

BAMBERG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Home of the High Flying Eagles

Everyone **A**chieving **G**oals **L**eading to **E**ducational **S**uccess

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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Month of the Military Child

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."

~John F. Kennedy

April is the Month of the Military Child. It is estimated that there are approximately 1.2 million American children and youth under the age of 18 that have a parent serving in the military. Many of those children and youth have had one or both parents deployed multiple times.

DoDEA understands that military children often face unique challenges such as having a parent that is deployed; moving frequently; living with or helping to care for a parent injured in combat; or carrying on the legacy of a fallen Service member.

Many military children move at least once every three years. With each move they acquire new skills and learn to appreciate the richness and diversity of their environment.

Children of military families represent our country in ways that would make any American proud. They are ambassadors - who build bonds and make lasting connections and contributions to our nation and world. They are adventurers - often leading mom and dad to the local museums, tourist sites, shops and eateries. They are linguists-learning languages through immersion and foreign language instruction classes, and build bridges between cultures with just a simple smile or a friendly wave.

During the Month of the Military Child, DoDEA schools will recognize the sacrifices military children make every day - just like their parents who serve.

DoDEA is proud to honor military children and provide all of the students we serve with a world-class education to help them succeed throughout their journey and beyond. Please join us in saluting military children around the world. They serve too!! (Source: DoDEA <http://www.dodea.edu>)

SY2012 Kindergarten Roundup

Bamberg Elementary School in partnership with Child, Youth and School (CYS) Services, will host an information session to inform parents about coming to school for the first time. Representatives including transportation will be on hand to answer questions and provide information to make the transition from preschool to school easier.

If you have a child who turns 5, no later than September 1st, and who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2012, please join us on **Tuesday, April 17th from 1130 to 1230 at the Bowling Center**, to learn all about the first school experience for your child.



Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work[®]

0800-1030, Friday, 27 April 2012

The Department of Defense Dependent Schools Europe (DoDDS-E) invites you and your child to participate in an enjoyable and beneficial learning experience known around the globe as **Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work[®]**, on Friday, 27 April 2012.

Designed to be more than a career day, the **Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work[®]** program goes beyond the average "shadow" an adult. Exposing girls and boys to what a parent or mentor in their lives does during the work day is important, but showing them the value of their education, helping them discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and family life, and providing them an opportunity to share how they envision the future and begin steps toward their end goals in a hands-on and interactive environment is key to their achieving success.

Students in grades 3-6 (BES) will accompany their parents **ONLY** from 0800-1030. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation.

Students in grades PreK-2 will remain at school and learn about a soldier's life. Additional information for both activities will be sent out next week.



IMPORTANT DATES!	
DATE	EVENT
Month of the Military Child April 1 – 30 th , 2012	
9 – 13 APR	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
16 APR	Classes Resume Students Return to School
16 – 20 APR	REGISTRATION for SY 12/13 New & Returning Students
17 APR	Kindergarten Round Up 1130- 1230 Bowling Center
20 APR	Principals' Coffee 0900 -1000 BES Room 129 PTA Event <i>"Are You Smarter Than a 5th or 6th Grader?"</i> BES MPR 1730 - 1900
25 APR	SAC MEETING BES Room 129 - 1500 - 1600
26-27 APR	MCEC Living in the New Normal 0800-1600 (8:00-4:00 PM) Bowling Center
27 APR	Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work [®] 0800-1030

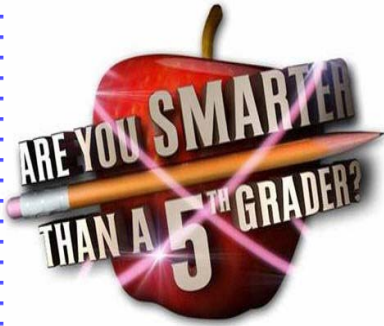


Accelerated Withdrawal Date

Most DoDDS-E Schools: May 17,2012

This policy recognizes that due to military necessity, families are occasionally required to move prior to the end of the school year and that children should not be penalized for this. The 20-day limit provides reasonable flexibility without compromising academic standards or placing the student in an untenable position in regard to mastery of curriculum content. This provision was never intended to apply to, or be extended for, the convenience of family travel, visits, or other discretionary reasons.

- ✚ Students must be in school all day on the last school day prior to the accelerated withdrawal date.
- ✚ The policy requires that students present verification of the date of their sponsor's PCS departure.
- ✚ Students who withdraw prior to the 20-day limit receive a "withdrawal" grade rather than a final grade.



Date: Friday April 20, 2012

Time: Doors will open at 5:30pm

Come be a witness and see if our local kids are smarter than our Command Teams

Who will be the smarter?

Location: Bamberg Elementary Multipurpose Room
A BES PTA sponsored event

Living in the New Normal Institute (LINN)

Living in the New Normal Institute (LINN) is a two-day training opportunity for educators, counselors, child, youth and school services, parents, and community volunteers to provide a smoother transition for our children as they face transitions between schools and military life. This workshop is being sponsored by the U.S. Army and coordinated by Bamberg Garrison personnel.

The preferred method of registration is through the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) website at www.MilitaryChild.org. Additionally, please contact the School Liaison Officer at USArmy.Bamberg.IMCOM-Europe.List.DFMWR-School-Liaison@Mail.Mil or 469-7891/0951-300-7891 by Thursday, 12 April 2012. Limited to 50 attendees – Register now!

WHEN: Thursday & Friday, 26-27 April 2012 - (0800-1600)

WHERE: @ Bamberg Bowling Center

The MCEC will arrange for and provide two breakfasts (0800-0830), lunches (working) and breaks snacks to participants during the training.

Both Graduate and Continuing Education Credit (CEU) are available for attendees who attend and participate in both full days of the training. This is required and non-negotiable.

School Advisory Committee



The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is an elected group of parents and professional school employees. SAC members meet to advise the principal on matters within the jurisdiction of the school and Department of Defense Dependents' Schools (DoDDS). The next SAC meeting for Bamberg Elementary School (BES) is **Wednesday, April 25th, 2012 at 1500**. **(Please note the date change** from Thursday 4/46 to Wednesday

4/25.) It will be held in **Room 129** at **BES**. Please feel free to join us. If you are interested in submitting information or a concern that you would like to see addressed at the next SAC meeting, please complete the attached SAC Input form.

School Advisory Committee (SAC) Challenges You!

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) encourages all parents to remain involved with Bamberg Elementary School—its curriculum, policies, programs, student activities, administrative procedures and educational resources. Only with your help can our school improve.

Remember, the SAC is YOUR voice!

We want to hear your thoughts, issues, concerns, ideas and questions.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Please fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to the school's main office, whereby a SAC representative will then contact you with a reply. At any time during the school year, you can bring issues that concern you to the SAC.



- Here is an idea to improve our school that I would like included in the next SAC Agenda:

Please Note: The following information must be provided in order for the item to be added to the SAC Agenda:

Name:

Phone:

email address:

- I have a question about:

- I would like to see SAC accomplish:

- Please give my compliments to:

Please reply to: Mrs. Kristl Cortright Phone#: 0951-300-8884 or DSN 469-7616

SAC Leadership for this school year is as follows:

Parent Representatives: Aja Jones, Angie Leone, Cindy Webster, and Melissa Werner

Faculty Representatives: Mary Baker, Mary Denty, Rhonda Perisee, Nicole McAllister, and Brenda Taylor

USAG-B Schools' Liaison Officer: Mr. Jonathan DeLong

Principal: Ms. Beverly Erdmann Assistant Principal: Cheryl Tibbs

Please return this form to Ms. Kristl Cortright via email at Kristl.cortright2@eu.dodea.edu or drop it off at the school's main office prior to our next SAC meeting **Wednesday, 25 April 2012 @ 1500, Room 129.**