



# Osan Middle School Thunderbirds

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## *Happy New Year!*

### PTSO Needs You

PTSO meeting at OMS Information Center (Library) Tuesday, January 10 at 1700 hours. We'd love for you to attend our meeting and help us plan events and activities to support our school.



### Increase in School Lunch Price

Beginning Jan. 3, DoDDS full-price student meal increased from \$2.05 to \$2.40 for elementary students, and from \$2.20 to \$2.55 for secondary students. Families qualifying for the Free and Reduced Meal Program will not be impacted by the meal cost increases. The cost of a reduced-price lunch will remain unchanged at 40 cents per meal. The increase is necessary to cover rising costs and to comply with The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

The DoD schools meal program is managed by the military Services and the Exchange. To learn more about the increase or other aspects of the Student Meal Program such as nutritional content and payment options, please visit:

<http://publicaffairs-sme.com/pressrelease/?p=517>

<http://www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/Schoollunch/>

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Help your child by regularly visiting  
our website:

[www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/](http://www.osan-ms.pac.dodea.edu/)



### Calendar of Events

- 10 JAN** PTSO meeting at 1700 hours in the library
- 13 JAN** Early release at 1025 hours for students
- 16 JAN** MLK Day; no school
- 23 JAN** Lunar New Year; no school
- 26 JAN** Teacher Work Day; no school for students



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## Sports Physical and 7th Grade Hearing Test

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### Sports Physical

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For students who use an off-base clinic for sport physical, please see the form on Ms. Elliott's (school nurse) Sharepoint site. You can also obtain the forms from our school's main office.

Sharepoint home web page->Faculty->Ms. Elliott-> sports physical

NOTE: Students do not have to bring any forms to Osan Base Clinic for sports physical.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Hearing Test

I will continue to screen 7<sup>th</sup> graders hearing in January during seminar. Students will be bringing information letter with the screening result. Parents are encouraged to share the information with their child. 7<sup>th</sup> graders who did not have sports physical will be screened for vision as well.

It is the coldest time of the year in Korea (January and February). Please ensure that your child wears warm clothes for this cold weather.

### School Advisory Committee E-mail Address

If you have any questions or concerns which affect our school, please let the School Advisory Committee know. The SAC community email address is [omssac12@gmail.com](mailto:omssac12@gmail.com). The purpose of SAC is make suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of educational programs and general quality of education and school programs, such as policies, procedures, instructional programs, allocation of resources, and standards of conduct.



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## National Geography Bee

The National Geographic Bee, is an educational program of the National Geographic Society. It is a nationwide geography competition for U.S. schools with any grades four through eight, designed to encourage the teaching and study of geography.

Our final school-wide bee to determine the local winner will be held January 12, 2012 in the cafeteria from 2:15 to 3:15.

OAMS Finalists and Alternates-based on the preliminary classroom competitions:

- 8-Aiden Kress (Mark LaFortune)
- 6-Teddy Thomas (Leah Young)
- 8-\*Christopher McGee (Darron Miller)  
\*Perfect score in the preliminary rounds!
- 6-Kathleen Mathews (Tanner Harrold)
- 6-Nicholas Lowe (Ahmad Mustaffa)
- 7-Jonas Knudsen (Jarek Pencek - alternate)
- 7-Andrea Kimble (Brenna Grantman-alternate)
- 8-Anna Lee (Ocean Houston-alternate)
- 7-Krista Quimby (James Adams-alternate)
- 8-Renae Goddard 1<sup>st</sup> (Alternates)  
Andrew Worcester and Eun Ho Kim tied for second





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## School Support Job Vacancies

If you are interested in school support jobs, internal and external applicants must apply for each school support position through USAJOBS. The Korea District HR office will no longer accept applications, or supporting documents via email. All supporting documents must be uploaded and attached in USAJOBS. The Korea HR email address was deactivated. Applicants will receive an undeliverable message should they attempt to send applications and/or supporting documents to the Korea HR email address.

All applicants who applied for the 2011 school support positions, vacancy announcement number 10-002, must reapply for the 2012 school support positions via USAJOBS. This includes applicants who submitted applications on or around the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

Korea District Open Continuous Vacancies:

Announcement No.	Position & Grade	Link to USAJOBS
12-009-KO-AR-584090	Lead Monitor- GS-0303-03	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306067500">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306067500</a>
12-010-KO-AR-582460	Monitor- GS-0303-02	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/305777500">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/305777500</a>
12-011-KO-AR-583193	Education Aids – GS-1702-04	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/305881100">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/305881100</a>
12-012-KO-AR-584077	Office Automation Assistant –GS-0326-04/05	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306012600">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306012600</a>
12-013-KO-AR-584518	School Information Assistant-GS-0303-05/06	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306075600">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306075600</a>
12-014-KO-AR-584554	Health Tech-GS-0640-04	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306077200">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306077200</a>
12-015-KO-AR-584561	Secretary (O/A)-GS-0318-05/06	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306078200">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306078200</a>
12-016-KO-AR-584567	DSO Secretary (O/A)-GS-0318-05/06/07	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306078800">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306078800</a>
12-017-KO-AR-584569	DSO Office Automation Assistant-GS-0326-05/06	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306080600">http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306080600</a>