

# PATCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STALLION NEWS

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## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.



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## FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE AWARDS CEREMONY

The Second Quarter Awards Ceremony for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Roll students will be on this **Tuesday, February 7 at 8:10 a.m.** in the Multi-Purpose room. Awards will be presented for A/B Honor Roll and Principal's All A's Honor Roll. Please join us if you can.



## CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY

Please be sure to mark your calendar. Next **Friday, February 10** is a Continuous School Improvement planning day for our teachers. We will continue our ongoing work of identifying and designating specific instructional activities to increase our effectiveness of teaching written communication techniques, as well as mathematics problem-solving and communication methods to our students. You are welcome and encouraged to join us, if you can. **There will be no school for students on this day.**



## COLD WEATHER IS HERE!

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, students will have supervised outdoor recess, if only for five minutes or so, immediately after lunch. On days of really cold weather, as we have been experiencing lately, if a child prefers not to go outside for the longer lunchtime recess, she may remain in the lunchroom or return there if she has already been outside. Students will not be allowed to go outside for recess after lunch on cold days unless they have adequate protection against the weather. Warm coats with zippers that work, hats and gloves are a must.



## PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

Are you new to the school, or do you have a question or concern about any aspect of the school program? If so, you are invited to attend the February Principal's Coffee at 8:15 a.m. this **Monday, February 6, in the school office.** This is an informal open question-and-answer time, with refreshments provided by the PTA. We look forward to seeing you there.



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR TEACHERS

Mrs. Rachel H is from Milton, Florida. She was inspired by her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher to become an educator. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Education in Instructional Technology from American Intercontinental University. Her future goal is to pursue a Ph.D in Education. Mrs. H's teaching experience includes various ages and grades in places as diverse as Louisiana, Missouri, Japan, California, Morocco, and Germany. She has enjoyed the diverse experiences she has been given as an educator. Rachel is married to her college sweetheart, Joshua, who has served in the Army the past 14 years. The H's have one son, Andrew, age 10 and a student here at Patch Elementary, and two daughters, Leah and Leila, age 4. They will depart Germany later in 2012 for assignment to the US embassy in Dakar, Senegal.



## ATTENDANCE

Please call the school office at CIV 0711 680 5200 or log-on to our website at <http://www.patch-es.eu.dodea.edu/> to report your child's absence.

## ARRIVING LATE

If arriving at school after 8:15 a.m. **please walk your child to the school office to sign in.** When students are unaccompanied by an adult, we will notify you and ask you to come to school to sign your child in for the day. A student who does not have someone sign them in will receive an **unexcused** tardy for the day.



## NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated next week, from February 6-10, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within US school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

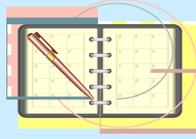
School counselors implement comprehensive school counseling programs, which are a vital part of the educational process for all students as they meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. School counselors are actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents. They focus on positive ways to enhance students' social/personal, educational, and career development, and they work closely with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic, and optimistic aspirations for themselves. School counselors also work in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world.

This message is brought to you by the American School Counselor Association and your Patch Elementary School Counselors, Ms. F and Ms. K.



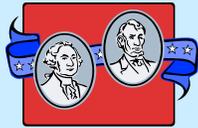
*"Life's A Dance, You Learn As You Go"*

*Every Friday is Spirit Day at PES! Wear your spirit shirt or school colors: red, white and blue!*



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 6** 8:15 a.m. Principal’s Coffee  
School Office
- Feb 7** 8:10 a.m. Awards Assembly Grades 4-5  
School Multi Purpose Room (Gym)
- Feb 10** Continuous School Improvement Planning  
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Feb 13, 15-16** Dental Screenings
- Feb 14** 6-8 p.m. Accelerated Reader Night  
Information Center (Library)
- Feb 20** Presidents’ Day—**SCHOOL CLOSED**



## SPECIALISTS’ SCHEDULE



| Monday<br>Feb 6  | Tuesday<br>Feb 7  | Wednesday<br>Feb 8  | Thursday<br>Feb 9  | Friday<br>Feb 10             |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Day<br>2         | Day<br>3          | Day<br>4            | Day<br>5           | No School<br>for<br>Students |
| Monday<br>Feb 13 | Tuesday<br>Feb 14 | Wednesday<br>Feb 15 | Thursday<br>Feb 16 | Friday<br>Feb 17             |
| Day<br>1         | Day<br>2          | Day<br>3            | Day<br>4           | Day<br>5                     |



## KIDS WITH CHARACTER

### Self-Discipline



Each week our **PES Guidance & Counseling Program** highlights a student from each class who demonstrates the character trait of the month. The character trait for the month of February is **Self-Discipline**.

Do you control your anger? Do you resolve conflicts? Do you set goals? Are you self-confident? Are you a good listener? Self-Discipline is doing things that have to be done without being told and without fussing. You show self-discipline when you do the right thing -what is your job/responsibility, use good manners and are considerate, follow rules, take care of yourself, and do nothing that is dangerous.

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating the character trait of the month,  
**Self-Discipline**

### Award Recipients for the Week of January 30

