

School Leadership Update

School Year 2012-2013

Ms. Sheila Cary will be joining the staff at Brittin Elementary as Principal this school year. She is joining the Fort Stewart community from Iwakuni, Japan where she served as the Principal of M.C. Perry Elementary School.

Ms. Christie Cook has joined the staff at Diamond Elementary as the Assistant Principal.

Dr. Odessa Morman has joined the staff at Brittin Elementary as the Assistant Principal.

Dr. Deborah Williams has joined the staff at Kessler Elementary as the Assistant Principal .

School Information

District Superintendent Office

Dr. Samantha Ingram
Superintendent

Dr. Gael Coyle
Assistant Superintendent
912-369-6691

Brittin Elementary School

Ms. Sheila Cary, Principal
912-368-7516

Diamond Elementary School

Ms. Brenda Gilchrist, Principal
912-876-6094

Kessler Elementary School

Dr. Djuna Underwood, Principal
912-368-3598

Ft. Stewart Schools

Program Updates for the 2012-2013 School Year



School Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:00 am-2:45 pm

Pre-Kindergarten

8:00 am-10:35 am and 12:10 pm-2:45 pm

* Thursdays of Each Week

8:00 am-1:30 pm

Pre-Kindergarten

8:00 am—10:10 am and 11:20 am -1:30 pm

****Students will be dismissed early
on Thursdays.***

Breakfast

7:30 am-7:55 am

Creative Curriculum

Teaching Strategies *The Creative Curriculum*® for Preschool will be fully implemented in all our Pre-Kindergarten and PSCD classrooms starting in the Fall.



Creative Curriculum is content rich, developmentally appropriate learning materials that support active learning and promote children's progress in all developmental areas.

Advanced

New Advanced Standards will be fully implemented in the Fall of 2012. Schools hosting QAR visits during 2012 –2013 will use the new standards.

Kessler will host an Advanced Quality Assurance Review (QAR). The three day QAR visit will occur during April 2013.

Brittin will host a Pre-Quality Assurance Review Visit (Pre-QAR) during the 2012-2013 SY. This visit will serve to prepare the school for its Advanced Quality Assurance Review Visit (QAR) scheduled during the Spring of 2014.



Food Service

Meal pricing for 2012-2013

- Breakfast will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25
- Lunch will increase from \$1.75 to \$2.00

Attendance Policy

- Up to 10 minutes late will be marked tardy
- 11-90 minutes will be marked 1/4 day absent
- 91-180 minutes will be marked 1/2 day absent
- 181-270 minutes will be marked 3/4 day absent
- Over 270 minutes will be marked full day absent

Any absence or tardy without a written verification from a parent or sponsor will be unexcused.

No student check out will be permitted during the last 30 minutes of school— extenuating circumstances may be approved by school principal.

Tardy students must be escorted into the building by parent/guardian and signed into the school—no exceptions.

Common Core

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is adopting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) into its curriculum, instruction, and assessment programs.

Currently, CCSS are finalized in the English Language Arts and Mathematics content areas. DoDEA will begin work on adopting the standards in these two areas and will continue to adopt the CCSS in Science as they are approved and become available.

Adopting the CCSS will benefit DoDEA's highly mobile student population which moves frequently between public schools and DoDEA schools.

The adoption of the CCSS will not mean that DoDEA is moving toward a single national curriculum. However, the adoption and implementation of the CCSS standards will allow DoDEA to use a diverse array of rich curriculum resources that will help formulate a curriculum that will meet the needs of its students. DoDEA will ensure its curriculum and professional development are aligned with the CCSS.

For more information about the Common Core State Standards, visit <http://www.corestandards.org>.