

PIERCE TERRACE ELEMENTARY

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DRAGON DIGEST

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Principal Perry's Corner



Dear Dragon Families,

It has been a great week at Pierce Terrace. On Thursday, we welcomed our PreK students to the school! I believe there were more tears from the parents than students!!!. These students have done great the first two days!



Be Informed!!!

Make sure we have your correct phone number in the office.

Got Facebook? Join our PTO Facebook page.

DRAGON HIGHLIGHTS...Benchmark Assessment System (BAS)

Over the next 2 weeks, our students in grades 1 & 2 will be assessed in reading using the Benchmark Assessment System (BAS). The BAS is administered to our students one-on-one by their classroom teacher or by the Language Arts Reading Specialist. A benchmark assessment system is a series of texts (both fiction and nonfiction) that is used to identify a student's current reading level and progress. The word "benchmark" means a standard against which to measure something. When the assessment is complete, your child's teacher will have established an "independent", "instructional" and many times a "hard" reading level for your child (from A to Z). These levels are based on how well your child can decode words and comprehend what he or she has read.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

3 Sep

Labor Day – No School

6 Sep

11:00-1:00pm – Open forum with the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent

School Board – 4:00pm at CCP

11 Sep

Book Swap – 5:00pm

PTO Meeting – 6:00pm

19 Sep

Interim Reports Grades K-2

Meet Our PTO Board for SY 2012-2013!

President- Jillian Fuller

Vice President- Brandy Timm

Treasurer- Sara Gutierrez

Secretary- Rachel Morales

Please feel free to contact us at:

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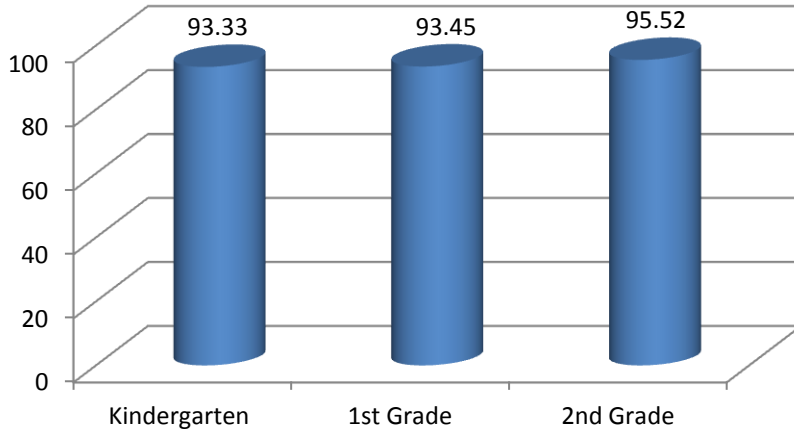
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Attendance Matters!

The chart below describes the attendance for each grade level (K-2) for the month of August!

Congratulations to 2nd Grade for meeting our goal of 95%!

Average Daily Attendance



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Pierce Terrace student records must have documentation that the student is totally compliant with the DoDEA immunization requirements within 30 days of enrollment. **Begin now** to obtain missing immunizations and/or documentation of the immunizations your child has already received.

All records must be compliant by September 17th.

Minimum immunizations required for school attendance at Pierce Terrace are as follow:

- 4 doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DPT) **with one dose after the 4th birthday**
- 4 doses of Haemophilus influenza type B (HiB), if younger than 4 years old
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A (Hep A)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B (Hep B)
- 2 doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of Polio (IPV) **with one dose after the 4th birthday**
- 2 doses of Varicella (Chickenpox)

If you are unsure if your child's record has the necessary documentation or other student health concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse, Mrs. Evans at 782-1772, or Sheila.evans@am.dodea.edu

IN THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT...CURRICULUM STANDARDS

What do we expect our student to know and be able to do by the end of the year?

Parents, this is one of the most important questions that we ask at Pierce Terrace. We are consistently looking at ways to ensure that students meet and exceed or DoDEA standards.

To learn more about what is expected in each grade level – click the link below.

<http://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/index.cfm>

Check out our 1st Graders in Mrs. Vaughn's class learning to skip count by 2s by grooving to the "The 2s Dance!" and using their SMARTBOARD. The students will be able to recognize patterns, and identify even and odd numbers!



REMINDER

All school visitors should sign in the front office and have photo ID!

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