

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



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Celebrating Great Achievements

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”



-Ralph Waldo Emerson

February is a month to celebrate the achievements and contributions of many great Americans from former Presidents to the many great African Americans who have helped shape who we are as a nation, and continue to play important roles in fields ranging from education to entertainment. These many contributions are a part of the American story that is celebrated every February during Black History Month. Teachers have been including lessons related to the important contributions of African Americans, lessons about Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and other great American Presidents as part of our recognition of significant contributions.

IMPORTANT DATES!	
DATE	EVENT
Black History Month FEB 1 – 29th, 2012	
13 – 15 FEB	PTA Sponsored Spring Pictures MPR Stage Area
16 – 17 FEB	PTA Book Fair BES – Room 124
20 FEB	Presidents' Day National Holiday NO SCHOOL
23 FEB	After School Book Fair 1445 – 1530 (2:45 – 3:30 PM) Math Night 1700 – 1800 (5:00 – 6:00 PM)
29 FEB	Operation Healthy Smile BES MPR 1700-1900 (5:00 – 7:00 PM)

Bamberg ES Honor Roll

Another important celebration of academic accomplishments is our school's Honor Roll Assembly. The students listed below are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and their efforts to achieve academic excellence. 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.	Donny M.	Valeria R.
Ainsley G.	Janina M.	Alexander R.
Brigg H.	Brenda O.	Ashleigh W.
Shannon K.	Fiona-Louise R.	
5th Grade		
Jade C.	Leah J.	Logan Y.
Mikayla D.	McKayla M.	
Aaliyah H.	Aubrey S.	
6th Grade		
Kamree B.	Josef B.	Briana B.
Caroline D.	Lorena D.	Purdita I.
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.	Kristin P.	Tiara T.
Riley B.	Isaac K.	Casey S.	Caige T.
Cayla B.	Aleah K.	Niklas S.	William W.
Yves B.	Demityr L.	Alex S.	Eimaj W
Atre'yu C.	Rishaun L.	Trinity S.	
Eli H.	Samantha P.	Rae-iona S.	
5th Grade			
Yazmin A.	Sage E.	Nathan M.	Seleana R.
Angel A.	Nic G.	Moses M.	Alexis R.
Mackenzie C.	Xavier H.	Dioseline O.	Caroline S.
Gabriella C.	Deja M.	Alex R.	
6th Grade			
Matthew A.	Alyna C.	William O.	Julia S.
Adelaide A.	Madison D.	Paston O.	Justin V.
Christopher B.	Holly D.	Matt P.	Kyra W.
Cayla C.	Lena I.	Clay P.	
Jean-Carlo G.	Jana K.	Charlize R.	



Elementary School Spelling Bee Champ Moves Forward

By Jessica Lipari, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs



Jessica Lipari

Amy Luekenga, left, Bamberg Elementary School's Spelling Bee pronouncer, asks Perin M., right, to spell a word during the elementary school's annual spelling bee Jan. 25. Guest judges Jonathan DeLong, Lisa Jacobs, and Johanna Morris evaluated the event.

BAMBERG, Germany -- Perin M., a third grade student, won the Bamberg Elementary School's 2012 Spelling Bee here Jan. 25.

The competition began with 25 spellers from grades three through six.

After seven rounds of spelling, it was down to three students, Perin, Mikayla D. and Dioseline O.

The two fifth grader competitors spelled their words incorrectly, while Perin clinched the win by spelling his championship word 'manifestation' correctly.

A spell-off was held between Mikayla and Dioseline to declare a runner-up. Dioseline spelled 'syringe' correctly to win the title of runner-up.

Perin will travel to Ramstein Air Base later this year to compete in the Department of Defense Dependents School- Europe championship.

World Education Games



Bamberg Elementary School is participating in a great competition with students in schools around the globe. Many students have begun to practice already. Students can do as many games as they want during the time leading up to the official competition. But, once the competition begins, students are limited to a maximum of 50 challenges during the official competition (around 1 hour's participation on each day). For World Math Day and World Spelling Day, there are 10 challenges on each of the 5 levels. Science Day has all 3 levels of difficulty within each of the 50 challenges. There are no limits during practice. All points scored in the initial 50 challenges will contribute to the Gamesometer (the total points from students all around the globe, as well as a student's personal score. After 50 challenges, points will only count towards the Gamesometer. The dates of competition are:

- 🇺🇸 **World Spelling Day 6 March 2012**
- 🇺🇸 **World Math Day 7 March 2012**
- 🇺🇸 **World Science Day 8 March 2012**

For those interested, from the time it is midnight on a particular date somewhere in the world; to the time it is no longer that date somewhere in the world, is 48 hours. Hence, each event in the Games runs for 48 hours. More information can be found on www.worldeducationgames.com



National Children's Dental Health Month

February is once again upon us and with happy hearts we like to see healthy smiles. A great start is the simple basics of parents stressing the importance of oral health at home. We would like to encourage you to be active in the fight against bad oral hygiene habits at an early age in hopes to promote a life-long habit of good oral health for your child. We also would like to help the children become accustomed to the dentist and what the dentist does. In addition, dental health education is done as part of this annual event. Dental screenings will be provided at Bamberg Elementary School (BES) during the week of FEB 21 – MAR 2. If you have any questions regarding the dental screening or would like to volunteer to assist with this event, please contact our school nurse, Denise Slotboom at 0951-300-7616.

Dr. Ruggiero and his staff will be working with BES staff to help promote the importance of regular dental check-ups. Operation Healthy Smile is the initiative. To learn more about this great program, please come to BES on Wednesday, February 29th from 1700 – 1900.

DENTAL HEALTH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR PARENTS

Q: How often should my child see the dentist?

A: It is recommended that your child receive a dental check-up at least twice a year. Some children need more frequent dental visits because of increased risk of tooth decay, unusual growth patterns or poor oral hygiene.

Q: How do I make my child's diet safe for his teeth?

A: First, be sure your child has a balance diet. Then, check how frequently he eats foods with sugar or starch in them. Foods with starch include breads, crackers, pasta and such snacks as pretzels and potato chips. Healthy snacks like fresh fruits and carrot sticks decrease the likelihood of your child getting dental cavities.

Q: Does a balance diet assure that my child is getting enough fluoride?

A: No. A balanced diet does not guarantee the proper amount of fluoride for the development and maintenance of your child's teeth. If you do not have fluoride in your water, your child may need a fluoride supplement during the years of tooth development. Some of the bottle water sold at the commissary contains fluoride-check the label. Also sold at the PX and commissary is a fluoride rinse named ACT for children.

Q: How can I help my child enjoy good dental health?

A: The following steps will help your child be part of the cavity-free generation.

- ◆ Beware of frequent snacking on foods and drinks (soda pop) that are sugary.
- ◆ Brush effectively twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- ◆ Floss once a day.
- ◆ Get regular dental check-ups twice a year.
- ◆ Assure proper fluoride through drinking fluoridated water and fluoride mouth rinses.
- ◆ Don't put your young child to bed with a bottle of milk, formula or juice. Ask your dentist about sealants to protect teeth.

Q: What is the phone number to the Bamberg Dental Clinic to schedule future check-ups?

A: Bamberg Dental Clinic number is 0951-300-1720.

Q: What are some good websites for more dental health information and fun activities for children?

<http://www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/ncdhm.asp#fun>

<http://www.ada.org/390.aspx>

<http://www.ada.org/387.aspx>

<http://www.ada.org/5578.aspx#sheets>



You Made the Grade!



- **Qualifying students can receive a coupon booklet ...**
- **How do I get the coupon booklet:**
 - Students must present a valid military ID card
 - And, proof of an overall "B" or better average
 - Each coupon booklet contains an entry form for the savings bond drawing.
- **This is a worldwide program that began in February 2000. The "You Made the Grade Program" is designed to reward students for above-average academic achievement and to inspire them to continue to work harder. Recognizing student's academic achievements offers the Exchange an opportunity to make a contribution to the military community quality of life and establish loyalty in our younger generation. This program provides an incentive for youth, not only to stay in school but, to excel.**



See the main store manager of your local Exchange for details!

Bamberg Elementary School Yearbook
A picture is worth 1000 words. . .and 1000 Memories!

Preserve your child's time at BES; Buy a 2011-2012 Yearbook!
 Only \$15.00

Order forms are available in the front office or by contacting Joan Bade
Joan.bade@eu.dodea.edu

AND

Start planning your ads now!- Due March 2, 2012

*****Write a "one-line" note to your student.*****

These can be from anyone! Examples include:

Congratulations on completing 3rd grade! Love, Grandma Rose or Way to go Johnny! Love, Mom and Dad

Rows (limit of 60 characters per row-including spaces)	Cost
1	\$5
2	\$10

- Say "Good Luck" or "Congratulations" to a student!
- Write a message to your child(ren)!
- Publish cute (or embarrassing) pictures!

AND/OR

Size	Price-you make it	Price-we make it
Full Page Ad	\$175	\$195
Half Page Ad	\$100	\$110
Quarter Page Ad	\$50	\$60