

BAMBERG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Home of the High Flying Eagles

Everyone Achieving Goals Leading to Educational Success

VISION

Inspiring Learning and Success for All

MISSION STATEMENT

Educate, Engage, and Empower

Each student to succeed in a dynamic world.



School Newsletter

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“Life’s most urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’”

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bamberg Elementary School (BES) is celebrating the great legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who had a dream of equality for all people. Preaching nonviolence, Dr. King used boycotts, marches, and other forms of nonviolent protest to promote his dream. BES teachers are facilitating lessons and activities to honor the contributions of Dr. King. Bamberg Elementary School staff and students salute the great accomplishments of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IMPORTANT DATES!

DATE	EVENT
17 JAN	BES – BM/HS Combined SAC Meeting 1530 – 1630 (3:30 – 4:30 PM) BM/HS Media Center
18 JAN	CSI Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
21 JAN	Dr. Martin Luther King Federal Holiday NO SCHOOL
24 JAN	PTA Sponsored Spelling Bee 1700 (5:00 PM) BES MPR
25 JAN	Teacher Work Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
28 JAN	Environmental Calendar Assembly 0900 – BES Multi-Purpose Room
01 FEB	Parent/Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Welcome Dr. Liz Dunham

Bamberg Elementary School students and staff are happy to welcome Dr. Liz Dunham, the new Bavaria District Superintendent.

WIESBADEN, GERMANY — November 8, 2012 — The Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe announced the selection of Dr. Elizabeth Dunham as the new Bavaria District Superintendent. Dunham was formerly the Assistant Superintendent in the Kaiserslautern District, a position she had held since August 2008.

She will be responsible for the organization, operation, administration, assessment, and support of schools within the district. Dr. Dunham will also provide direct supervision and broad professional leadership in designing and implementing programs to increase student achievement within the Bavaria District.

One of her main tasks will be managing the ongoing military service transformation efforts in the Bamberg, Schweinfurt and Grafenwoehr communities.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to lead the Bavaria District and the incredible communities it serves," Dunham said. "I am looking forward to this new challenge and opportunity. There is no greater reward than serving our military families. I'm looking forward to collaborating with the administrators, educators and staffs in the district to ensure we continue to provide a world class education for our students."

Dr. Nancy Bresell, the DoDDS-Europe director said Dunham is the right person for the job.

"Elizabeth brings a wealth of educational knowledge and experience to our team from inside and outside our system," she said. "Throughout her career, she has repeatedly demonstrated excellence and shown an unwavering commitment to our students, staffs, schools and communities."

Dr. Dunham will be visiting the Bamberg Schools on Thursday, January 17th for a combined SAC Meeting at BM/HS starting at 1530 (3:30PM). She will be facilitating a short presentation regarding where we are in the transformation process. This will be followed by an opportunity to provide input on the possible school configurations for next school year (SY13/14).



Child & Youth Behavioral Health Program

This is a program designed for "*supporting military children & youth and those supporting them.*"

BES students and staff are happy to welcome back Ms. Tangaleria Kelly who is returning as the BES CYB MFLC counselor.

The Child & Youth Behavioral (CYB) Program is a component of the Military & Family Life Consultant (MFLC) Program.

CYB-MFLCs are:

- ❖ Masters and Ph.D. level MFLCs specializing in child and youth behavioral issues
- ❖ Available at no cost to assist children and youth, parents, family members and staff
- ❖ Available to provide situational, short-term, problem-solving support
- ❖ Dedicated to augmenting existing military support services

Services are private with the exception of duty-to-warn situations.

CYB-MFLCs provide broad-ranging support to military children and youth, and to the family members and other adults who support them. For example, they:

- ❖ Engage in activities with children/youth
- ❖ Provide direct intervention in classroom, camp or family childcare situations, including assisting staff in setting and managing boundaries
- ❖ Model behavioral techniques and provide feedback to staff
- ❖ Are available to staff to discuss interactions with children and other concerns
- ❖ Outreach to parents
- ❖ Facilitate psycho-educational groups at child and youth program sites
- ❖ Conduct parent and staff training sessions

This is an excellent program. Please feel free to contact Ms. Kelly at any time to schedule private appointments either on or off post. Ms. Kelly can be contacted via email at tangaleria.kelly@eu.dodea.edu



Combined SAC Meeting

PURPOSE: Dr. Liz Dunham, Bavaria District Superintendent will be facilitating a short presentation regarding where we are in the transformation process. This will be followed by an opportunity to provide input on the possible school configurations for next school year (SY13/14).

DATE: Thursday, January 17th, 2012

TIME: 1530 (3:30 PM)

PLACE: Bamberg Middle/High School Media Center

If you need more information regarding this meeting, please contact:

- BES at 469-8884 or email johnny.lyons@eu.dodea.edu

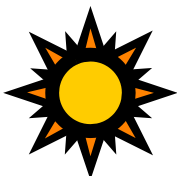
Continuous School Improvement (CSI)

On Friday, January 18th, the staff of Bamberg Elementary School will be participating in a day dedicated to professional development focused on our schools' goals for continuous school improvement (CSI) listed below. You are welcome to attend any part of the day's activities which will include working in teams to score writing and problem solving assessments and reviewing assessment data. In the afternoon, a variety of training sessions addressing instructional techniques for helping students improve achievement in writing and problem solving will be presented. Topics such as effective use of technology, inclusionary practices, and strategies for effective instruction will be explored. Staff members from BES, as well as from the Bavaria District Office, will be the presenters for these sessions. On behalf of the BES staff, we would like to thank you for your on-going support and involvement in your child's education.

SmartGoal 1: All students will improve problem-solving skills by 3 – 5 % when solving mathematical problems across the curriculum independently and cooperatively as measured by TerraNova 3rd Edition, grade level determined standardized assessment and/or school based problem-solving assessment by 2013.

SmartGoal 2: All students improve their written communication skills by 3-5% in written skills across the curriculum as measured by TerraNova 3rd Edition, Adopted Curriculum Writing tests, and/or school based writing assessments (6+1 Rubric) by 2013.

Health & Wellness News



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Students need healthy nutrition in the morning so that they can start the day ready to learn. The article from Baylor University's Child Nutrition Research Center contains some easy to go breakfast suggestions listed below:

<http://www.bcm.edu/cnrc/consumer/archives/breakfast-fuel.htm>

- ❖ Tortilla with peanut butter wrapped around a banana
- ❖ Grilled cheese sandwich with apples inside
- ❖ Toaster pancake wrapped around a sausage link* (can be made ahead and frozen)
- ❖ Breakfast burrito*
- ❖ Yogurt and banana to go
- ❖ Peanut butter and jelly toast sandwich** Refrigerate ahead
- ❖ Ham, Cheese and Egg McMuffins* (can be made ahead and frozen):

Some other sites to get breakfast ideas...

<http://parentables.howstuffworks.com/chow/10-quick-and-filling-breakfasts-hectic-mornings.html>

http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/food/breakfast.html



PTA NEWS

Membership and involvement in Bamberg Elementary School (BES) Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) is encouraged to support our wonderful BES students. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you can give even an hour of your time, your help will be most appreciated. Please contact our PTA President, Mrs. Danielle Fullington at oyasin24@yahoo.com for more information about PTA.



Please join us for the **Spelling Bee** showcasing students from 3rd through 6th grades. The Spelling Bee will be on **January 24th in the MPR at 1730.**

Hall of Heroes

You are invited to submit a no-return photo of any family member, past or present, who has served in the United States Armed Forces, to the **BES PTA Hall of Heroes.**

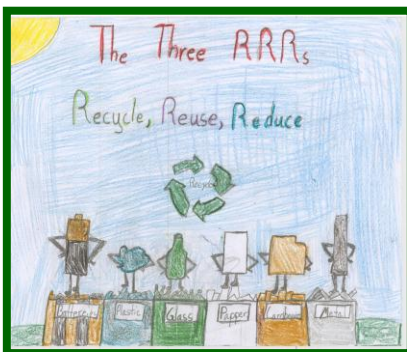
The photo should be no larger than 4x5 and include on the back:

- **** name and rank of the service member
- **** branch of service
- **** relationship to what child(ren) attending BES

Family members include moms, dads, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents.

PTA volunteers will mount the photo and display it in our Hall of Heroes in the school hallways.

BES Environmental Calendar



On **January 28th, 2013**, Bamberg Elementary School will join forces with the USAG Bamberg Environmental Management Division to recognize the dedicated efforts of Bamberg's youngest environmentalists. Last spring, BES students were asked to illustrate ways to protect the environment. Illustrations were chosen to represent recycling, water, resources, climate change, energy, and air emissions. Submissions were numerous and difficult to narrow down but 25 products were eventually chosen. The project has been so popular in the past, that additional illustrations were included. The calendars are ready to be presented to the students and teachers on January 28th at an assembly in the Bamberg Elementary School MPR room from 0900 – 0930 (gym/cafeteria). Students will also be

performing some songs. In honor of this tremendous endeavor and attention to our environment, we are asking for everyone to wear **GREEN** this day to support the protection of the environment.

BES Yearbook Information

The 2012-2013 Yearbooks are on sale for \$15. The order forms are available in the front office. Yearbook Advertisements are also on sale. You can E-mail Joan Bade for more information.

Joan.bade@eu.dodea.edu

(We have very few **2011-2012** yearbooks left. If interested, you can purchase one for \$20. Please see Joan Bade.)

