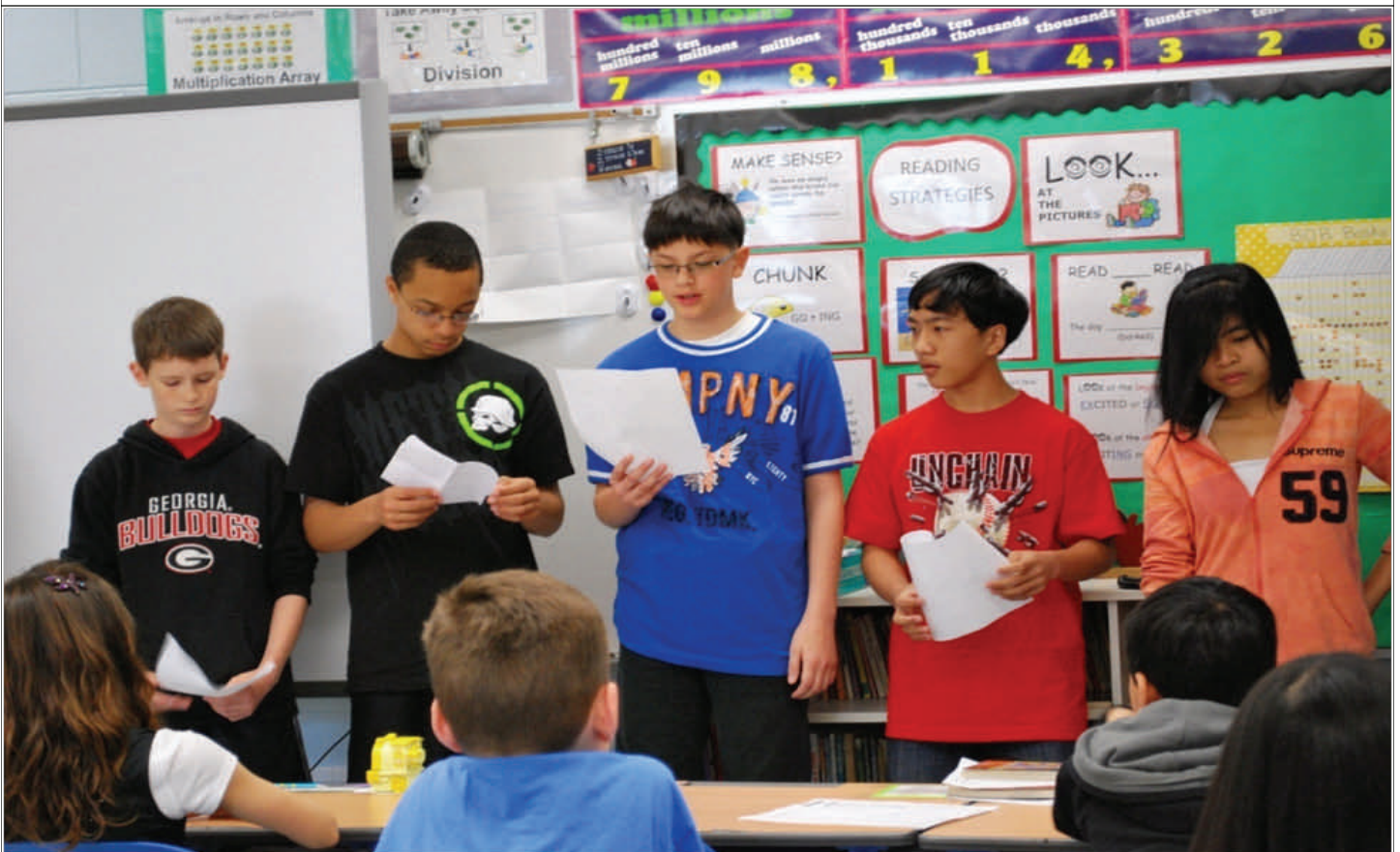
Jennifer Brace
Sarah Stevenson
Francesca Vido
Yurim Lee
Sowon Mundell
Elizabeth Urban
SinJin Dollarhide
Alyssa Eitland
John Carlo Gonzalez
Leodivico Gonzalez
Renelyn Paat
Jessica Roque
David Solak
Michele Thompson
Jasmine Tuck
Peter Fischer

Mikayla Washington
Jared Wyatt
Michaela Bailon
Alexandria Bilbo
Bria Christensen-Gordillo
Mikiela Grassley
Kayla Harris
Rachael Hughes
Yi Jin Kang
Lisa Newkirk
Jordan Nuckols
Zachary Somers
Krista Tarvin
Emily Veloz
Nica Villaluz
Reese Wolf

Osan Middle School Celebrates National School Library Month

Submitted by: Christin Dunham, Information Specialist, Osan Middle School,
Osan Air Force Base, Republic of Korea

April is not only National Poetry Month but also National School Library Month. Ms. Christin Dunham, Osan Middle School's (OMS) Information Specialist, coordinated with Osan American ES (OAES) teachers and Mrs. Ericka Perry, 8th Grade ELA teacher, to present a reader's theater production of "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" by Jon Scieszka and illustrated by Lane Smith. Prior to this, Ms. Dunham and Mrs. Perry had collaborated to create a script based on this popular children's picture book and work with the 8th grade student' poetry writing skills. The 8th graders presented their own poems to Mrs. Watkin's 4th grade students and Mrs. McGuire's 5th grade students. Each of Mrs. McGuire's students paired with an 8th grade student to read their own poems. One 8th grade student, Jasmine Tuck, said that she was impressed with the variety of poems that the students had created, which included a haiku, a limerick, and a cinquain poem. The OAES students listened to different genres of poetry, such as a biography and lyric poems. It was a wonderful way to celebrate National School Library Month.



Osan Middle School Poetry Slam 2011

Submitted by: Christin Dunham, Information Specialist, Osan Middle School,
Osan Air Force Base, Republic of Korea

In celebration of National Poetry Month (April) Osan Middle School's (OMS) Information Specialist, Ms. Christin Dunham, planned and hosted a Poetry Slam luncheon on April 28 in the OMS Information Center. Students interested in either listening and/or reading poetry signed up via their ELA classes. There are less than 160 students at OMS and 99 students signed up, which is approximately 75% of the student body. "Planning for that many students in the Information Center was a happy challenge and I'm glad so many of our students participated," said Ms. Dunham. Mrs. Shannon Gourdin, 7th grade ELA teacher, said, "It takes a lot of guts to stand up in front of people." Over 30 students read a poem, several of whom memorized their poem and/or wrote their own poems. Students were allowed to write their own poem or read a published poem and did not have to read a "slam" poem. Some students paired up with a friend to perform a duet poetry reading. Everyone ate pizza, bought with money donated by PTSO funds. Several staff members also recited or read a poem, including the principal, Mr. McGee. Two 6th grade students, Alyssa Eitland and Ahlia Patton performed a duet poem. They both agreed that it was a good way to express themselves through poetry and though they were shy, they thought it was fun and the pizza was yummy. Lisa Newkirk, 8th grader, said, "It was good way for our school to express ourselves." And Jessica Kowalk, 8th grader, said, "It helped people build confidence to stand up in front of the school." Poetry Slam underscored and highlighted the ELA teacher's poetry lessons and activities in their classrooms.







Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, 2011

- Sponsored by the OMS PTSO
- We need volunteers to help make this week extra special for all teachers & staff members of OMS
- To volunteer, please contact Betty Nuckols at
- 010-8671-3902 or nuckolsfamily@mac.com

• _____
Please return by Monday, May 2nd
I would like to volunteer to help or donate

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Please check one of the following :

help with set or clean up

donate a sweet treat (cookies, brownies, chocolate etc.)

Breakfast item (bagels, cream cheese, muffins, juice, fruit etc.)

Lunch item (taco fixings: salsa, sour cream, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese etc.)

Cash for Pizza Party on Friday (money needs to be dropped off NLT Thursday)