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Welcome to Naples Elementary school (NES) "A Great School in a Great Community" and home of the Dolphins.

Our children are important to us. We have a limited time to groom and prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow. To truly be successful at this, it takes an entire community. You, the parents are their first teachers while we, the educators, focus on making those connections between the classrooms, home and real world situations. We need to ask the question, "How will our children respond to real life events when we are no longer available to guide their decision making?" Preparing our children is a tremendous responsibility that NES takes very seriously.

*Some ways that we work to prepare students include:*

1. Start where the children are. (Formative Assessments)
2. Know where the children are going. (Curriculum & Instruction)
3. Expect to get your children to their goal. (Summative Assessments)
4. Support your children along the way. (Continuous School Improvement-CSI)

Naples Elementary School has identified two school-wide goals in support of the continuous school improvement process. The NES faculty and staff members have developed classroom interventions to increase student achievement in the areas of reading comprehension and math proficiency. During the spring of 2013, our school will host a Quality Assurance Review visit by a team of 2 stateside chairpersons as well as DoDDS members from our European area. The team will be looking for the quality implementation of the Advanc-Ed standards across our school in all classrooms in order to maintain our current accreditation. Maintaining our accreditation is an event needed to keep our school operating; however, empowering students to become independent, creative, problem-solvers who demonstrate exemplary character in a global society is a long-term process for our children to achieve.

*NES Vision:*

Naples Elementary School will foster a safe and nurturing environment that provides rigorous learning opportunities to empower all students to become independent, creative, problem-solvers who demonstrate exemplary character in a global society.

We really want to compel you to take on this vision as well. Following this compelling statement guides all of our endeavors each and every day.

*Goal One:*

By June 2014, all students at Naples Elementary School will improve in reading comprehension as demonstrated through increased proficiency in system-wide and locally administered assessments.

*Goal Two:*

By June 2014, all students at Naples Elementary School will improve their understanding of math number sense and operational concepts demonstrated by increased proficiency in system-wide and locally administered assessments.

In our endeavor, we are trying to build community relationships and would like to encourage you to be actively engaged; making everything that we do, home and school, relevant and applicable in sustaining our children of the future. This will occur when we, parents and community members as well as NES' faculty and staff, become full partners to engage in discussions and educational decisions that affect our children.

*What you can expect as a partner:*

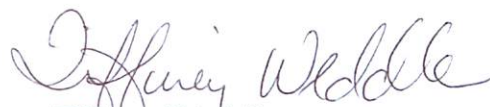
- Open lines of communication
- Volunteer opportunities you and your child can be proud of
- Understanding how data is used to make educational decisions
- Understanding how the school use resources to support student learning

We are all in this together...a community of learners doing what is best for our children.

Please take time to visit our website at [www.napl-es.eu.dodea.edu](http://www.napl-es.eu.dodea.edu) to learn more about our wonderful school.

"Don't be a stranger"

  
Mona Morgan  
Principal

  
Tiffiney Weddle  
Assistant Principal