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Pull!

Children participate in a tug-of-war match before the Vicenza Full Gospel Pentecostal Service volunteers handed out free school supplies Saturday at the Back to School Barbecue. Children also participated in other fun activities such as a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, fast pace kickball, and face painting.

This is the fourth year for the barbecue, said Mikaela Cade, pastor of the Full Gospel Service who coordinated the event.

This year, teachers also received bags to show we appreciate all the work they do, said Cade.

The Full Gospel Pentecostal Service provided about 175 bags of school supplies for students in grades kindergarten to 12 at the barbecue. For more information about the Full Gospel Pentecostal group, contact the post chapel at 634-7719. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

Joint patrols help secure area, train up Afghan military

Story and photos
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Special to the Outlook

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HARRIMAN, Afghanistan – In an effort to bolster security while training Afghan National Army soldiers, the Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne), are performing joint known area of interest, (referred to as NAI) patrols outside the base.

The purpose of the NAI patrols is to look for fixed and rocket positions in any area that can see the base from high ground, said Staff Sgt. Eric Cross, 2nd Squad leader, 3rd Platoon, A Company, 1-508th Inf (Abn).

“Basically, we go up and clear the hill,” said Cross.

NAI patrols are done on a daily basis by alternating squads, said Sgt. Oscar Torres, A Team leader, with the same unit. The areas are cleared via vehicle patrols, sometimes by helicopter.

“If anything happens nearby, we respond,” said Torres. “The immediate reaction force also responds – just in case.”

ANA soldiers joined the patrols in June, when Soldiers of the 1-508th Inf (Abn) returned to the area, said Torres.

The same paratroopers also have select days when they train the ANA.

The patrols give both forces a chance to bond and learn from each other; and if no contact takes place, a little chance to relax.

“The plan is, we get them to fight for their own country,” said Torres. “We get them trained up so the next unit won’t really need to [train them].”

While working to build the ANAs confidence and knowledge is not always an easy thing to do, the 1-508th Inf (Abn) Soldiers teach with patience.

“We’re patient with them, and we treat the people well,” said Torres.

With parliamentary elections taking place in September, the ANA’s progress has been promising and instilled confidence in their teachers.

“The ANA has been doing well,” said Torres. “In a few months or so, they’ll really be on line.”

It is the hope that these joint patrols and training will prove to be well worth the effort in September, when Coalition and ANA forces will step up to keep the elections secure.

“Nobody’s ever done this before,” said Torres. “[Their proficiency] all depends on the intensity of the deployment.”



Staff Sgt. Eric Cross, 2nd Squad leader, 3rd Platoon, A Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, guides an known area of interest patrol through the area surrounding Forward Operating Base Harriman July 27.



A squad of Afghan National Army soldiers follow an NAI patrol through the area surrounding Forward Operating Base Harriman July 27.

Improved pharmacy call-in refill service

U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza
Press Release

The Vicenza Health Clinic is announcing its new easy-to-use AudioCare Call-in Refill Medication service.

This is an automated system that allows you to use your telephone keypad to call in your prescription refills 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for pick up during normal pharmacy hours.

Since it is a centralized system, you can also select a different pick-up location if you are traveling, or TDY in Europe, allowing you to pick up prescriptions at any Air Force pharmacy in Germany, or any Army pharmacy in Germany, Belgium or Italy.

Here are the easy-to-follow instructions on how to use the automated system.

Have the last four digits of the sponsor's Social Security number and the numerical portion of the prescription numbers ready (these are found in the upper right portion on the prescription label), and follow these steps:

- Step 1: Call 634-7590 or 0444-71-7590.
- Step 2: Select your 'Footprint.' Choose option #1 for Landstuhl Footprint (Vicenza is a Landstuhl Footprint pharmacy)
- Step 3: Select your pharmacy. Choose option #3 to pick up prescriptions at the Vicenza Health Clinic pharmacy.

Step 4: Pick an option for the pharmacy selected. At this step you can request a refill or inquire as to the status of a prescription.

You will be asked to enter your Social Security number and prescription numbers using the keypad.

Other options give the pharmacy hours of operation, instructions on using the system, opportunity to select a different pick-up location, or allow you to speak directly with a pharmacy representative.

Calling in refills allows the pharmacy to prepare your prescriptions in advance, saving time and helping improve services for everyone.

For information contact Rebecca Viola, Vicenza Health Clinic pharmacist at 634-7596, or off post at 0444-71-7596.

Scholarships for veterans available

When former U.S. Ambassador to Spain George Argyros, and his wife Julia, visited wounded U.S. troops in a temporary hospital at Rota Spain, he was so inspired that he wanted to do something for U.S. troops who serve in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Through their family foundation, the Argyros donated \$5 million to launch the Horatio Alger Military Veterans Scholarship, open to any service member who serves in the Iraq or Afghanistan theaters.

The effort is an offshoot of Argyros' work with the Horatio Alger Association, which provides scholarship assistance to young people who demonstrated integrity and determination in overcoming adversity.

The military scholarships are \$5,000, paid to the veteran's school over the course of his or her education, according to Patrick

Burns, the military scholarship coordinator for the association.

Deadline to apply for the scholarship for the fall semester is Sept. 1, and criteria includes:

- Veterans must be U.S. citizens or in the process of becoming citizens to qualify.
- Have served in the Iraq and/or Afghanistan theaters of operation since September 2001, with a Defense Department Form 214 to prove it.
- Intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year U.S. school.
- Show proof of financial need; the threshold is \$50,000 a year in household income.

Applications and details are online at www.horatioalger.org.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Aug. 23	CLOSED	
Aug. 24	Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)	5 p.m.
	Cinderella Man (PG13)	7 p.m.
Aug. 25	Madagascar (PG)	7 p.m.
Aug. 26	War of the Worlds (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13)	10 p.m.
Aug. 27	The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl (PG)	2 p.m.
	The Honeymooners (PG13)	7 p.m.
	War of the Worlds (PG13)	10 p.m.
Aug. 28	War of the World (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG13)	7 p.m.
Aug. 29	CLOSED	
Aug. 30	The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl (PG)	5 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Aug. 26	Herbie: Fully Loaded (PG13)	7 p.m.
Aug. 27	The Perfect Man (PG)	7 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS - *Amber Tamblyn, America Ferrara.* Four best friends, Tibby, Lena, Carmen and Bridget spend their first summer apart from one another, they share a magical pair of jeans. Despite being of various shapes and sizes, each one of them fits perfectly into the pants. To keep in touch they pass these pants to each other as well as the adventures they are going through while apart.

CINDERELLA MAN - *Russell Crowe, Renee Zellweger.* In the middle of the Great Depression, there came along a most unlikely hero, James J. Braddock, a.k.a. the "Cinderella Man," who had crowds cheering on their feet-as he proved just how hard a man would fight to win a second chance for his family and himself. Then, finally, comes the match of Braddock's life, as he boldly agrees to face off against world heavyweight champ Max Baer, a cocky powerhouse of a fighter with a punch so lethal he has already killed two men in the ring. Some say that Braddock will never even survive the match.

MADAGASCAR - *Ben Stiller, Chris Rock.* Four residents of the New York's Central Park Zoo - Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe, and Gloria the hippo, have spent their whole lives living happily in a zoo. Then Marty falls in with a crowd of devious penguins, who bring him along in their escape attempt. When Alex realizes his friend is missing, he leads a company of critters on a search that takes them all outside the zoo for the first time. But before they know it, they're captured, crated, and put on a ship traveling to Africa. An accident at sea, however, strands them on the shore of Madagascar. Having had humans take care of them their entire life, the four know nothing of surviving in the wild, or that one of them, the lion, is genetically predisposed to eat his three best friends.

MR & MRS SMITH - *Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt.* John and Jane are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each of them has a secret — they are actually both legendary assassins working for competing organizations. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other's cross-hairs.

THE ADVENTURES OF SHARK BOY AND LAVA GIRL - *Taylor Lautner, Taylor Dooley.* Ten-year-old Max is an outcast who has become lost in his own fantasy world in an attempt to escape the everyday worries of dealing with parents, school bullies and no-fun summer vacations. But when Max realizes the characters and adventures in his imagination might be more real than anyone else believes, his whole world changes. Now, Max is blasting off on a mission to Planet Drool where his superhero friends Sharkboy and Lavagirl live, and where the evil Mr. Electric threatens to do away with all dreams forever.

WAR OF THE WORLDS - *Tom Cruise, Miranda Otto.* Ray is a working class man living in New Jersey. He's estranged from his family, his life isn't in order, and he's too caught up with himself. But the unthinkable and, ultimately, the unexpected happens to him in an extraordinary sense. His small town life is shaken violently by the arrival of destructive intruders: Martians which have come enmasse to destroy Earth.

THE HONEYMOONERS - *Cedric the Entertainer, Mike Epps.* New York City bus driver Ralph and his feisty wife Alice, struggle to make ends meet. Despite Ralph's many get-rich-quick schemes/motivational speaker tape series, they've managed to save some money and, along with their best friends Ed and Trixie, they seem to have almost enough money for a down payment on a Brooklyn duplex. However, when Ralph decides to try to impress Alice by making up what he's lost and augmenting their savings with another of his crazy schemes, he winds up losing all their money and his marriage to boot — and it takes all his determination and love for Alice to get things on track again.

THE PERFECT MAN - *Hilary Duff, Heather Locklear.* Holly conceives the perfect plan for the perfect man — an imaginary secret admirer who will romance her mother Jean and boost her shaky self-esteem. When the virtual relationship takes off, Holly finds herself having to produce the suitor, borrowing her friend's charming and handsome Uncle Ben as the face behind the e-mails, notes and gifts. Holly must resort to increasingly desperate measures to keep the ruse alive and protect her mom's newfound happiness, almost missing the real perfect man when he does come along.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

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Children benefit from donations

1-508th performs small mission, with big results

Story and photos

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Special to the Outlook

CHARABARAN DISTRICT, Afghanistan – A group of Afghan children gather around a truck parked in the Charabaran District Center. A Soldier hands a bag of clothes and school supplies to the first child: a very young girl who has no shoes on her feet. She will get her shoes, too, soon.

The Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, A Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) give out these supplies during a humanitarian aid

mission as part of full-spectrum operations July 30.

“We have a lot of Adopt-A-Mosque programs and single Soldiers donating thing to us,” said Sgt. 1st Class Tony L. Nathan, 2nd Plt. sergeant. “We compile all the stuff from [A Company] and the chapel and go out and donate it to the people.”

This humanitarian aid mission was part of a leaders engagement mission, which includes medical assistance and civil affairs missions as well as combat operations, said 2nd Lt. Chané R. Jackson, 2nd Plt. leader. The Soldiers of A Co., 1-508th Inf (Abn) are never doing one

thing at a time, said Jackson.

“We do this about twice a week when we perform full-spectrum operations,” said Jackson.

The school supplies handed out are normally provided by outside sources or purchased by the unit commander. However, Jackson, Nathan and their Soldiers regularly take it upon themselves to give something to the people in their area of operations.

“Other places aren’t as poor as the places here in Paktika Province,” said Jackson.

The Soldiers handed out paper, coloring books, paint, markers, pens, rulers, pencils and sharpeners. The Adopt-a-Mosque program donated clothes, shoes, and a copy of the Koran that was later given to the local mosque.

“The schools are always running out of paper, pencils and

pens, so we always try to hand these things out when we’re doing assessments,” said Nathan.

The girl who received the first donations was very reluctant to approach the Soldiers at first, but after hearing kind words from a linguist, she went up to them and was given clothes, art supplies and shoes.

“She was all by herself,” said Nathan. “We liked to do that because some of them are homeless and don’t get a chance to get out to the bazaar. We’re not just here to help some of the people. We’re here for all Afghans.”



Top right: An Afghan girl shows the clothes donated to her by the Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, A Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment during a humanitarian aid mission at the Charabaran District Center July 30.

Above: Sgt. 1st Class Tony L. Nathan, 2nd Plt. sergeant puts new shoes on the feet of an Afghan girl during a humanitarian aid mission July 30.

Left: The Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, A Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment hand out school supplies during a humanitarian aid mission July 30.

Sports Briefs

SETAF Community-Level

Soccer: Ongoing try-outs and practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. next to the helicopter pad on the North 40.

Summer Basketball League:

Results from Aug. 9-11 games: Unfuquitable (58) vs Feelings (59); Rude boyz (58) vs Dental C (47); Dental C (41) vs Feelings (57); Unfuquitable (78) vs Rude boyz (49).

22nd ASG/SETAF Summer League Basketball Championship held Saturday and Sunday:

22nd ASG/SETAF Unit and Recreational Flag Football coaches meeting is Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

22nd ASG/SETAF Unit and Recreational Flag Football preseason tournament is Friday through Sunday. Sign your yeam up!

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament is Friday through Sunday. Sign your team up!

Ultimate Frisbee coaches meeting is Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Fitness Center.

SETAF Community-Level Boxing team has ongoing try-outs and practices. Contact the Sports Office at 634-7009 if interested.

Love me tender, because I'm all shook up!



Elvis, a.k.a. Kevin Boucher, performs at the Vicenza Post Exchange during the Elvis Day Aug. 13. His tribute to Elvis was followed by the Elvis Trivia Quiz and the Karaoke contest with winners and prizes. "It was definitely good," said Elvis after his performance. "There were people dancing, singing along, people were clapping and they looked like they had a good time!"

Boucher also mentioned that, in the city of Treviso, about 50 km. northeast of Vicenza, an Elvis Day will take place Saturday and Sunday.

"Every year they have an Elvis Day," he continued. "Last year was the first year I auditioned, and this year I was invited, so it will be my second year performing. I am really looking forward to it."

Last year, about 4,000 people participated in that event, according to Boucher. "It was definitely the biggest thing I have ever done."

During the Treviso Elvis Day, two veteran impersonators from Italy will participate, said Boucher. "They have been doing this for about 15 years, so this is going to be something that I am really looking forward to seeing, because I have never seen them perform."

For information about the Elvis Day in Treviso check the website www.elvis-day.it. The event also includes an American car (1950s-70s) parade in downtown Treviso, food stands and live music. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

He helps keep your computer virus-free

Vicenza civilian honored for computer skills

Story and photo
By Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The Information Assurance Awards Program, established in 2004, recognizes the Army Information Assurance Community and its significant contributions to the Army Security programs every year.

A panel of industry and military professionals as well as members with special expertise in the specific areas evaluated all the submissions and nominated three winners in the three different categories including Military, Government Civilian and Government Contractor.

Selected as the 2005 Army IA Professional of the Year as a civilian, Mark Santaw, Vicenza IA Network Manager, 509th Signal Battalion, Network Operations and Security Center, will receive this award Thursday during the Directorate of Information Management/Army Knowledge Management 2005 Conference held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"Definitely, it is nice to be recognized for the work I am doing, but I am not doing the work to be recognized," said Santaw before leaving for the States.

"I really enjoy my job – network security. Computer security is not going away. It is always changing, so you always have to keep up with it," he said.

Santaw has more than 15 years of technical automation experience and his array of professional certifications are impressive. They include Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Cisco Certified Network Associate, Microsoft Certified Trainer, System Administrator, and System Engineer with the Security designator.

He also co-authored and taught all of the U.S. Army Europe Information Assurance Computer Network Defense courses between 2000 and 2003 as an independent trainer and consultant.

"I started working in the computer security arena about six years ago. I was teaching a lot of Microsoft courses. I taught some classes here, some in Germany," he said.

Santaw came back to Vicenza in January 2004 and since then he has worked as an Army civilian for the 509th Signal Battalion.

While working here Santaw developed a fully-automated application that applied Information Assurance Vulnerability Alert, antivirus, and security-related patches and configuration to Secure Internet Protocol Routing and Non-Secure Internet Protocol Routing Microsoft Windows-based computer systems.

The particular configuration created by Santaw then evolved into the USAREUR Baseline Applicator Tool.

"One of the things that has impacted everybody here in the last couple of years, is that everybody knows what a virus is now," said Santaw.

He also explained how everybody now knows how the administrators apply security patches and reboot the computers to make sure they are complaint.

"I got all the patches that were needed, all the antivirus, all the configuration and I put it on a single compact disc," he explained. "What I did wasn't rocket science, but nobody has ever done it before."

Santaw said that, from the moment he produced the antivirus and configuration CD, copies have been sent out to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

"I presented that CD at the first Information Assurance Manager conference in Germany in May, only a few months after I arrived here," he said.

"I got incredible reviews and everybody wanted it, but the bad thing was it was made for Vicenza – it wasn't made for everywhere else. So I had to take it and make it more generic and I had hundreds of IA managers contact me for updates and I became the one providing for all of USAREUR," he continued.

"This innovation ensures Installation Assurance Vulnerability Alert compliance prior to connectivity to the Army SIPR and NIPR networks, and this effort became the standard in 2004/2005 for automated IAVA compliance baselining throughout USAREUR and [the 173rd Airborne Brigade's use in] Operation Iraqi Freedom," he explained.

This application – and other tools that have enhanced the IA programs within the 509th area of responsibility (which includes Italy and the Balkans) – was the driving force behind the award recognition.

Santaw has developed for government use, some other tools such as the EOIS-Hunt used to report all computers on the network that do not meet the Active Directory naming convention standards, the BAD-MACS used to search the network for known compromised personal computers based on the MAC address, and the BAD-Sites, used to compare Web sites logged by the content engine to a "bad-word" list in order to identify pornographic, hate or suspicious URLs that may be bypassing Websense filtering.

"I am trying to find ways to make my job easier," he said, "that CD is an example; I did it to make my life easier, but at the same time it saved a lot of man-hours and made live easier for a lot of people."

Celebrate equality for women Wednesday

By Karen Hornstein
Equal Employment Opportunity
Special Emphasis Program Volunteer
Special to the Outlook

Friday is the 85th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and with that Amendment, 51 percent of the United States population (women) that previously only had a limited say in their government won the right to vote.

To recognize this important Constitutional anniversary, and as a reminder of women's continuing efforts for equality, Aug. 26 is formally designated Women's Equality Day.

In 1970, in celebration of the 50th anniversary, a massive parade marched down 5th Avenue in New York City.

The following year, Bella Abzug was a new member of congress when she introduced a resolution to proclaim Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day.

Today, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution sounds simple and reasonable to us.

It reads: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

But it had been "on account of sex" that women had been denied that most basic right of democracy for the first 144 years of our nation's history.

The Seneca Falls Convention held in 1848, framed a national discussion about women's rights in America and marked the beginning of a massive civil rights movement that would span the next 70 years.

During this time there were 56 referenda to male voters, 480 efforts to get state legislators to submit suffrage amendments, 277 campaigns to get state party conventions to include woman suffrage planks, 47 campaigns to get state constitutional conventions to write woman suffrage into state



The suffragist movement in the early part of the 1900s was the driving force behind the writing of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. (Photo from the National Women's History Project)

constitutions, 30 campaigns to get presidential party conventions to adopt woman suffrage planks in party platforms, and 19 successive campaigns with 19 successive congresses.

Women won not only the right to vote in 1920, but also the right to hold public office. Today, women are 16 percent of the representatives in congress and 14 percent of our senators. Generations have worked to secure these political rights for us. Now it is our turn to use them wisely to further equality for women. As today's links in the chain, we can forge the bonds of the past with the possibilities of the future.

A Women's Equality Day display is set up in the post library to celebrate and educate.

(Editor's note: Information in in the article was revised from the National Women's History Project "We Can Do It!" speech.)

Back-to-School



Vicenza Elementary School welcomes back students, parents

Alice Herring
Vicenza Elementary School Principal

Dear Vicenza Elementary School Parents and Students:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Vicenza Elementary School and school year 2005-2006. We look forward to a very rewarding year for each student. Teachers returned today to prepare themselves and their classrooms to meet students Monday.

Kindergarten begins Sept. 6 and class lists will be posted on the front door of the school by 4 p.m. Friday.

Based on the recommendations of the North Central Association team last year, we will continue our focus on reading. We need parents involved in the School Improvement Process, so please let us know if you are interested in serving on the School Improvement Leadership Team.

I am pleased to announce the following as those elected to serve on the School Advisory Council:

Parents-Tracy Galindo, Margaret Rashid, Janine Smith, and Blondine West.

Teachers - Janet Black, Melissa Driscoll, Cynthia Murr, Marcia Scheppele, and Mark Kepic, alternate.

The SAC meets on the first Thursday of each month. Parents are invited to attend.

Welcome back middle, high school students

Kathleen Reiss
Vicenza Middle and High School Principal

Dear students,

On behalf of the Vicenza Middle and High School staff, I welcome all new and returning students to what promises to be a fantastic school year!

We hope that each of you has had a summer with plenty of fun distractions from school work and are now eager to start "cracking the books" and getting involved in extra-curricular activities.

Together with last school year's teachers, 10 new teachers will offer some new and exciting courses to include 10th grade Honors classes in English and World History, College

Welcome to our new teachers: Trina Downey, from Ghedi; Kathleen Westlake, from Rota, Spain; Twila Bates, from Kaiserslautern, Germany; Beth Petty, from Weisbaden, Germany; Dave Lewey, from Sigonella, Laura Torsonone, a military spouse, Nicollette Letellier, a military spouse, and Barbara Faccio, from Vicenza.

We are also please to have five student teachers from Northern Arizona University. We appreciate the command's support to these student teachers.

The Vicenza Elementary School Open House will be held at 5 p.m. Sept. 15th. Parents may meet all our teachers at that time.

In this time of deployment, we are here to support children and their families. We have two counselors within the school, and are fortunate to have community counselors available to work with families. Should you have concerns, please use these resources.

We have found that children flourish in routines; therefore, we will continue trying to keep things normal for children. Please make sure that you have updated emergency contacts and phone numbers.

We encourage parent involvement and really do appreciate your suggestions and questions. Together, we can provide the best learning environment for your children.

Best wishes for a great school year!

Prep, and Middle School Career Experience.

Plans are underway to implement activities that will give middle school students their own identity. Students have already spoken to the assistant principal and me about a need to increase school spirit.

Be prepared to give the Student Council and your class officers some ideas that will make Vicenza High School the very best DoDDS high school. We can be proud of our school!

We also welcome parent and community volunteers in our school. Encourage your parents to become positive, active members of our school community.

We wish you a very exhilarating and successful school year.

Livorno Unit School begins new year

Cathy Magni
Livorno Unit School Principal

Welcome to Livorno Unit School,

The staff and administration of Livorno Unit School welcomes you as partners in providing the very best education for our children.

We believe that our community school provides a positive and productive environment where students, parents, and teachers work together to provide optimum educational opportunities for all students.

We continually strive to develop an atmosphere that provides acceptance, respect, and trust. We look forward to your assistance in this endeavor.

All students are challenged to use the unique opportunities provided at Livorno American Unit School to develop their potential and to grow as individuals through the close relationships available with teachers and community members throughout the Darby community.

We encourage each parent to take an active role in the school and request that you visit, volunteer or provide constructive feedback on an ongoing basis throughout the school year as we work to refine educational services, to provide success for all students.

We hope you will take every opportunity to visit and share with us your expertise for continued educational improvement.

We want all students to know that the time spent in school is a significant part of

the "Best Years of Your Life".

As you know, everyone has to work to be successful in our society. All mothers and fathers have jobs and responsibilities.

Attaining an education is a student's job, his or her place of work is school. It is therefore the student's opportunity and responsibility to work hard and do as well as they can in school. Students who work well at school make their parents happy; make their teachers happy; and most important of all, they make themselves happy by providing a strong foundation for a successful life. You need to actively work to do your best to stay involved and to make your life as full and as rich as possible.

Research shows that students who exhibit a positive outlook, exercise the best behavior, and develop good work habits not only make their parents and teachers proud but they are successful in attaining their goals in life.

It has been the tradition of LAHS students to work hard to be successful, to respect all members of our community, and encourage their classmates to do the same.

It should further be the goal of every student to create within the halls and classrooms of the school an environment that fosters the most positive educational experience for all students at all times.

By working hard to carrying on these traditions you will also be able to look back on your days at Livorno Unit School as "The Best Years of Your Life"

School bus transportation information

Vicenza Student Transportation Office
Press Release

The Vicenza Student Transportation Office wants to ensure that your children are safely and efficiently transported to and from their school each day. Buses used to transport children to Department of Defense Dependents Schools are not the traditional, yellow vehicles familiar to most American children. Instead, they are European-style coaches, like those used for tourist travel, but marked with the international school bus sign as identification.

In Europe, the traffic environment and some of its rules are not the same as those in the States.

The single-most important difference is that **in Europe approaching and following traffic are not required to stop for loading or unloading school buses.** Riders of DoDDS school buses are not allowed to cross the street in front of buses.

They must wait at the curb until the bus has departed. Then, after checking for oncoming traffic, cross when it is safe.

American children must be taught this lifesaving safety rule: **Never cross the street in front or behind the bus.**

To ensure only authorized passengers board the buses, students are required to have a bus pass that has a photo. They must show to the driver when boarding their bus.

Registration for school bus

transportation is required.

First, children must be enrolled in school. Next, parents should visit the community school bus office to:

- Register for transportation.
- Take bus pass photo.
- Receive information about routes, stops and schedules.
- Receive a briefing on behavior and discipline standards.

School bus passes are published now and parents can expect them in their CMR mailbox.

Parents who have not received their child(ren)'s bus pass this week, are asked to come to the School Bus office for more information.

Also, be sure to check in with the office staff if changes are necessary to the bus pass that you may have received.

For additional information, stop by the Vicenza School Bus Office, located in Building 307, next to the Superintendent's Office, off Olson Avenue. It is the first office to the right after you walk past the Post Office in the direction of the school, and before you arrive at the school cafeteria. Look for the international school bus sign in the window.

Parents may also call the office at 634-8132 or 8366; or off-post at 0444-51-8132 or 8366.

As a reminder: **The speed limit for Olson Avenue in front of the schools is 10kph while school is in session.**

Important numbers for parents

For all Vicenza numbers below, if calling from off post, replace 634 with 0444-71:

Vicenza Elementary School numbers:

Main office: 634-7710 or 7579

Nurse's office: 634-7584

Vicenza High School numbers:

Main office: 634-7656

School Bus office: 634-8366

For all Livorno numbers below, if calling from off post, replace 633 with 050-54:

Livorno Unit School numbers:

Livorno Unit High School main office: 633-7573 or 7367.

Livorno Unit Elementary School main office: 633-7588 or 7058.

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Sure Start program

The Vicenza Elementary School Sure Start program is based on the successful Head Start program implemented for those children who need more time and attention to achieve school readiness. All Sure Start students must be command-sponsored.

Application forms for enrollment are available at the VES main office, the Child Development Center and the Vicenza Army Health Clinic.

Considerations for enrollment include one or more of the following:

- Child is in a family with E-1 to E-4 income.
- Child of low birth weight – under 5.5 pounds.
- Child has a parent whose first language is not English.
- Child has a parent who was a teenager when first child was born.
- Child is in family headed by a single parent.
- Child has three or more siblings close in age.
- Child has an older sibling with a disability.
- Child has a parent on remote assignment for three or more months.
- Child has a parent who has not

graduated from high school

In order to keep this program consistent with DoDDS kindergarten enrollment dates, children must be age 4 by Oct. 31, 2005.

Children 4 years old with a sponsor E-4 and below have priority for placement in the Sure Start program.

Call Vicenza Elementary School at 0444-71-7710 for more information about Sure Start.

Free School Lunch program

The Department of Defense provides meals to eligible students under the National School Lunch Program. The purpose of the National School Lunch Program is to provide a nutritious lunch free of charge or at a reduced cost to students.

To find out if your child is eligible to receive reduced-price or free lunches at school, please pick up an application at the School Liaison Office, Room 42, Davis Family Readiness Center or at the Vicenza schools.

For more information contact the School Liaison Office at 634-5998.

Bright Eyes

The Bright Eyes Program provides reimbursement for eyeglasses to children who are currently enrolled or qualified to participate in the Free School lunch Program.

Parents must pick up a verification form at the Schools Liaison Office, located in Building 108. Please bring a current sponsor's LES, your child's prescription and sales receipt for the eyeglasses.

Once eligibility has been verified, you will be issued a check for \$75 to defray the cost of the eyeglasses. The check will be issued upon receipt of proof of purchase.

Bright Eyes is sponsored by the Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians' Club. This is truly a cost-saving program for parents who children qualify.

Please call the Schools Liaison Office at 634-5998 to learn more about Bright Eyes.

Vicenza High School Booster Club

For the past three years the Booster Club has been a proud supporter of the VHS athletic program.

Members of the BC can be found at the high school's home sports events flipping burgers, serving up sodas and providing sports fans with quality, fun souvenirs and merchandise.

Proceeds from sales are used to supplement the purchase of uniforms and equipment for our student athletes.

In June, the Booster Club awarded the first

Joe Pellerito Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each to one male and one female senior student athlete.

The scholarship is given in memory of Pellerito, a beloved longtime educator and coach in the Vicenza schools, who passed away in 2004.

The Booster Club is always looking for new members and will conduct membership drives on the following dates:

Aug. 26 at the Teen Center 1-7 p.m. during the Back to School Bash

Sept. 15 at VHS Open House from 5-7 p.m.

Memberships are good for one year and the fees are:

Family - \$ 25; Individual - \$15; Teacher - \$5; Student - \$5.

The BC is currently looking to fill the positions of Vice President and Ways/Means. Those interested can contact Shand Mayville.

The Booster Club Board members for 2005-06 are:

- President -Shand Mayville
- Vice President - vacant
- Secretary - Veronica Sughrue
- Treasurer - Chris Weihe
- Membership - Laura Williams
- Publicity - Kristin Catena
- Ways/Means - vacant

Change made to school meal payment system

AAFES
Press Release

Q. What is the school meal payment system?

A. The school meal payment system replaces the current lunch ticket system. Instead of purchasing lunch tickets, parents can deposit money into a meal account. This meal account can then be accessed by their child at the school utilizing a PIN number.

Q. Why is AAFES replacing the current lunch ticket system?

A. The auto payment system offers parents the convenience of not having to purchase lunch tickets. It will also offer parents the option of allowing their child or children to purchase additional items in school without the worry of providing their student with cash.

Q. Will students already be in the system?

A. All students who have been enrolled within the DoDDS system as of April 1 are automatically enrolled in the system. Parents who arrived after April 1 need to fill out the application in their welcome packet.

Q. What if a student's PIN number is stolen/used by another student?

A. For this specific purpose, each account will display a picture of the student that the cashier can use to cross reference the account.

Q. I have more than one child going to the same school; can they use one account?

A. Each child must have his or her own account. This is in case of PIN number theft. If the account information does not match the student who is utilizing the PIN number (picture, name) the cashier will not authorize the transaction.

Q. What if parents do not wish to participate in the utilization of the new system even though they have an account that was prematurely established?

A. Parents who do not wish to participate in the system may still send their child(ren) to school with lunch money.

However, parents who have qualified for the Free/Reduced eligibility must utilize the system.

Q. What about students in grade's K-3? They will not be able to remember a PIN number and if they do, they will not be able to enter the PIN number in a timely manner.

A. There is a special feature built into the auto-payment system that allows the cashier not to rely on the student's PIN. This feature is called the "Homeroom Feature." This will allow the cashier to access not just one account but the entire class's accounts at a time. All that will need to be done is to look for the student's name and picture.

Q. How will the students learn to utilize the system?

A. Once the equipment has been delivered to the schools, the cafeteria supervisors will notify the school administration. The school administration can decide on the scheduling of class participation.

Q. What do parents need to do?

A. Parents need to visit the AAFES cashier cage in the post exchange. Instead of purchasing lunch tickets they simply deposit money into their child's account. Before the parent departs the cashier cage, they will receive the PIN number.

Parents who arrived after April 1, and may not have been included in the data base information, need to fill out application for enrollment into the system, bring the application to the AAFES cashier cage, receive the PIN and deposit money onto the account.

Q. What about the lunch tickets?

A. Once the school's systems have been activated in Vicenza, the cashier cage will discontinue the sale of lunch tickets.

Parents can still utilize the lunch tickets at the schools until the end of the school year or until their current on-hand supply is exhausted.

Parents can also exchange the lunch tickets (current on-hand value) for credit towards the auto payment system. Lunch tickets will not be available next year.

Q. Is this system being utilized any were else in Europe?

A. Yes. Mannheim has been using it for the past two years as well as all of the schools in the Pacific Region operated by AAFES.

School policies for smoking, using cell phones, school closings, emergency evacuations

Cellular telephones

Cellular telephones must remain in the "silent" or "off" position throughout the school day.

Only during lunch periods are students allowed to place or receive calls, and then only while off campus.

If a cellular telephone rings or vibrates during a class, it may be confiscated by the teacher and returned only to the sponsor or parent.

Students observed playing games, sending messages, or using any function of a cellular telephone during the school day will also have their phones confiscated.

The school offices are available to assist with any emergency that may arise during the school day and to help parents contact their children. School office telephones are for official school business.

Smoking

In support of guidance on student smoking provided in the DoDEA Administrator's Guide, the following will be observed in DoDDS-Europe.

Students are prohibited from possessing or using tobacco products during the school day on or off school property, on school-owned and operated buses or on chartered buses, or when participating in school-sponsored or school-supervised activities on or off campus.

Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action/consequence to be determined by the school which may include referral to counseling or appropriate authority for any student found to be smoking during the school

day whether on or off campus.

There will be no designated smoking areas defined or condoned by DoDDS-E schools

Closing of school, early dismissal and emergency evacuations

In the event of early dismissal from school, the command will be notified. The radio and television station will be immediately notified and the school bus system will be activated and ready to depart the school(s) within 60 minutes.

Parents are advised to establish a procedure with their children of what they are to do in such an emergency.

Situations, which may require closing of school, are:

- ◆ Inclement weather
- ◆ An alert
- ◆ Health epidemic
- ◆ Bomb or terrorist threat
- ◆ Facility deficiencies which would endanger health or safety of students or school personnel

If you wish your child to be dismissed from school early, please notify the teacher in writing. In the note indicate when you will come to take your child, or if you aren't coming, indicate in the note who will be picking them up.

If you are requesting that your child take a bus different than his/her assigned bus (see school bus pass) you need to notify the teacher and the school bus office in writing (to ensure space is available on the school bus).

When you come to pick up your child from school, please report to the classroom teacher or office first.



Vicenza Elementary, Middle and High Schools 2005-2006 School Calendar

First Semester 2005

Aug. 29	Beginning First Quarter and First Semester
Sept. 5	No School - Labor Day – Federal Holiday
Sept. 6	First day of Kindergarten
Oct. 10	No School - Columbus Day – Federal Holiday
Oct. 15	Homecoming
Nov. 4	No School for Students – Teacher Work Day
Nov. 11	No School - Veterans Day – Federal Holiday
Nov. 17	No school for Elementary students – Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 18	No school for all students – Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 24	No School - Thanksgiving – Federal Holiday
Nov. 25	No School - Thanksgiving – Federal Recess Day
Dec. 15	First day for acceleration of semester credit due for PCS moves
Dec. 19	Begin Winter Recess

Second Semester 2006

Jan. 3	Instruction Resumes
Jan. 16	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Federal Holiday
Jan. 27	No School for Students – Teacher Work Day
Feb. 17	No School for Students – Staff Development Day
Feb. 20	No School - Presidents' Day – Federal Holiday
March 17	No School for Students - Staff Development Day
April 7	No School for Students – Teacher Work Day
April 13	No school for students: Portfolio Conferences SY 2006-07 Registration begins for Elementary School
April 14	No school for students: Portfolio Conferences SY 2006-07 Registration continues for Elementary School, begins for Middle and High School
April 17	Instruction Resumes – Beginning Fourth Quarter
April 24 - 28	Spring Recess
May 19	First day of acceleration of semester credit due to PCS move
May 29	No School - Memorial Day – Federal Holiday
June 15	End of Fourth Quarter and Second Semester
June 16	No school for students – Teacher Work Day

Livorno Unit School 2005-2006 School Calendar

First Semester 2005

Aug. 29	Beginning First Quarter and First Semester
Sept. 5	No School - Labor Day – Federal Holiday
Sept. 6	First day of Kindergarten
Sept. 20	Lion's Lounge Café Open
Oct. 4	Lion's Lounge Café Open
Oct. 10	No School - Columbus Day – Federal Holiday
Oct. 18	Lion's Lounge Café Open
Nov. 4	No School for Students – Teacher Work Day
Nov. 10	Half Day - Elementary school leaves at 11 a.m., High School leaves at 11:15 a.m.
Nov. 11	No School - Veterans Day – Federal Holiday
Nov. 15	No school for ES Students -Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 16	No School for ES/HS -Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 24	No School - Thanksgiving – Federal Holiday
Nov 25	No School - Thanksgiving – Federal Recess Day
Dec 3	SATs
Dec 6	Lion's Lounge Café Open
Dec 19	Begin Winter Recess

Second Semester 2006

Jan. 3	Instruction Resumes
Jan. 10	Lion's Lounge Café Open
Jan. 13	Early Release for students -Elementary school at 11 a.m.; High School at 11:15 a.m.
Jan. 16	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Federal Holiday
Jan. 24	Lion's Lounge Café Open
Jan. 27	No School for Students – Teacher Work Day
Feb. 7	Lion's Lounge Café Open
Feb. 17	Early Release for students -Elementary school at 11 a.m.; High School at 11:15 a.m. Staff Inservice day
Feb. 20	No School - Presidents' Day – Federal Holiday
Feb. 21	Lion's Lounge Café Open
March 7	Lion's Lounge Café Open
March 21	Lion's Lounge Café Open/PTSO Meeting
March 29	Early Release for students -Elementary school at 11 a.m.; High School at 11:15 a.m. Staff Inservice day
April 7	No School for Students – Teacher Work Day
April 10-14	Spring Recess
April 17	Instruction Resumes – Beginning Fourth Quarter
April 18	Lion's Lounge Café Open
April 20	No school for ES-Parent Teacher Conferences -HS in session
April 21	No school for ES and HS-Parent Teacher Conferences
April 26	Early Release 11am for ES/11:15 am for HS-Staff Inservice
May 6	SATs
May 18	Earliest Departure Day
May 19	First day of acceleration of semester credit due to PCS move
May 26	ES Field Day AM and Early Release 11:00 for ES/11:15 for HS
May 29	No School - Memorial Day – Federal Holiday
June 9	Senior Awards Assembly and Graduation
June 15	End of Fourth Quarter and Second Semester
June 16	No school for students – Teacher Work Day

Parents are requested to plan their leave to coincide with school vacations and holidays.
Parents will be provided a detailed calendar at Open House.

Scouting opportunities for boys, girls, adults available

Cub Scouts

If you want your son to have some fun, excitement, outdoor opportunities, and a chance to participate in a program where he doesn't always have to win – instead, he learns about “Do your best” and how to be helpful to others – then Cub Scouts has just the program for you!

Cub Scouting is a home-and neighborhood-centered program designed to support and encourage quality family involvement for boys in the first through fifth grades.

Additionally, Cub Scouts needs adults willing to share their time, energy, and enthusiasm with youth. Please consider investing your time to share your skills with youth and with like minded adults.

For more information stop by our table during the Back to School Bash, visit our website www.packsonline.com/ae/295, or contact Darren at 349-246-7274.

Girl Scouts seek girls, volunteers

Girl Scouting on Caserma Ederle is alive and well, according to Nancy Hacker, Girl Scout coordinator for the post.

“I just recruited a Daisy leader, so we're set for the girls in kindergarten who want to join Girl Scouts,” she said.

USA Girl Scouts Overseas serves American girls living overseas and girls attending American or international schools, ensuring that the girls have the opportunities



Boy and Girl Scouts enjoy a game of flag football on post. (Outlook file photo)

available to their stateside counterparts.

The Vicenza Girl Scouts are holding registration Sept. 10 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. in the park opposite the Vicenza High School. If it rains, registration will be held in the school lobby.

Girls who are interested in joining Girl Scouts can drop by for free ice cream and meet the troop leaders. To register, girls must bring their parent or guardian and \$10 for the registration fee.

Girl Scout volunteers are also sought to work with girls ages 5-18, or to help out in administrative areas.

For more information about Vicenza Girl Scouts, contact Nancy Hacker at nancy.hacker@eu.dodea.edu, or at 349-520-9980 after school hours.