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11.11.11 Veteran's Day

Fighting ceased between Germany and the Allied Powers at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, even though the Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended WWI, was not signed until June, 1918. In May, 1938, Congress passed an Act declaring Armistice Day as a U.S. holiday. Armistice Day eventually became Veterans Day in June, 1954, to recognize the contributions, sacrifice, and work of all veterans, not just WWI veterans. The red poppy is a symbol of Veteran's Day, in reference to the poem, "In Flanders Fields," which is in Belgium and where 368 WWI American soldiers are buried. The author of the poem was Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918) of the Canadian Army Medical Corps who treated wounded soldiers throughout WWI. Our immeasurable gratitude and deepest respect to all our veterans.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Help your child by regularly visiting
our website:

www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/



Calendar of Events

11 NOV	No school
16 NOV	1st Qtr. Awards Assembly at OAHS auditorium
24 NOV	Thanksgiving Day, no school
25 NOV	Thanksgiving Break, no school
05 DEC	SAC meeting at 4:30 PM



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Thank You from Mr. Edwards

A huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered at the cross country meet on Saturday, November 5 at Osan. We have had a successful cross country season which wouldn't have been possible without each and every volunteer's help. Whether in small ways or big ways, everyone's help mattered.

First Quarter Grading Period Awards Assembly

Grading periods in DODDS is divided into quarters. There are four quarters, or grading periods, in one school year. After the end of each quarter, we have an awards assembly to recognize student academic achievement. Our first quarter grading period awards assembly will occur on Wednesday, NOV 16, from 2:10-3:10 PM in the Osan American HS auditorium. Included in this awards assembly are citizenship awards.

School Advisory Committee

SAC is a committee of OMS staff and parents whose role is make recommendations or suggestions to the principal and/or installation commander on educational matters.

Our school year 2010-2011 officers and members are:

Mr. Bryan T. Kwasniewski, Chairperson (Parent)
Mrs. Christine Kress, Member (Parent)
Mr. David Ives (Parent)
Ms. Stephanie Laird, Vice Chair (Educational Technologist)
Mrs. Sharon Manuel, Member (Math Teacher)
Ms. Christin Dunham, Secretary (Information Specialist)
Mr. McGee, Member (Principal)

SAC meetings are open to all parents and staff of OMS. Our next meeting is DEC 5, Monday, at 4:30 PM in the OMS Information Center (Library). Hope you to see you there!



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White House to Display Holiday Cards from Military Children

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The First Lady has requested that military children from around the globe create holiday cards supporting their parent and send them to The White House to be displayed with the holiday decorations no later than Nov. 16.

The White House is honoring American heroes this holiday season and would like to include the personal contributions in their finishing touches on the White House decorations.

"We are asking kids like you, from military installations around the world, to create a holiday card that represents your parent who is serving our nation," said First Lady Michelle Obama in a personal letter to military children. "I encourage you to use your imagination, and include words, pictures, and drawings to create a holiday card that honors your brave mom or dad."

Military children should submit 5" by 8" handmade holiday cards with words of appreciation for their military parents, as well as pictures and drawings. The child should be sure to include their mother or father's name, branch of service and command in the card.

Participants are asked to send holiday cards to the following address, along with information from where they are sending it: Reservation 1, Attn: Social Office, P.O. Box 8070, Washington, DC, 20032.

"Thank you for helping with this fun project, and most of all for your family's courageous service to our nation," added Obama. "I look forward to seeing the results of your creativity!"

The White House will display as many of the cards as possible.

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cni/.

Please return completed cards to Ms. Dunham in the Information Center (Library) by Monday, NOV 14.