



Sevilla EMS

Our mission is to provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

December 2011



Sevilla EMS students joined their fellow community members on December 1st for some holiday cheer. Under the direction of our School Liaison Officer, -, students played drums, tambourines and “jingle” bells while singing carols to “ring” in the Christmas season. Third-grader -, fourth-grader - and seventh-grader - read their winning “What Christmas Means to Me” essays and assisted Commander - with the lighting of the base tree. Everyone had a holly jolly time!



Geography Bee Breakdown

On Thursday, December 15, 2012, Mr. - held the first practice bee in his classroom in preparation for the School Geography Bee on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

Mr. - guided the students present through all the different kinds of questions that are asked in the bee, and explained not only the rules of the bee, but how to get clues about the answers from the questions.

Then, using sample questions from past bees, the students present divided up into a boys team and a girls team and played geography football. The Ladies, quarterbacked by -, and supported by teammates - and -, won the close battle 8-7 on the merits of going for two extra points after scoring their only touchdown late in the game. Coach - of the Gents had instructed quarterback - to “go for one” extra point when the Gents scored their touchdown early in the game. Knowing that to get two extra points, the team had to correctly answer two consecutive questions, Coach - talked it over with - and his other teammate - and had decided to play it safe and try for just one.

Coach - strategy almost worked for the “Gents,” but when the “Ladies” scored they chose to go for the win and managed to answer 2 questions in a row to get two points and seal the victory, then time ran out as the “Gents” were attempting their final scoring drive.

The Geography Bee Club will have one more practice bee after the Christmas break on Thursday, January 5 before the actual School Bee on January 12, 2012.



Geography makes the world go round!



There's no business like show business!



"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

-Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

The stars of the Sevilla EMS Drama Club were shining brightly on December 15th, when they performed their holiday plays for the school and community. Bravo!

*All aboard the Polar Express!
Mrs. - class got cozy in their jam-
mies and took a magical trip all
the way to the North Pole!*

*"This bell is a wonderful
symbol of the spirit of
Christmas!"-Polar Express*



Do you believe in Christmas magic?



We do!

Rockin' Around

the

Christmas Tree with Ms. - Class at Club Andaluz

Nothing says 'Christmas' like Xbox!



Parents and family members joined our middle-schoolers at their holiday party



Back at the school, Mr. - 2nd/3rd grade class enjoyed a feast fit for Santa Claus himself with their family members!





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Unit 6582
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December 27, 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR SEVILLA ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

SUBJECT: Animals in the Classroom & On School Grounds

We have, over the past several weeks, had issues of dogs using our playground area to relieve themselves. This leaves a mess on the playground and a bigger mess should a child, or any person, happen to step in it. So far, we have been able to catch the problem soon enough to get the school yard cleaned up before children run out and step in it; however, the residue remains and should a child happen to fall in the spot of clean up, there is always a chance that he/she would end up with some of the dog droppings on themselves.

We ask that you please support us by not allowing your pets access to any area around the school. We are in the process of requesting signage that can be posted around the school as reminders for anyone who may be crossing the school grounds.

The issue of animals in school is periodically raised at school. Concerns usually center on the fact that some students may suffer from asthma and allergies that are aggravated by animals. This puts these students at a disadvantage during the instructional day, as they must deal with a health issue which is created by the instructional environment. While some pets are well trained, children can be very impulsive. Regardless of the precautions taken, any pet can have a "bad" day and bite students. Additionally, students may be distracted by the presence or movements of animals in the classroom.

For those who are new to our community, I would like to remind you that turtles and other reptiles and amphibians are not allowed in school. In 1975 the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) banned the sale of small turtles in the U.S. All small turtles, and most larger turtles, carry Salmonella, which, according to the U.S. Center of Disease Control (CDC), can cause severe illness in children. The CDC has stated the following: **"Remember, turtles are cute, but contaminated. Handle all turtles and surfaces that have come in contact with turtles as if they are contaminated with Salmonella, because there is a good possibility that they are."** * Turtles are available for purchase here in Spain so you may want to consider the above information before you decide to purchase one for your home/children.

Based on health, safety, and instructional reasons, we maintain a school policy that dogs, cats, turtles and other reptiles or amphibians, are not to be present in classrooms or in the school generally, at any time. We believe that enforcement of this policy is in the best interest of our students.

DoDEA Regulation 4800.1 "DoDEA Safety Program" states the following:

4.5.6. Ensure animals brought into the school have administrator approval after coordination with the school nurse and/or available records to ensure the animal's presence will not trigger student/staff allergic reactions. These animals must also have veterinary clearance, except for animals kept in aquariums or sealed containers.

Any animals that are brought into the school must have written administrative approval and have certificates issued and signed by the nearest local US Army Veterinary Corps Officer indicating that they are safe to be brought into the school/classrooms.


DAVID R. ELDREDGE
Assistant Principal

*Source: http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/spotlight_an_turtles.htm



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Dates To

Remember:

January 3rd:

Instruction

Resumes

January 12th:

**School Geography
Bee**

January 16th:

**Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr. Day-No
School**

Guess Who???

Every month, we will submit a staff member's answers to these questions. We will reveal this month's mystery person in next month's newsletter. See if you can guess who this month's staff member is!

Hometown: Winamac, Indiana

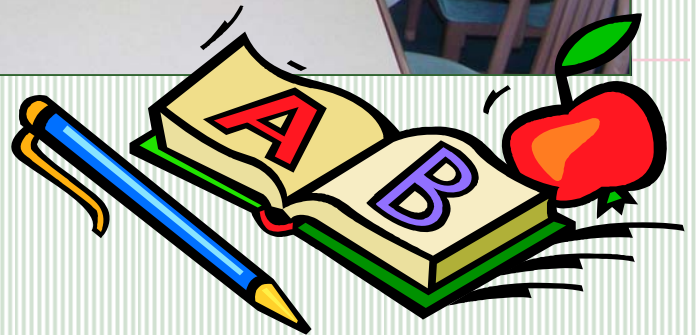
Favorite Place to Visit: My backyard early on a Sunday morning to sit and read, drink my coffee, and watch the birds, especially the hummingbirds, at the feeders.

Hobbies: Reading, writing, traveling, watching movies with my wife, fishing, bowling, and golf.

Which cartoon character best describes you: Never thought about it . . . Calvin from Calvin and Hobbes, perhaps?

Favorite words to live by: "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Last month's mystery staff member: -!



Our School Vision

Sevilla EMS is a community of students, parents and teachers who work together developing personal skills. Teachers facilitate an inclusive and diverse education that leads to academic and social success through a rigorous and differentiated curriculum. The students actively engage as productive and responsible life-long learners in preparation for their lives as global citizens.