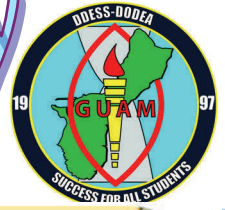


Andersen Elementary School Newsletter



February 8, 2013



Hafa Adai AES Parents and Sponsors,

The AES Spelling Bee for 3rd through 5th grade students took place on Thursday evening in the AES Dolphin Theater. We are very proud of our top three winners. Our First place winner is a third grader and our Second and Third place winners are fifth grade students. Our third grade winner will represent AES at the island-wide Spelling Bee in the Spring and our second grade winner is the alternate.

Our fourth grade students completed The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests this week. The NAEP test administrators complimented our wonderful school and our fourth grade students. We are confident they performed well.

In celebration of African American History Month, AES is sponsoring its 5th Annual Learn-abration event on Friday, February 15th for our 3rd – 5th grade students from 8:00 am until 11:30 am. Letters have been e-mailed to parents and community members asking for volunteers to share 15-minute presentations about famous African Americans with our students. Please accept our invitation to participate in the AES Learn-abration; the students really do enjoy the presentations and gain a greater appreciation of cultural diversity.

Continuous School Improvement at AES continues to be a major focus of the teaching and learning process. In an effort to prepare our school for an External Review Accreditation visit in 2014, the Guam District Superintendent’s Office and other Guam District school personnel will conduct a Pre-External Review visit at AES from February 25th – 27th. During this time, the team members will analyze our school data and visit our classrooms to observe the learning environment. The visiting team will also take note of what students do and listen to what they say. There will also be a Parent Forum on Tuesday, February 26th, during which time the team members will discuss continuous school improvement from the parent’s perspective. The Pre-External review process will assist our school in addressing challenges and opportunities for growth prior to the actual External Review, the results of which will determine if AES is a quality school worthy of accreditation.

Dr. Seuss Read Across America activities are coming together, so look forward to receiving information about our weeklong activities honoring Dr. Seuss’ Birthday during the first week in March! Thank you parents for celebrating 100 Days of School with our first grade students this morning! Thank you for volunteering and manning the different stations! The students were so excited!

Have a great weekend!

Your Partners in Education,

AES Principal

AES Assistant Principal

Dolphin Calendar

2/11-12/2013	Dental screening	
2/13/2013	Bus Evacuation drill	
2/15/2013	Learn-abration	
2/18/2013	President’s Day	***No school***

Telephone messages

We all know how hectic it is trying to get things together to PCS or go TDY. Please be mindful that the school does need copies of any POA's if children are in the care of someone other than the parents. Also, please remember to give the school at least 3 to 5 school days to process and retrieve the documents. Once documents are ready a copy of the PCS orders are need to obtain records.

Due to classroom transitions throughout the school day, it is not always possible to relay phone messages to students. To avoid disrupting instructional time, only **emergency messages** will be delivered directly to classrooms. All other messages will be sent to the homeroom teacher via email. The school office cannot guarantee delivery of phone messages to students received after 1:00 p.m. Please provide your child with transportation/pick-up instructions prior to start of school.

PreK and Kinder Parents

PRE-K AND KINDER STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF BY AN ADULT. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEKING ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENTS' CARE BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL.



Transportation Office —
366-5467 0800-1600 daily
(lunch 1100-1200)

The tardy bell rings at 7:45am

Students arriving late will receive an unexcused tardy unless student has a signed appointment slip or a note from parent/guardian. Parents need to come in a sign in their students. Also, refer to the Parent/Student handbook for the new attendance policy.

Emergency Contacts

Please ensure all parent & emergency contact information is current in case of emergency or evacuation. You may stop by the front office and fill out a Student Information Change form, or e-mail your changes.

Student Pick-ups

In order for your child to be picked up from school by a person other than a parent, it is required that you submit a signed emergency contact form to the front office. In the event of evacuation, students will not be released to anyone other than parents or emergency contacts currently on file.

Please have your ID ready.

For the safety of all of our children, a Photo ID and Visitor's Badge is required for ALL school visitors.

(absolutely no admittance without ID)



Important School Telephone Numbers

School Office — 366-1511/1512
FAX-366-2532
Office Hours 0700-1600 daily

School Nurse — 366-2136
Office Hours 0715-1445 daily

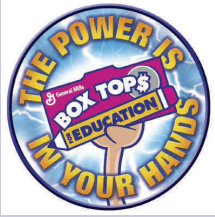
School Cafeteria — 366-1655
Office Hours 0730-1300 daily

Air Force School Liaison Officer—

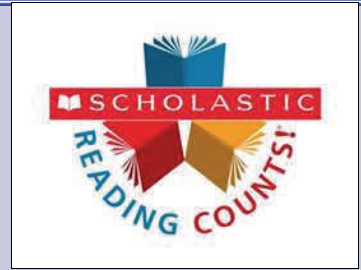
School Lunches

Prestige accepts lunch account applications and payments daily from 7:30am-13:00pm. School lunch prices are \$2.50 for students and \$4.50 for adults. You can also make payments and check your students accounts online at www.lunchprepay.com.

[CLICK HERE FOR MENU](#)



PTO News



Book Drive

For the months of December, January, and February we will be collecting book donations for our used book sale. We will be selling these books for \$.25-2.00 at Family Reading Night in March. Please drop off all donations to the PTO room.

DRESS DOWN DAY!!!!

Don't forget to turn in 10 Box Tops by 2/12 for a dress down day on 2/14. Please submit them in a baggie or on the box top paper with student's name and teacher on it.

BOX TOPS

Please keep sending box tops, Campbell's labels, and Tyson labels. Each month the class that brings in the most receives a popcorn party! Congratulations to Mr. Dowdell's class! They were December's box top winners!

SPIRIT SHIRTS

Spirit shirts are here! Limited sizes and quantities are available. T-shirts are \$12 each. Please pick up in the PTO office.

RECORDERS

Student's grades 3-5 are learning how to play recorders. The school issues each child a recorder. If you would like to purchase a new recorder for your child they are available for \$8 each in the PTO office.

DONATION REQUEST

We are currently looking for donation of Capri suns and popcorn. Yellow kernels are preferred! Please drop all donations off at the PTO office.

Upcoming Events

Spring Pictures will be taken February 5-8. Please watch for more information to be sent home.

Volunteers are needed on Fridays to help with popping and selling popcorn. Please contact us if you are interested! We are always in need of popcorn donations (yellow kernels are preferred)

PTO Has a new location room C-23

Stay up to date with the latest PTO & school happenings by "liking" us on **FACEBOOK!**
Andersen Elementary school



**POPCORN
FRIDAYS**

50¢

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR
THIS EVENT**



Interactive Customer
Evaluation

ICE



Child Find

Helping to identify children from birth to 21 years of age that may be in need of special education and related services. [More information click here!](#)

This school year, TerraNova, Third Edition testing will take place on the following dates:
Monday, March 11 – Language Arts
Tuesday, March 12 – Reading
Wednesday, March 13 – Math
Thursday, March 14 – Science
Friday, March 15 – Social Studies
Make-up tests will be given March 18-22.



DoDEA Pacific – Guam District



Superintendent's Parent Forum

Navy Community

Wednesday, Feb 20, 2013 at 6:00-7:00 p.m.
McCool Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria

Andersen Community

Thursday, Feb 28, 2013 at 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Andersen Elementary School – Dolphin Theater

Bernard Curtis Grown II Memorial Space Camp Scholarship

Deadline to apply: Postmarked March 10 each year.

For 6th through 9th grade children of Active Duty, or mobilized Guard or Reserves.

Funded by Military Child Education Coalition(MCEC). Covers Round trip transportation, meals, lodging, program materials.

<http://www.militarychild.org/parents-and-students/programs/bernard-curtis-brown-ii-memorial-space-camp-scholarship>

Respectfully,

Navy School Liaison K-12

Naval Base Guam

Joint Region Marianas

barbara.askey@fe.navy.mil

Office: 339-5238 DSN or Area Code 671

Cell: 988-3580 Area Code 671

Visit www.mwrguam.com & Click Families, Click School Liaison.

Visit www.cnrc.navy.mil/guam. Search School Liaison.

Visit www.facebook.com/pages/Navy-SLO/144612695576942

Please bring your lunch

We will be offering part 1 of a workshop on discipline developed by Thomas W. Phelan, Ph.D. We will discuss the concept of teaching children to stop doing annoying behaviors such as teasing siblings, arguing and begging.

Military Family Life Consultant and a, Education Services Facilitator will present the program: 123 Magic . With 123 Magic you will learn:

How to get your children to STOP doing what you don't want them to do (arguing, sibling rivalry, begging, yelling, lying & screaming).

How to encourage your children to START doing what you want them to do (cleaning rooms, doing age appropriate chores, going to bed, homework).

How to avoid the Talk-Persuade-Argue-Yell- Hit Syndrome.

How to deal with the Six Kinds of Testing and Manipulation.

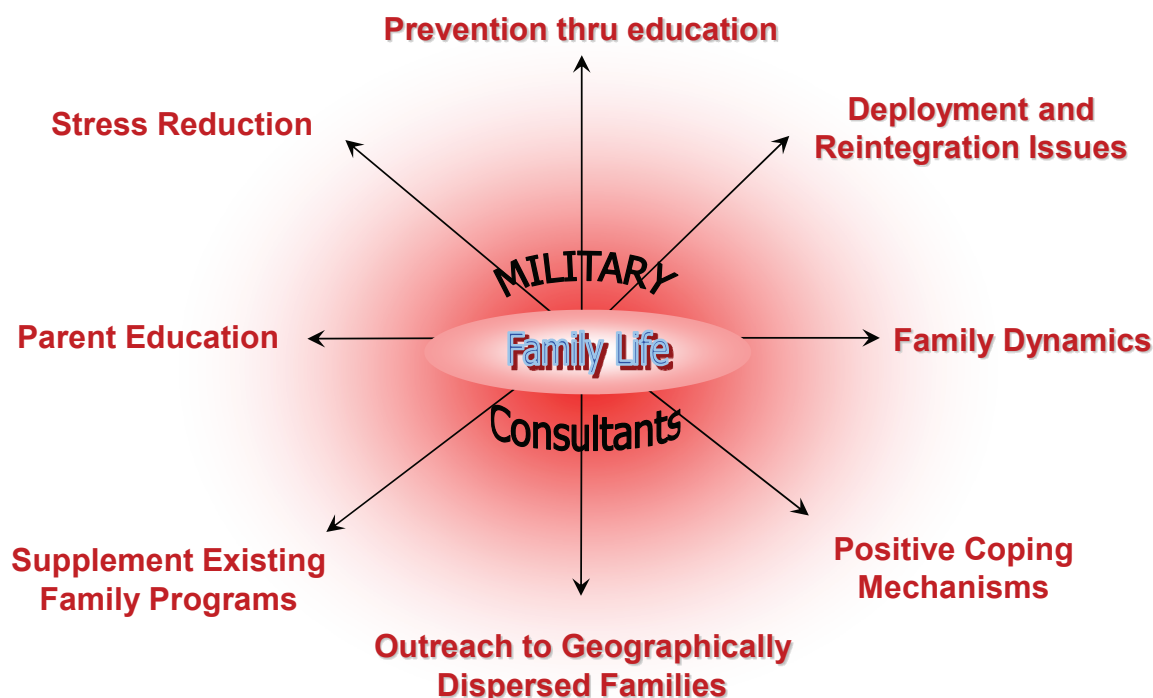
123 Magic addresses the difficult task of child discipline with humor, insight and proven experience. This time-tested program provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children without yelling, arguing or spanking or hard feelings and resentment that often follows ineffective discipline strategies.

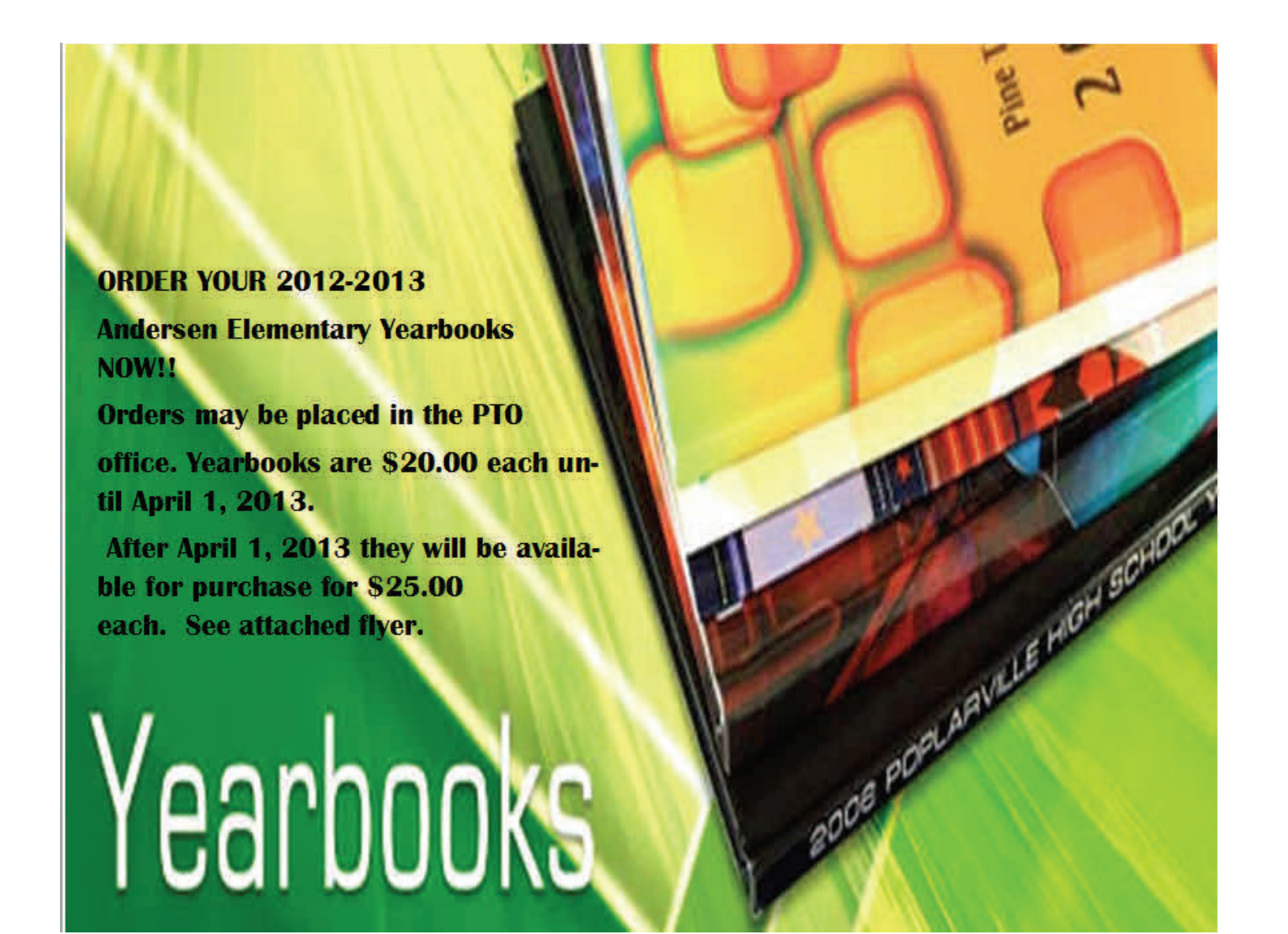
Please join our Military Family Life Consultant for an excellent, workable, supportive program to bring more peace into your home.

Call the Military Family Life Consultant at 788-0537 or go to www.parentmagic.com for more information.

Bring your spouse if possible. Call to reserve your spot!

Military & Family Life Consultants' Scope





ORDER YOUR 2012-2013

**Andersen Elementary Yearbooks
NOW!!**

**Orders may be placed in the PTO
office. Yearbooks are \$20.00 each un-
til April 1, 2013.**

**After April 1, 2013 they will be availa-
ble for purchase for \$25.00
each. See attached flyer.**

Yearbooks

Make ordering your child's yearbook easy.

Order online at http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_catalog.asp?cid=167668&pfid=2013012404153774375

**Yearbooks are \$20.00 and can be personalized using this
online ordering feature**

3rd Grade working on the Beaglehound garden



It's B.A.S.T.A. bucks time!





Annual Health Screenings

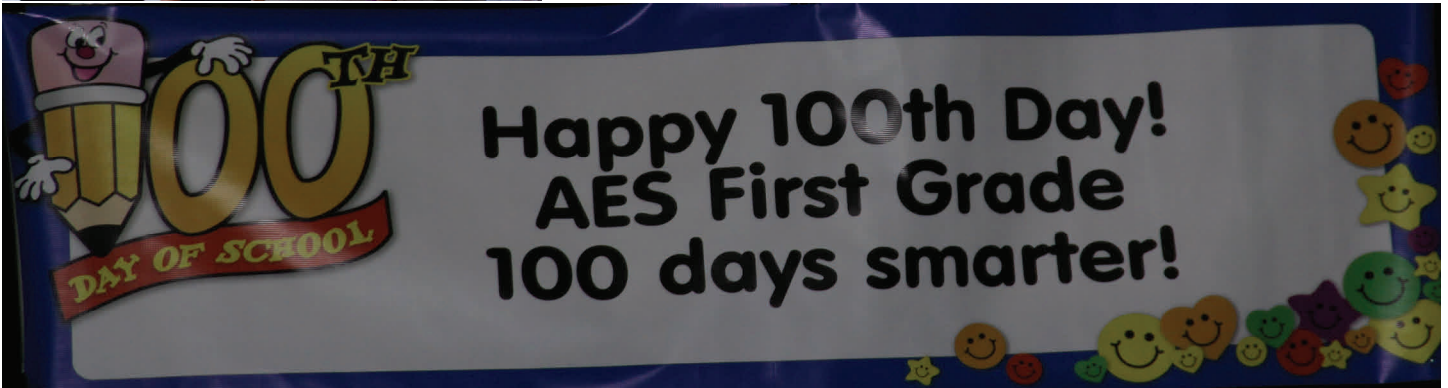
It's time for the annual health screenings at Andersen Elementary and Middle Schools. The nurses' offices from the two schools will be teaming up to work together on this task. Volunteers who are willing to assist our schools in this endeavor are needed. We will be screening nearly 1200 students for hearing, vision, scoliosis and height/weight. The health screenings will take place during the week of February 25- March 1. If you are interested in helping out during this busy time let us know when you are available. Sign up times are encouraged in two hour increments, but feel free to help out for as long, or for as many days as you can. Training on each specific screening will be given at a group meeting on Friday, February 22 at 1000 and again at 1300 for those of you who have not volunteered before, or if you would like a refresher on using the equipment. If you sign up to volunteer, you must fill out and submit a school approved volunteer application to the main office of either school building no later than February 15. The form is attached, but only completed hard copies will be accepted. The volunteer form CANNOT be submitted electronically. This is a great opportunity to provide a community service! Thank you in advance for your assistance.

AES school nurse 366-2136

AMS school nurse 366-2164

Andersen Elementary/Middle Schools

WALK~N~TALK



READING BUDDIES!



SCHOOL COUNSELOR



Counselor's Corner

Helping Children Cope with Military Deployments

When a parent is deployed, children often experience a lot of confusing emotions and will probably have a lot of questions. This article is intended to give some tips on how to help your child adjust to a parent's deployment or extended separation. Let your child's teacher know when a parent is deploying in order for the school to offer additional support. At Andersen Elementary School, counselors offer regular Deployment Groups to help children cope with their feelings and to also show them they are not alone. There are also Military Life Family Consultants (MFLCs) available at our school to provide counseling to children and parents. Feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor if you have questions or concerns regarding changes in your child's behavior related to a parent's deployment. Most important, take care of yourself by reaching out to others and make time to do things you enjoy!

Suggestions for Parents

- Let children know when the parent is deploying, how long they will be gone and about when they will return.
- Develop a ritual for keeping track of the days their parent is gone, such as marking days off of a calendar, removing links from a paper chain, chocolate kisses in a jar, etc.
- Provide your child with something special to remember their deployed parent, such as a video of them, photos, one of their shirts, etc.
- Help your child stay in touch with their parent by Skyping, making phone calls, writing letters or emails, sending care packages, etc.
- Discuss and accept their feelings regarding their parent being deployed.
- Provide extra support and reassurance to your child.
- Continue usual household routines and rules to maintain a feeling of normalcy.
- Make a treasure box with your child to keep special things for their parent and encourage them to go through the box with their parent upon their return.
- Recognize and respond to changes in children's behavior. Maintain prior expectations of behavior, but also be willing to seek assistance when needed.

-Make time to have fun as a family!

2nd & 5th Grade Counselor

366-1511



AES CLUBS



"Joey Jumpers Club"

The "Joey Jumpers" jump rope club began on Monday, October 15, 2012. This club highlights physical activities for grades 1st and 2nd. We will meet every Monday from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. at the AES gym. The fitness activities performed will be age appropriate: some kids will learn how to jump rope; others will learn basic tricks with the rope; and all the participants will play lead games to develop agility and endurance. The students may participate in the 2013 AES Jump Rope Show if they are interested. The application forms for the Joey Jumpers are available at the school main office. Parents may fill, sign, and return the application form to Ms. Cartagena as soon as possible. This club is limited to 40 students.

[Click here for form](#)

"Kangaroo Club"

The "Kangaroo" jump rope club began on Wednesday, October 17, 2012. This club highlights physical activities for grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th. We will meet every Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30 at the AES gym. In this age group some students will learn how to jump rope, and all students will learn jump rope tricks from simple to advance according to their abilities. The participants will be timed (non-stop jumping) to test their aerobic and muscular endurance. The students may participate in the 2013 AES Jump Rope Show if they are interested. The application forms for the Kangaroo Club are available at the school main office. Parents may fill, sign, and return the application form to Ms. Cartagena as soon as possible. This club is limited to 40 students.

[Click here for form](#)

"Spanish Club"

4th & 5th graders) Began Monday October 1, 2012

[Click here for form](#)

"Reading Counts Club"

The Reading Counts Club's mission is to provide an environment to read books and take quizzes on books available through the Scholastic Reading Counts Program.

The Reading Counts Club will meet on Monday's after school from 2:15-3:00 in the Information Center, room C-29.

[Click here for form](#)

"Choir Club"

Music Classroom A-22
Mondays and Thursdays

2:20

[Click here for form](#)

