

PATCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STALLION NEWS

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MISSION STATEMENT

We will provide a standards-based curricular environment that develops lifelong learners and promotes highest student achievement.



NEW MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE

DoDEA will make an important change to its entrance age eligibility requirement that will affect the kindergarten and first grade program for the 2009-10 School Year. The entrance eligibility birth date will be adjusted from October 31 to September 1. That means a child must be five or six years old for the enrollment year.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULT

We would like to welcome JM to the PES SAC as the new parent Representative for the remainder of this school year! Many thanks to MEK and BA for assisting with the election process. The next SAC meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, at 3:00 in the school Information Center. We hope to see you there.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

Students in grades 3-5 elected this year's Student Council officers today. Mrs. VR, Fifth Grade Teacher, will sponsor the council and coordinate its efforts to organize and direct a variety of activities and student initiatives. Congratulations and best wishes to this year's officers:

President - TW
Vice President - EC
Secretary - HS
Publicity, 5th Grade - JL
Publicity, 4th Grade - Tie: JH and RP
Publicity, 3rd Grade - LG



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"If everyone is moving forward together, then the success takes care of itself"

SPIRIT DAY – EVERY FRIDAY

WEAR YOUR SPIRIT SHIRT OR SCHOOL COLORS, RED, WHITE AND/OR BLUE

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The school office will be open 8:00 – 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on December 22 –24 and 29 – 31, as well as January 2.

PLEASE TAKE THE DODEA CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Don't forget to stop by the Information Center (Library) to participate in the DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey. Eight computers at the back of the Information Center have been configured specifically for this survey. The available dates for the survey are now through February 28.

You may go online at home to:

<https://webapps.dodea.edu/CSS0809/>

When the window opens, scroll down and click on the Parent/Sponsor Survey link. Click on the Next>>> buttons at the bottom of the pages to scroll through the survey. It takes at most 15-20 minutes to complete. Area = Europe District = Heidelberg School = Patch ES

When you complete the survey, could you please fill out the attached form and drop it off in the School Office? Your child will receive a reward!

'TIS THE SEASON... FOR SHARING A GOOD BOOK!

We will host the annual Used Book Fair in the school lobby during regular school hours on February 3-5. We need your donations of new or gently used children's books, CDs or DVDs for this popular PTA fundraiser. There is always a shortage of books appropriate for fourth and fifth grade students, so your help is especially appreciated in that category. Collection boxes will be set out in several locations when school resumes after the holidays. We will also need volunteers to sort books on February 2 and to work the book fair on the 3-5, so please mark your calendars now. Don't let a good book collect dust...Pass it on!



SPELLING BEE

Spelling Bee season has begun. Third through fifth graders may participate in the 2009 Patch Spelling Bee, which is part of the National Spelling Bee program. The Information form is available from your child's classroom teacher and is attached to this newsletter. The official word list and rules are available at www.spellingbee.com and www.spellit.com. The grade level bees will be held the week of January 12, with finalists advancing to the final bee on January 30 in our School Forum. You may contact AD for additional information. An unofficial grades K-2 spelling bee will be held in February.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Our school does not normally close because of snow and road conditions. However, such closings or delays may be necessary in the event of unusually severe weather. If school is delayed, it will usually begin at 10:00, and the bus routes will run two hours later than usual. The decision to close or delay school is made at approximately 4:00 a.m. by the Garrison Commander after careful evaluation of current and predicted road and weather conditions. School closures and delays are announced on AFN radio throughout the day. The frequencies for the AFN radio station are AM 1143 or FM 102.3 and also the Command Channel. For more information, you may also call the Stuttgart Weather & Road Condition hotline at DSN 431-3744, CIV 07031-15-3744 or log onto www.stuttgart.army.mil.



AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC AND STUDENT SAFETY

Thank you for your cooperation in making the new morning and afternoon traffic plan a success. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have questions about it or suggestions for the continued safety of our students.



DECEMBER: CARING/FAIRNESS

Do you forgive others? Do you help people in need?
Do you express gratitude? Are you kind?
Congratulations to the following students for
demonstrating the character trait of the month,
Caring/Fairness:

Award Recipients for the Week of December 19



SPOTLIGHT ON LITERACY

“**Look at what I did!**” Keeping a chart or graph that illustrates the number of books a child has read can bring a sense of accomplishment.

“**I want that one!**” Reading should be a choice, not a chore. Make sure there is a variety of books, magazines, and other materials available for your child to choose from.



YEARBOOK SALE

Don't be left out! You may order your 2008-09 Patch Elementary School Yearbook TODAY! Presale price is \$18 **IF** you order by January 30. After that date, the price will be \$20. Order forms are available in the school office.



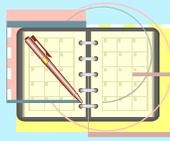
COLD WEATHER

Now that cold weather is upon us please be sure that your child is dressed in layers of warm clothing before setting out for school each morning. We make every effort to ensure that students get at least some fresh air and exercise on a daily basis. It is a significant part of our education program. If weather permits at all, students will have supervised outdoor recess, if only for five minutes, or so, immediately after lunch. Warm coats with zippers that work, hats and gloves are a must.

ATTENDANCE



You can log-on to <http://www.patch-es.eu.dodea.edu/> to inform the school office when your child will be absent. Although our best line of communication will be the telephone, you may use our website, if you prefer.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 22-Jan 2 Winter Recess
- Jan. 5 Classes Resume
- Jan. 8 School Advisory Committee Meeting
3 p.m., Information Center
- Jan. 12 AR Night
6-8 pm, Information Center
- Jan. 13-15 Spelling Bee
10:30-11:30
- Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Day,
Federal Holiday, No School
- Jan. 21 Continuous School Progress Committee
Meetings
- Jan. 22 End Second Quarter and First Semester
- Jan. 23 Teacher Record Keeping Day,
No school for students



SPECIALIST SCHEDULE

Monday JAN 5	Tuesday JAN 6	Wednesday JAN 7	Thursday JAN 8	Friday JAN 9
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1
Monday JAN 12	Tuesday JAN 13	Wednesday JAN 14	Thursday JAN 15	Friday JAN 16
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



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