



Patriot Post

Notes from the Principal's Desk



Gordon Gears up for Terra Nova Testing in March

I really enjoyed leading this school in February! Students participated in a number of educational and fun activities. The Star Lab was open for two weeks so students could learn about planets, stars, constellations, and other important space standards. I believe every classroom attended at least one time. Gordon held a dance Feb. 14 for both grades 3 – 5 and K-2 students. This was our first ever dance, and it was successful. Like any new event, we contemplated both the positive and negative aspects of the dance and will make a few changes for next time. Author Marc Harshman was at the school Feb. 16. He did **storytelling, writers' workshops, and autographed books** during the literacy night. His visit to the school was a remarkable experience for students. Students also participated in our 2nd quarter awards assembly. It is wonderful to recognize so many students for both academic and character awards. Finally, the Black History Month activities have also enriched the lives of our students. A big thank you to staff, P.T.A. and parents for making February extraordinary!

A big focus for March will be on Terra Nova testing, which is scheduled for Mar. 12 – 16. Terra Nova results are used to measure student achievement in grades 3 – 5. It is critical that students are present for Terra Nova Testing. Making up Terra Nova testing is an extremely difficult task, especially in a large school. We are asking that you schedule all appointments and vacations at a different time so students are present for the exam. It is critical that students are also on time for

school. Students who are late will not be allowed into the classroom until there is a break in testing. Fort Bragg Schools takes the Terra Nova exams very seriously and need the support of our parents. If you have any questions regarding Terra Nova, please contact Vickie Griffith, School Counselor. Mrs. Griffith is the Terra Nova Coordinator for Gordon Elementary.



Joel Grim

School will not be in session Mar. 23 due to the Fort Bragg Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Day. Staff will be focusing on improving instructional techniques related differentiated instruction. They will also be examining data in an effort to differentiate instruction for the various students in the classroom. Staff works very hard on CSI days to improve instruction as part of our AdvancED accreditation.

I was asked to pass on some important information from the Garrison Commander's office to parents regarding the 2012 – 2013 school year. Crossing guards will no longer be available next year in Linden Oaks. The Garrison Commander's office informed the school district of this information at a recent school board meeting. The belief is that if Master Policy 87 is truly implemented, students will be escorted by parents in kindergarten through fourth grade and fifth grade students should be able to walk unescorted to school.

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OUR ORGANIZATION

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OUR SERVICE TO MILITARY FAMILIES

- Helps ease the stress of separation
- Helps build family resiliency
- Helps make homecomings easier
- Helps cultivate a love of reading

This powerful program is available to deployed military units DoD-wide, hosted at select USO locations, and has served over one million beneficiaries since 1989.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. The deployed service member reads a book aloud while being recorded and sends the video home to the child.
2. The child at home watches the video and follows along with the book, if available.
3. While the child watches the video, the caregiver captures the child's reaction and relates it back to the service member.
4. The service member receives the feedback and is encouraged to record again.



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Super Bowl Rivals

Home Reading Rates Growing at Gordon ES

Home Reading participation is improving! A special thanks goes out to all parents who are encouraging their children to read or be read to every night. Please continue to assist your students in recording what they read on their Home Reading Records. Students who read a minimum of 20 nights per month receive an incentive reward. Home Reading Records are due the first school day of each month.

Home Reading Record sheets are on the Gordon website at <http://www.am.dodea.edu/Bragg/Gordon/homereading/homereading1.htm>

Congratulations to the following classes for having 100 percent participation in the month of January 2012:

PreK: Merritt – AM & PM

Kindergarten: Harrison

Kindergarten: Marks

Kindergarten: Maull

Kindergarten: Upton

Reduce Test Stress — Timely Tips for Terra Nova Takers



Get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast before the test.



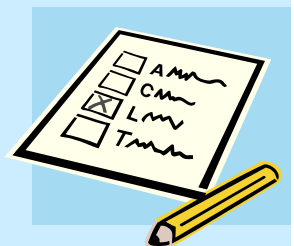
Be confident and stay relaxed.



Read the directions carefully.



Read all answer choices before choosing one. Cross out the ones you know for sure are not the right answer.



If you're stuck on a question, move on to the next

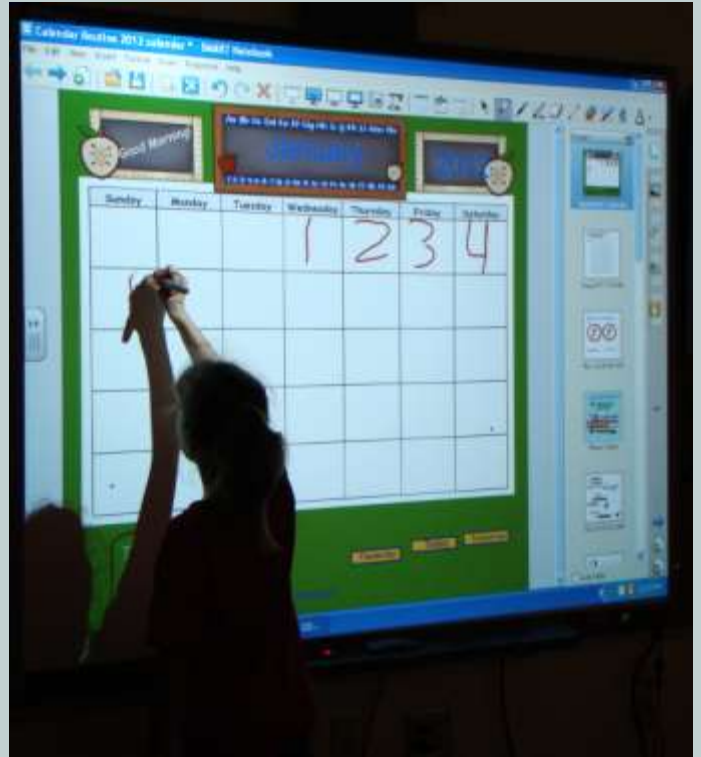
one. If you have time later, go back and try to answer the question you skipped.

Make sure you have answered all the questions.



Don't get nervous. You don't need to be the first one to finish.

School Snapshots



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Gordon ES

SCHOOL LIBRARY
INFORMATION CENTER

March Madness

March Madness is approaching. But hey, why should basketball fans have all the fun. There is a lot going on in March besides the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championships. For one, did you know that March is Women's History Month? This year's theme: *"Women's Education - Women's Empowerment"* celebrates the struggles of women, while fighting for the

right to learn. Get to know some of our popular female singers and actresses like Selena Gomez, Taylor Swift, and Beyonce Knowles, along with those great women of the past and present: Susan B. Anthony, Condeleezza Rice and Hillary Rodham Clinton. All of these phenomenal ladies and a host of others are located on the shelves of the Gordon School Library Information Center.

March 2 is Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. To view all things Seuss, checkout Suessville.com. Did you know that Dr. Seuss published over 60 books for children? This year the Read Across America campaign will showcase *The Lorax* the book and new movie which is set to be released on March 2.



The SLIC: Key to Lifelong Reading

One of the major goals of the school library is to actively encourage students to read for pleasure. This type of reading, often referred to as recreational reading is an essential ingredient for students to become life-long readers. Properly matching students with their interest and reading level is important. One way this is done is through a balanced collection of non-fiction and fiction materials that reflects a wide variety of interest and reading levels. When students enjoy what they read and have the freedom to choose what they read for pleasure; students will be well on their way to becoming a life-long reader.

Ways to Help Your Child Love Reading

1. Ask the school librarian or teacher for help. Teachers and librarians are a great resource for connecting students with books.
2. Try the Gordon SLIC, our online catalog. The SLIC allows you to search for material located in our collection and suggests other books students may enjoy. Book database are another useful source, KidsRead.com is a place where kids can find info about their favorite books, series, and authors.
3. Check out Scholastic's Bookwizard. This user-friendly database by Scholastic can help you search for books by reading level, type of book, genre and more.
4. **Read together**

Reading Counts at Gordon

Reading Counts is an independent reading program designed to get kids reading. This program motivates students with suggested reading choices that match their interest and reading level, while reinforces comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. Here's how it works; students choose a book that they like in their reading range, read, then take a quiz. So far our Gordon Patriots have read 4,563 books. To encourage more reading our principal and assistant principal have agreed to dress up as book characters of the student body's choice once students have read 7,500 books.

The Information Center is looking for volunteers. Interested? Contact Ms. Bailey or Ms. Elliott at 907-1300 for more details.

Top 5 Patriot Picks January 2012

Everybody Fiction

1. Biscuit's Big Friend
2. Froggy Eats Out
3. Stinky Smelly Feet
4. Miss Spider's Tea Party
5. Biscuit

Fiction

- Captain Underpants/ Talking Toliets...
Captain Underpants/ Big, Bad Battle...
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs the Mutant Mosquitoes from Mercury
You Can't Scare Me

Non-fiction

- Baby Mouse
Ed Emberley's Big Purple Drawing Book
Bone: Rose
Baby Mouse: Monster Mash
I Spy Treasure Hunt

Families Making the Connection

School Breakfast: Go for Gold!

Celebrate National School Breakfast Week! Between March 5th and 9th, schools will be championing school breakfast. Breakfast sets kids up with the energy they need to achieve in the classroom or on the playing field. Celebrate this special week by encouraging your child to eat school breakfast!

School Breakfast Gets Top Scores

- Children who eat breakfast at school perform better on standardized tests than those who skip breakfast.
- Children who participate in school breakfast eat more fruits, drink more milk and consume a wider variety of foods than those who do not eat school breakfast.

Let's Go for Gold—Together!

Since breakfast jump starts your body and mind, it can be the most valuable meal of the day. Be an example. Encourage your child to eat breakfast and eat breakfast at yourself!

London Olympics, 2012

Athletes know—without breakfast, performance is poor. Connect the importance of breakfast with physical activity by getting your family hyped about the Olympic games! Go to www.london2012.com to learn more. For a weekend breakfast dish with an English feel, try the recipe on the back and add sides of sautéed mushrooms, grilled tomatoes and lowfat, low sodium baked beans.

March

- National Nutrition Month
- Peanut Month
- School Breakfast Week (5th-9th)



Menus for March 2012



Fort Bragg Schools



Families Eating Smart and Moving More

Research points to seven key behaviors that can help children, youth and adults eat healthier and be more active:

- Prepare and eat more meals at home.
- Tame the tube.
- Choose to move more every day.
- Right-size your portions.
- Re-think your drink.
- Enjoy more fruits and vegetables.
- Breakfasted your baby.

By promoting good nutrition in the places where our children eat – at home and at school – we can have a greater impact on their health. Encourage your child's healthy eating habits by supporting school meals!

| Monday, March 5 | Tuesday, March 6 | Wednesday, March 7 | Thursday, March 8 | Friday, March 9 |
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| Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Orange Uredges or Grape Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Chicken Tenders w/ Roll Or Baked Potato w/ Meat & Cheese Sauce a Roll CHOOSE TWO Steamed Broccoli Corn on Cob Apple Uredges Peaches CHOICE OF COLD MILK | Cherry Mullin w/ Oatmeal Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Apple Uredges or Orange Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Vegetable Meat Soup w/ Grilled Cheese Sandwich Or Turkey Sandwich CHOOSE TWO Baked Apples Green Beans Orange Uredges Lettuce w/ Diced Tomatoes a pickle chips CHOICE OF COLD MILK | Scramble Eggs w/ Orits Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Apple Uredges or Grape Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Pepperoni Pizzas Or Combo Meat Sandwich CHOOSE TWO Steamed Corn Garden Peas Apples Slices Tossed Salad CHOICE OF COLD MILK | Grilled Cheese Sandwich Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Apple Slices or Orange Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Bar-B-Que Chicken w/ Roll Or Cheese Burger CHOOSE TWO Parsley Potatoes Black-eyed Peas Red Jello w/ Peaches Fresh Peas CHOICE OF COLD MILK | Breakfast Pizzas Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Strawberry Cheesecake or Apple Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Macaroni & Cheese w/ Roll Or Fish Sticks w/ Cornbread CHOOSE TWO Pinto Beans Steamed Corn Fresh Strawberries Colelaw CHOICE OF COLD MILK |

Fit Foundations

Sausage, Cheese Breakfast Casserole

Makes 12 servings
Serving size: about 1 cup

Ingredients

- Cooking spray
- 12 ounces turkey breakfast sausage
- 2 cups 1% lowfat milk
- 2 cups egg substitute
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 3 large eggs
- 16 (1 ounce) slices wheat bread (crusts trimmed off and cut into 1 inch cubes)
- 1 cup (4 ounces) finely shredded reduced fat extra sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

Directions

- Coat a large skillet with cooking spray and place over medium high heat. Add the sausage to the pan and break up to crumble. Cook for 5 minutes, or until browned. Remove from heat and let cool.
- Whisk milk and the next 6 ingredients (through eggs) in a large bowl.
- Add the bread, sausage, and cheese to the milk mixture. Pour the mixture into a 13 x 9 in baking dish coated with cooking spray. Spread out evenly into the pan. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.
- Preheat oven to 350 °F. Remove casserole from the refrigerator. Let stand 30 minutes. Sprinkle casserole evenly with paprika.
- Bake for 45 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Let stand 10 minutes. Serve.

| Monday, March 12 | Tuesday, March 13 | Wednesday, March 14 | Thursday, March 15 | Friday, March 16 |
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| Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Peaches or Apple Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Chicken Sandwich Or Chili Con Carne w/ Crustless (2) pies CHOOSE TWO Corn on Cob Green Beans Tossed Salad Peaches CHOICE OF COLD MILK | Scramble Eggs w/ Orits Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Apple Sauce or Orange Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Turkey Rice Soup w/ Ham Biscuit Or Hotdog w/ Chili CHOOSE TWO Sweet Potato Frits Lima Beans Colelaw Orange Uredges CHOICE OF COLD MILK | Sausage Biscuit w/ Oatmeal Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Orange Uredges or Grape Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Cheese Pizzas Or Skippy Joe CHOOSE TWO Steamed Corn Garden Peas Spinach Salad Apple Uredges CHOICE OF COLD MILK | Scramble Eggs w/ Orits Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Strawberries or Orange Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Oven Baked Chicken w/ Roll Or Cheeseburger CHOOSE TWO Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Lettuce w/ Diced Tomatoes Fresh Peas CHOICE OF COLD MILK | Breakfast Pizzas Or Cereal w/ Toast (1) Jelly Peaches w/ Bananas or Apple Juice CHOICE OF COLD MILK LUNCH Tacos Or Flatbush CHOOSE TWO Oven Baked Fries Baked Beans Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Orange Uredges CHOICE OF COLD MILK |
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