



Osan Middle School Thunderbirds

Providing a Setting of High Expectations
to Engage and Motivate All Students in a
Successful Learning Environment

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Parent Connection

Parents:

This week we enjoyed several wonderful days of TerraNova Testing. Our students (your children) demonstrated a great deal of focus and tenacity in working through the testing protocols. We are very proud of their effort.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the parents that donated snacks. Because of you, we were able to ensure that every student had a healthy snack to eat during testing. Special thanks also to the volunteers who came in each morning to organize and distribute food and drink items to students: Ms. Sommers, Ms. Knuckols, Ms. Kennedy, and Ms. Veloz. Mr. Pastel from the Osan Commissary was also very generous in donating hundreds of healthy snack bars, pop tarts, and cases of water to our students. The partnerships we enjoy at Osan are truly outstanding and emblematic of wonderful community commitment and leadership.

Onward!
Jeffrey W. McGee, Principal

Our Friends in Japan

The tragic earthquakes and tsunami in mainland Japan have evoked an outpouring of support from the DoDEA Korea family. All DoDEA Japan schools are open and operating normally with the exception of those in Misawa due to energy and communications issues. We are so grateful that each DoDEA child and adult is accounted for and safe; yet, our hearts ache for the Japanese people and the families who have lost loved ones.

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.

General Sharp Awards

General Walter L. Sharp, Commander United Nations Command and Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea will host the Sharp Awards on 8 April.

Two outstanding OMS Educators will be recognized at this prestigious event. Please extend congratulations to: Sharon Manuel and Laura Votipka.

You Can't Hide That Thunderbird Pride!

Women's History Month

The women's history month essay contest is accepting submissions. Due to Ms. Dunham by Tuesday, 22 March.

Earth Day Poster Contest

Sponsored by the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Environmental Office. See details on last page. Please continue to encourage your child to be an active learner by taking advantage of this opportunity. Due 25 March.

Calendar of Events

- 15-18 Mar: TerraNova Testing
- 18 Mar: Early Release (1000) Staff Development
- 21-25 Mar: Spirit Week
- 25 Mar: School Dance

Women's History Month Committee Presents
Women's History Month Essay Contest



Rules:

- Each Entry must include a Student Entry Form.
- Each Entry must begin with a title page containing: Official topic – “Our History is Our Strength” – Honoring an Influential Woman in My Life; Number of Words; Writer's Name; School Name; and Grade.
- Essays must contain 200-300 words (Middle School) and 300-500 words (High School). (Word count does not include any bibliography, footnotes, or cover page.)
- Any quotation or copyrighted material used, must be properly identified using a bibliography and footnotes or proper citation.
- Open to all OMS, OAHS, and MS/HS Home-Schooled Students.

Incentive:

Certificate, \$50 Scholarship (First Prize), and \$25 Scholarship (Runner-Up). First Prize and Runner Up winners in each of the Middle School and High School categories.

Deadline:

1-23 March (Winners announced 28 March)

Submissions may be displayed at the Community Center from 28-31 March.

POC: Stacey York (010-6873-0146)

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
ESSAY CONTEST**

"Our History is Our Strength" – Honoring an Influential Woman in My Life

STUDENT ENTRY FORM

Please print.

Student's Name

OMS, OAHS, or Home School

Grade

Name of Supervising Teacher

Essays may be selected for public view at the Community Center. If you wish to allow your work to be displayed, then Parental Consent is required. Please have Parent sign below and provide a good contact number.

Parent(s) Signature

Parent(s) Printed Name

Phone

Teacher Verification:

I have read the attached essay and verify that it reflects the above-named student's original work.

Signature _____ Date _____

This Entry Form must accompany essay submissions.
Contest Dates: 1 March – 23 March, 2011 (Submit entries to School POC by EOD 23 March.)



EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST

Celebrate the 41st Anniversary of Earth Day on 22 Apr 2011
Sponsored by the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Environmental Office

Theme: Earth Day

Media: 9 X 12" Hand-created drawing. Use markers, color pencils, crayons, pens, paint, etc. * No Computer Generated Images*

Why The winning poster will be placed on Earth Day 2011 T-shirts and the top entries in each grade will receive T-Shirts

Who: Open to all students at Osan AB schools and school age dependents of Osan personnel

Label on back: On the back of the poster, put your name, Grade, School Name and Teacher's name (if applicable)

Hand Deliver to: Place poster in envelope or folder addressed to "51 CES/CEAN" and deliver to the Environmental Office in Bldg 600 or submit it to your school principal no later than noon on 25 March 2011.

Questions: Please call 784-4272 or 031-661-4272
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