

Diamond Elementary



Home of the Gators



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"Diamond is a collaborative community engaging in meaningful lifelong learning while promoting respect."

Ms. Brenda Gilchrist
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Calendar of Events February

Feb 18	NO SCHOOL/Federal Holiday (Washington's Birthday)
Feb 21	Education Forum (Facebook 5-6pm)
Feb 22	Popcorn Friday
Feb 25-Mar 1	Terra Nova Testing Dates
Feb 28	School Board Meeting (Diamond 4pm)

Special Points of Interest

- Principal's Message
- Interim Progress Reports
- Attendance Policy
- Terra Nova Testing



Cafeteria Clerk Office Hours:
8:30am - 10:00am
1:00pm - 2:00pm

POPCORN FRIDAY



FEB 22
Room E20

Principal's Message

Dear Diamond Elementary Family,

Your child (ren) brought home to you his/her interim progress report for the third quarter Monday, February 11, 2013. Please review the interim progress report and make contact with your child's teacher for any questions or concerns that you may have about your child (ren)'s progress during this quarter. Your child has approximately 4.5 weeks to improve his/her performance. Please help us to help your child (ren) continue to be successful.

Our character trait for this month is Fairness. We ask that you share with your child (ren) what the term means and how sometimes things may or may not be fair determined by the receiver.

Please know that we are doing everything possible to meet all expectations for students to live in a safe, secure, clean and healthy environment daily. We have an on-going process to eliminate undesirable inhabitants such as insects and rodents. We maintain that it takes all of us, staff, students, and parents working together to ensure that the environment for our students is safe, secure and healthy.

Students will be assessed in Terra Nova February 25th -March 1st. Encourage your child to read, study, complete homework assignments and practice any drills learned in their classes. This is an important assessment. Please help us to help your child do his or her best.

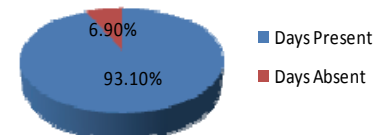
As always, we thank you for your continued support for our school.

Sincerely,

Brenda P. Gilchrist

The graph shows that our daily average attendance for this week was 93.10%. We did not meet our goal of 95%. Please ensure that your students are present at school and arrive on time. The DoDEA policy for attendance can be found on our school [website](#). Specific requirements for attendance are addressed including what time of the day is considered tardy, full day, half day, etc.


Average Daily Attendance: Goal 95%



Ms. Jefferson, office automation clerk, maintains a file for each teacher with all notices that you send through e-mail or hard copy of your child's absence. Some notices are filed in a miscellaneous folder for lack of enough information in the note; ex. first name only or Ms. Jefferson is unable to read your penmanship. Please include as much information as possible for correct identification of your child and to file documents in the correct teacher's folder.

Please note: The district's policy for monitoring attendance. The policy is attached and on our website.






Cafeteria decorum:
It is expected that all students will use manners that are appropriate when eating their lunch. Please speak with your child (ren) about appropriate and respected behaviors for themselves and others during their scheduled lunch periods.

Library Books:

Thank you for helping us to help our students understand the importance of returning borrowed books to the media center when they are due to be returned. We have improved the return of overdue books in the past few weeks. Remind your child (ren) to return books to the media center each week when the



TRANSPORTATION:

Please use the area designated for Kiss and Ride for all students with few exceptions, Prekindergarten students, students who are incapacitated, early dismissal and late arrivals are just a few examples of who should use the front of the building to drop off students. All other students should be dropped off in the Kiss and Ride area.




We have observed parents dropping older students off in the front of the school parking lot area. Students walk through the white barricade and bus access areas. This is dangerous. We will begin to get students' names and communicate with parents via letter. This is an unacceptable practice and seriously

dangerous. Please help us to keep your child (ren) safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

The school needs written documentation for your child (ren) to be changed from one mode of transportation to another, e.g. school bus to kiss and ride. Please help us to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students to and from school as well as during the school day.


EDUCATION FORUM



The Fort Stewart CYSS/SLO welcomes you to participate in the first DoDEA/Liberty Co Schools Education Forum held on FMWR's Facebook page, February 21, 2013 from 5-6pm. Please follow these steps to participate in the forum: Select your school district or agency of interest and get connected!

- STEP 1: "LIKE" FortStewartHunterFMWR Facebook Page.
- STEP 2: Click on the "Forum" Tab located at the top of the page. STEP
- 3: Read the Welcome and Instructions thread before you begin.
- STEP 4: Choose your school district or agency of interest and start writing your questions or comments.

2013 TerraNova Schedule:
February 25 – March 1, 2013



TerraNova Multiple Assessment - DoDEA Students worldwide in grades 3-11 participate in the TerraNova Multiple Assessment each school year. This year Diamond's 3rd - 6th graders will take the TerraNova from Monday, February 25 - Friday, March 1, 2013. Students will take one subtest each day, including: Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Parents - Please avoid scheduling appointments during this week if at all possible. It is important students are present and on-time each day for the test in order for them to perform their very best. Please ensure your child gets adequate sleep and a healthy breakfast each day of the test!

Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Goals:

- Goal One: By June of 2013, students will improve their ability to solve math problems through developing number sense, communicating the problem, and identifying appropriate strategies to find a solution, as measured by an increase in the percent of students scoring at or above proficiency on selected Local or Standardized Assessments.
- Goal Two: By June of 2013, students will demonstrate reading comprehension, through developing vocabulary and fluency, as well as analyzing text, as measured by an increase in students scoring at or above proficiency on selected Local or Standardized Assessments.