

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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New Beginnings

“Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can.”

Douglas Pagels

As we end this year and start making plans for 2012, it is an opportunity to remember how important it is to work as a team for the benefit of all students at Bamberg Elementary School. The article included in this newsletter titled “10 Truths About Parent Involvement” captures nicely the essential role that parents play in their children’s education. Please know that the staff appreciates and encourages your ongoing involvement. With your assistance, we can work collaboratively to ensure that your children’s educational experiences are the “best stories” possible for them.

On behalf of the BES staff, we would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season and all the best in the New Year.



IMPORTANT DATES!

DECEMBER

DATE	EVENT
14 – 16 DEC	PTA Holiday Store BES Room 124
19 DEC – 02 JAN	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
03 JAN	School Resumes
16 JAN	Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
23 JAN	“The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander” Presentation Barbara Coloroso – Post Theater
25 JAN	Principals’ Coffee 0900 Room 129 PTA Sponsored Spelling Bee BES MPR 1700 (5:00 PM)
27 JAN	Teacher Work Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS





10 Truths About Parent Involvement

Research shows that regardless of income or background, when parents are involved, students are more likely to earn higher grades, enroll in higher-level programs, attend school regularly, have better social skills, graduate, and go on to postsecondary education. Here are some truths about parent involvement that you can use to gauge your involvement level and the relationship you have with your child's school. After reviewing these truths, check out PTA's resources for [parent involvement](#) for ways to get more involved:

1. All parents have hopes and goals for their children.
2. Parents differ in their abilities and/or resources to help their children reach those goals.
3. The parent is the central contributor to a child's education.
4. Parent involvement must be seen as a legitimate element of education and deserves equal emphasis with elements such as school improvement and evaluation.
5. Parent involvement is an ongoing process, not a series of events.
6. Parent involvement requires a shared vision, policy, and framework for planning programs and practices that are connected to student learning.
7. Many barriers to parent involvement are found within school practices, attitudes, and assumptions.
8. Successful parent involvement programs help families guide their children's learning from preschool through high school.
9. Families from diverse backgrounds have their own sets of norms and experiences that often influence their relationship with schools.
10. Parents are more likely to become involved when they understand that they should be involved, they feel capable of making a contribution, and they feel invited by the school and their children.

Source: The PTA Parent-December 16, 2008



Inclement Weather



Inclement weather may affect the opening of school. Usually there is only a two-hour delay in the morning. Bus students would be picked up two hours later than their regularly scheduled bus pick-up time. Students who normally walk to school would come at **1000**.

The best source of information regarding school closures or delayed start time due to inclement weather is to check the **USAG Bamberg Website and Facebook Page** <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/index.asp>

For additional information regarding school closures or delayed start time due to inclement weather please call: 469-ROAD (7623) OR 0951-300-ROAD (7623) or you can log on to <http://g3operations.hqusaareur.army.mil/Divisions/Ops/ASGConditions/AsgConditions.asp>

We also want to remind parents that students need to be dressed appropriately for the weather as winter approaches. Students who do not have proper outerwear are not allowed to go outside for recess. We request that parents check for any missing items (coats, hats, gloves, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc.) in the school's lost and found whenever they visit the school. Also, please be sure to put your child's name on all clothing and items brought to school.

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Standards-Based Curriculum

BES utilizes the DoDEA curriculum. For more information about our curriculum standards, which guide the educational program, please visit the DoDEA website at <http://www.dodea.edu/>

**P**ARENT **T**EACHER **A**SSOCIATION**PTA NEWS**

We have some exciting events sponsored by PTA that are planned for the upcoming months.

Starting on **Wednesday, December 14th** through **Friday, December 16th**, children will be able to shop for holiday presents at the Holiday Store. A variety of gifts will be available for all members of the family ranging from \$1.00 to \$15.00. We would like to invite everyone to participate in these special activities. Thank you for your support of the BES PTA.

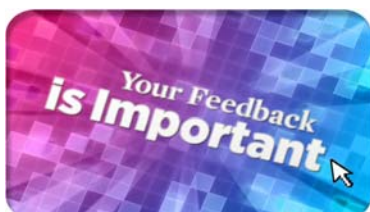
Membership and involvement in Bamberg Elementary School (BES) Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) is encouraged to support our wonderful BES students. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you can give even an hour of your time, your help will be most appreciated. Below are some upcoming events that are supported by our BES PTA parent and teacher members.

Upcoming PTA Events

- ❖ December 14-16 - Holiday Store
- ❖ January 25th 5-6 PM - Spelling Bee.
- ❖ Date TBD - Book exchange and used book sale.
- ❖ February 9th Family Sweetheart Dance
- ❖ February 13-15 - Spring Pictures
- ❖ February 16-17th Book Fair

If you are interested in volunteering send an email to one of the following people:

- ❖ PTA president Christine James christine.james@eu.dodea.edu
- ❖ Teacher Liaison Kate Holcomb Kate.Holcomb@eu.dodea.edu

**DoDEA**
Community Strategic Plan
2012 - 2016

Thank you to those of you who provided input to DoDEA through this website in September! Your feedback was used to inform the development of the new Community Strategic Plan (CSP) for 2012-2016, to replace the current CSP that expires at the end of December 2011. Please visit the DoDEA website <http://www.dodea.edu/home/> to review the draft of the proposed plan for 2012 – 2016. Your input will be used to make final revisions to the CSP and to ensure it reflects the knowledge and beliefs of the worldwide DoDEA community.

Celebrating Student Success

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Aristotle

It is our pleasure to celebrate and acknowledge the many accomplishments of Bamberg Elementary School students during the past month. It is important to acknowledge the critical role of education and working as a team in helping students set and reach goals.



Environmental Calendar Winners



The following students' drawings and messages about the importance of taking care of our environment were selected and featured in the recently published Environmental Calendar for 2012. This partnership with the USAG Bamberg Department of Public Works Environmental Office was a great way to involve students in using their talents to share important messages about the environment.

Mikayla P. Marisa K. Dustin L.	Angelica C. Kaylee M. Devar L.	TeeJay C. Veronica R. Avery S.	Alex P. Hanna S. Zora B. Rebecca F.
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Commissary Essay Contest

The following 5th grade students each won a new computer. Their essays addressing the topic: "Why my family shops at the commissary" were selected as winning essays.

- ❖ Aaliyah H.
- ❖ Seleana R.
- ❖ Alex R.

CONGRATULATIONS



Bamberg ES Honor Roll

Our recent Honor Roll and Awards Assembly was a celebration of academic accomplishments. Students who received all “A” grades this quarter earned a place on the Gold Honor Roll. Students who received all “A & B” grades this quarter earned a place on the Silver Honor Roll. The honor rolls represent the combined efforts of parents, teachers, and students investing in knowledge for a better future. The students listed below are to be congratulated for their efforts to achieve academic excellence.

GOLD HONOR ROLL		
4th Grade		
Ca'Shun B.	Shannon K.	Alexander R.
Ainsley G.	Donny M.	Ashleigh W.
Brigg H.	Fiona-Louise R.	
5th Grade		
Mikayla D.	Leah J.	Dioseline O.
Jack D.	Ariana M.	Logan Y.
6th Grade		
Kamree B.	Josef B.	Briana B.
Brianna C.	Caroline D.	Lorena D.
Purdita I.	Jana K.	Emma M.
Carolyn M.	Diamond M.	Alysha M.
Zamyra L.	Avery S.	Emily W.
Justin Z.		

SILVER HONOR ROLL			
4th Grade			
Luca A.	Cade K.	Brenda O.	Alex S.
Cayla B.	Aleah K.	Johnathan P.	Rae-iona S.
Atre'yu C.	Janina M.	Valeria R.	
Eli H.	Madison M.	Casey S.	
Abigail J.	Quentin M.	Niklas S.	
5th Grade			
Miranda B.	Sage E.	Nathan M.	Naomi S.
Clarice C.	Aaliyah H.	Moses M.	Aubrey S.
Mackenzie C.	Kimberly H.	McKayla M.	Caroline S.
Gabriella C.	Marisa K.	Alex R.	Jacob W.
Jade C.	Meadow K.	Seleana R.	
Kiara E.	Jake L.	Alexis R.	
6th Grade			
Matthew A.	Alyna C.	Nataria G.	Charlize R.
Adelaide A.	Madison D.	Paston O.	Julia S.
Cayla C.	Malik D.	Matt P.	Kiara T.
Jean-Carlo G.	Gabriela G.	Caylin P.	Kyra W.