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## eCYBERMISSION STEM Project Winners

Two 7th grade teams from Osan Middle School entered the eCYBERMISSION STEM competition. The Pi=4 team consisted of Joy Kim, Jonas Knudsen, Matthew Burbee, and Kyler Nelson. The Gardenia team consisted of Cana Clark, Leah Park, and Grayson Granda.

Team Gardenia, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Team Pi=4 won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the state for 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the entire Armed Forces Pacific area! This means that each Team Gardenia member will receive a \$250 check and a certificate, and each Team Pi=4 member will receive a \$500 check and a certificate. All will be mailed within the next couple of months at the address they provided on their Student Validation Form.

We are proud of these students and Mr. Carlin, science teacher, who supervised, taught, and worked with these teams and helped raise the bar in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

*Congratulations on this fantastic achievement!*

## Excellence in Teaching

Mrs. Sharon Manuel was named one of the three finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). In addition to this award, she was recently recognized as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Area 3 Teacher of the Year!

*Congratulations, Mrs. Manuel!*

Help your child by regularly visiting  
our website:  
[www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/](http://www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/)



## Calendar of Events

23-27 APR	STEM Week/Science Fair
30 APR	3rd Quarter Awards
14-16 MAY	Good Neighbor English Camp
28 MAY	Memorial Day
13 JUN	Early Release 11:25 AM
14 JUN	Early Release 9:40 AM



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## DoDEA Attendance Policy Voluntary Online Poll

At the beginning of the school year, the Dpt. of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) introduced a new attendance policy similar to those found in most school districts in the U.S. The policy was marketed as "Be Here!" through various communication products and agency leadership made a commitment at that time to gather stakeholder feedback in the spring of 2012. To that end, DoDEA Pacific has developed a very brief, **voluntary** poll to gauge the levels of awareness, effectiveness and satisfaction with the new DoDEA attendance policy.

The poll takes less than 5 minutes to complete and responses will remain anonymous. We will use the data to help craft recommended improvements for DoDEA HQs' consideration. The poll will run through Sunday, 6 May 2012. A banner is attached for promotion through your web sites, newsletters, etc. This same information will be provided to all DoDEA Pacific school administrators in the 6 April weekly packet (tomorrow).

Please share the following URL with your colleagues and all other stakeholders in your schools and communities:

[https://www.research.net/s/dpac\\_attendance\\_policy](https://www.research.net/s/dpac_attendance_policy)

**Tell us, we're listening.**

Seeking your feedback on the  
New DoDEA Attendance Policy

**be here!**



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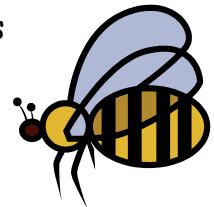
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## Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to 7th grader Leah Park who won our campus Spelling Bee. Our 2nd place winner is 8th grader Renea Goddard and 3rd place winner is 6th grader Reagan Martignetti. Our Alternate is 7th grader Joy Kim. All four students will attend the KAIC Spelling Bee at Seoul Foreign School on April 27, Friday.



*Congratulations and  
Good Luck at KAIC Spelling Bee!*

## USFK Good Neighbor Program

Again this year, the Thunderbirds will be hosting local Korean students from Pyeongtaek. The Good Neighbor program is a win-win opportunity for visiting and hosting students to exchange cultural perspectives that can last a lifetime. As part of the USFK/DoDDS alliance with our host country, this program is well organized and supported. To this end, OMS is in need of families who are interested in participating in this great program as host families for two nights. The 25 visiting students are 12-13 years of age, includes males and females, and can be matched with same gender hosts. **Please call Mrs. Geer at 784-7256 if you are interested.** Please see the below schedule for more information. Kam Saham Ni Da!

### NOTE:

The Good Neighbor Program Schedule is on the next page of this Parent Connection newsletter.



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## USFK Good Neighbor Program

2011-2012

Monday, 14 May	
0830-0930	Twenty-three students for English camp arrive at Doolittle gate for check-in, board LRS bus with Osan Public Affairs Staff
1000-1015	Travel/Arrive at Osan Middle School/OMS Host Students Report to Café
1015-1030	Welcome Remarks/Safety Briefing
1030-1125	Introduce Korean Students to American Buddies (meet/greet/school tour)
1130-1210	Lunch with American buddies in Thunderbird Café
1215-1510	Attend classes with American buddy
1515-1545	Visiting students and American Buddies report to Café to be picked-up by host family member
1545	Departure with American host families by 1545
1700	Meet at bowling alley for fun/food (optional)
Tuesday, 15 May	
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/POV if off base)
TBA	Meet at base theater for movie (optional)
Wednesday, 16 May	
0810-0820	Korean students arrive at Osan Middle with American buddy
0830-1340	Attend classes with American buddy
1420	Families of visiting students arrive
1430-1500	School-wide celebration/program in Thunderbird Café (w/parents of Korean students)
1500-1545	Catered reception w/host and visiting families in Thunderbird Library.
1545	Korean students depart for Doolittle gate with their family