



# Osan Middle School Thunderbirds

Preparing each student for success in a dynamic global environment.

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Parent Connection

## A Message from the Principal:

Parents and Friends of Osan Middle:

Wow! We are surely headed into the holidays with some momentum and excitement. It was wonderful seeing so many of our students demonstrate a great deal of poise and confidence as they shared their gifts in our talent showcase on Thursday. The audience of students was outstanding as well, as they supported their friends and classmates. And the snow today made for some excitement as well. While it made for sketchy road conditions, students really enjoyed being able to get outside during a portion of their lunch period today!

Also, our holiday door decorating contest generated a great deal of team work as students worked together to produce creative representations of the winter season. While all were outstanding, there was one that most closely followed the contest guidelines and was rated highest by our committee of judges. Congratulations to Mrs. Baldwin's Seminar!

With Mrs. Baldwin in mind, we say goodbye to her today. She and her husband will soon add a member to their family. We appreciate her outstanding work as English/Language Arts Teacher and look forward to meeting their new addition in 2011.

After the break we will welcome three new team members. First, Ms. Perry will begin full-time teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade English/Language Arts on 3 January. She will fill the position occupied by currently by Ms. Baldwin. Ms. Perry has ten years of high quality experience teaching in both Virginia and North Carolina. Additionally, we will welcome two outstanding professionals who will enable us to lower our class sizes in English and Mathematics at the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade level where the sizes are currently in the upper 20's. Ms. Tarbox who is currently completing her residency/student teaching with us, will join our English department teaching one class of 6<sup>th</sup> and one class of 7<sup>th</sup> grade English/Language Arts in mid-January. Ms. Karin McWhorter will join our math department teaching one class of 6<sup>th</sup> and one class of 7<sup>th</sup> grade math after the break. Like Ms. Perry and Ms. Tarbox, Ms. McWhorter is a military spouse and certified teacher who is looking forward to working with us and your children. Each of these professionals comes to us highly qualified and highly recommended. As I know you will, please extend a warm welcome to these outstanding folks when you met them.

Thanks for a great first few months of the school year...see you next year!

**Jeffrey W. McGee, Principal**

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## Holiday Door Contest

This week each classroom decorated their door with a holiday theme. All of the doors looked great and were very creative. The students worked hard and each door turned out beautiful! It was a tough decision to make, but the judges decided the lucky winner

## Important Dates!

**January 3rd**, Winter recess ends, return to school

**January 17th**, Martin Luther King Day, NO SCHOOL

**January 28th**, Teacher work day, NO SCHOOL

## A Special Thank you...

**To Ms. Montiel for organizing the Osan Middle talent show on Dec. 16th. All the students who participated did an excellent job during their performance. OMS is filled with talent!**



## Bye Students....

Osan Middle is sad to see the following students leave us during Winter break:

**Mariya Clark, 6th grade**

**Emilienne Riopel, 7th grade**

**Nikita Turov, 6th grade**

**Cheyenne Smith, 6th grade**

**Dallas Smith, 7th grade**

Goodluck at your next base!

## Winter Holiday Concert

There was a Winter holiday concert on Dec. 14th. Our Middle School students did a great job and we are proud of their performance. We can't wait till the next show!