

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

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



School Newsletter

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Celebrate Success



“Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.”

~John F. Kennedy

As we reach the end of the school year, it is important to reflect upon the many accomplishments of your child's school experiences and our collective efforts to provide the best education possible. Thanks to the collaborative work of the staff, parents, and community members, we have been able to achieve positive results with our students. We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the focused, caring, and supportive actions of our wonderful school family. Please continue to be involved and engaged with your child's education. Together we are able to nurture your child's "private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation." (JFK) On behalf of the Bamberg Elementary School staff, we want to wish you and your family a safe, relaxing summer filled with the wonder of discovery and learning.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

11 JUN	Field Day
13 JUN	4 th – 6 th Grade Honor Roll Assembly BES MPR – 1330 (1:30 PM)
14 JUN	Last Day of School for Students EARLY DISMISSAL – 11:00
25 JUN	Summer Enrichment Program Begins
20 JUL	Summer Enrichment Program Ends
23 AUG	Class Lists Are Posted on Front Doors of BES – 1700 (5:00 PM)
24 AUG	School Orientation for New Families & Students 1000 – 1045 - BES Multi Purpose Room Kindergarten Meet and Greet – 1400- 1500 (2:00 – 3:00 PM)
27 AUG	First Day of School for Gr. 1 st – 6 th EARLY DISMISSAL 11:15 AM LEMONADE ON THE LAWN - 12:30 BACK TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - 1300 – 1500 & 1700 - 1730



PTA NEWS

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The BES PTA has been busy organizing and planning great activities to support our wonderful BES students.

The following classes supported BES by donating the most box tops for the PTA -



sponsored "Box Tops for Education" drive and will be awarded some special prizes from PTA:

- 🏆 1st place - Ms. Gennette's class- 1183 box tops
- 🏆 2nd place - Mr. Vasquez's class - 980 box tops
- 🏆 3rd place - Mrs. Jones' class - 715 box tops

There were many other classes that donated over 500 box tops. The staff, students, and parents did an awesome job. Many thanks to you all for working as a team for the benefit of the school!! 😊

The PTA also encouraged children to read by conducting a "Spring into Reading" activity. The students earned free books based on meeting reading goals. The following classes received the most books:

- 🏆 Mrs. Taylor's class is 1st with 69 free books.
- 🏆 Mrs. Eddie's class is 2nd with 66 free books.
- 🏆 Mrs. Morantes' class is 3rd with 58 free books.

Our great PTA is also providing a free Bamberg Elementary School water bottle for each student on Field Day June 11th. BES PTA ROCKS!! 😊

CONGRATULATIONS



mealpayplus.com

Parents are now able to sign up at mealpayplus.com to monitor your child's lunch account balance. You are also able to add to the account online. Please check your child's account to see if you are paid up, and if not, please pay the balance prior to the end of the school year.



"School Talk"

with DoDEA Director
Marilee Fitzgerald

June 12, 2012, 3:00 PM CET

June 12th Marilee Fitzgerald will host another edition of School Talk.

Mark your calendars and bookmark the URL:
[School Talk - www.blogtalkradio.com/dodea](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/dodea)

How can you access the show?

- 📞 Telephone: For callers (347) 884-8340
- 💻 Callers overseas can use Skype to call in from their computers as well.

AAFES School Meal Service

AAFES School Meal Service would like to remind you to check on your children's accounts in the Horizon system. Please pay off any debt that you have so that we can start the 2012-2013 School Year with a clean slate. If you are PCSing remember that you will not be able to clear the PX Customer Service without have a zero balance on your child's lunch account. If you are returning next year the exact amount that is on your child's account will rollover to next year, whether it is positive or negative. Beginning in August CYS will start accepting application for Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility. AAFES allows a 30 day grace period for you to reapply, after that any account that have not been confirmed as being eligible for Free or Reduced will be transferred to Full Price. If your child has a food allergy please remember to obtain a Physician statement letter through AAFES that has to filled out by your Physician letting us know what your child can and cannot eat. Thank you for a great school year and have a great summer.

~AAFES School Meal Program Bamberg

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

If you have not registered for SY 2012-2013, please stop by the registration office to register.

If your child **will not** be attending next year, please stop by the registration office to **withdraw** from BES.



Help Prevent "Summer Learning Loss"

Young people can lose two to three months of progress in reading achievement over the summer. Here are some tips to help prevent "summer learning loss":

- ⇒ Set summer reading goals as a family. If a young person reads just five books over the summer, the effect "is potentially large enough to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores from the spring to the fall."
- ⇒ Carry reading material for yourself and encourage your children to do so. Keep books in the car or your bag and you'll be ready to read while you're at a long line at the grocery store or post office.

Enroll your children at your local library's summer reading program. A listing of [DoD libraries is available](#).

SOURCE: Military Homefront - Military Community and Family Policy Weekly
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>

How to Stop Literacy Loss over the Summer



As children's first and most important teachers, families have a major role to play in motivating children to read during the summer months. According to the nonprofit organization Reading is Fundamental, there are many

strategies families might employ to encourage summertime reading.

Combine activities with books

Summer leaves lots of time for kids to enjoy fun activities, such as going to the beach or seeing a movie. Why not also encourage them to read a book about the activity? If you're going to a baseball game, suggest that your child read a book about a favorite player beforehand. In the car or over a hot dog, you'll have lots of time to talk about the book and the game.

Talk it up

Talking with your kids about what you have read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you. Soon they might start doing the same.

Lead by example

Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the pediatrician's office, or stuff a paperback into your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading, they will understand that books and other reading material can be a fun and important part of their summer days.

Help kids find time to read

Summer camp, baseball games, and videos are all fun things kids like to do during the summer. However, by the end of the day, children may be too tired to pick up a book. Remember to leave some time in their schedules for reading, such as before bedtime or over breakfast.

Relax the rules for summer

During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is a time when children can read what, when, and how they please. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own.

Have plenty of reading material around

Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader.

Use books to break the boredom

Without the regular school regimen, adults and kids need more activities to fill the hours. Books that teach kids how to make or do something are a great way to get kids reading and occupied.

Read aloud with kids

Take your children to see a local storyteller—or be one yourself. The summer months leave extra time for enthusiastic read-alouds with children, no matter their age. Don't forget to improvise different voices or wear a silly hat to make the story that much more interesting!

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Summer Kid's Crafts

June 28th, July 5, 12, 19, and 26th,
August 2, 9, and 16th, 2-4pm

Community Activity Center

Cost is free thanks to a donation from the
Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club (BSCC).
Please sign up and inquire at the CAC front counter.
Contact (0951) 300-8837 or megan.l.martin.naf@mail.mil

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