



Eagle Express

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" A place of collaboration that inspires a progressive learning community"

Principal's Message:

A brief message from the DoDEA Director –Attendance Policy

We are launching this policy with an educational campaign to assist our educators, parents, students and community members about the importance of attending school regularly. Our slogan, "Be Here!" emphasizes our core belief that attendance is the gateway to a successful Kindergarten through grade 12 educational experience. Our campaign encourages that appointments or other discretionary absences be scheduled outside of the school day to maximize student learning opportunities.

Key components of the new policy include:

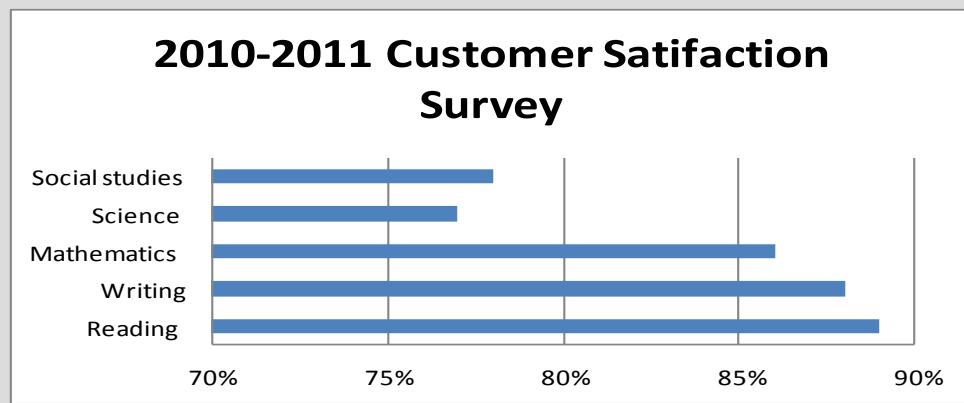
- A requirement for students to complete an educational plan consistent with regularly planned school work during absences
- Increased communication with parents about the effect of absences on student performance
- Referral of students with 5 days of absences to the Student Support Team and with 7 days of absences to the local Command for appropriate intervention and support
- Daily record-keeping, review, and analysis of attendance

“Dignity and Respect; Everyone; Everyday”

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Continuous Improvement:

Each year the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) administers its biennial Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS). The CSS provides valuable feedback to DoDEA from its most important customers - parents and students - about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement. One of the questions that was asked during our customer satisfaction survey was “How would you grade (your/your child’s) school in preparing students in the following subjects?” The chart below indicates what grades parents felt the school scored in preparing their students.



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Calendar of Events:

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| 1/26 | School Board Meeting
4:00 p.m. BES |
| 1/27 | PTO Movie Night
4:00-6:30 p.m. in Cafeteria |
| 2/1-29 | Bully-Free Month |
| 2/3 | Student of the Month
8:30 a.m. in Cafeteria |
| 2/3 | Parent Workshop:
PCS Transitions
9:00 a.m. in Media Center |
| 2/3 | PTO Fund Raiser Friday
Popcorn or Cotton Candy |
| 2/3 | 1st Annual Kessler
Spelling Bee in the
Cafeteria 1:00-2:00 p.m. |
| 2/14 | Mid-term Progress Reports |
| 2/14 | Candy Grams Delivered to
classrooms. |
| 2/17 | Valentines Dance & Silent
Auction 4:00-7:30 p.m. in
the Cafeteria |
| 2/20 | Presidents Day
Holiday/No School |
| 2/23 | School Board Meeting
4:00 p.m. DES |
| 2/24 | Early Dismissal (K-6)
11:30 a.m. (No School for
Pre K) |

Music:

The Kessler music program is in full swing!!! Our younger students are learning the fundamentals of music, such as pitch matching, rhythm matching, good tone, and concepts like loud/soft, high/low, heavy/light register, as well as experimenting on our various classroom instruments and singing lots of songs. Our 2nd through 5th graders are working on developing their music literacy skills through the use of songs and music technology, learning to read and write music for the purpose of being able to be independent performers. They are also learning

fundamental singing skills, and working on developing their range, as well as good tone and choral skills. Our 6th graders are learning to play the recorders, and are excelling in that area. This important experience enables them to develop their music literacy in a practical way, as well as providing them with the building blocks to be able to learn many other band instruments in the future, like clarinet. (A big



“thank you” to the Kessler PTO for purchasing additional recorders for us, which allowed our whole grade level to participate!)

In other news, we are looking forward to our upcoming Fine Arts Festival in March, which will be a collaboration with the Kessler Art department and will feature works or art and performances by many of our Kessler Eagles. This will be taking place concurrently with the PTO Book Fair Family Night, so it will be a great evening to come out and visit us!!!

PTO Pointers:

Upcoming Events:

1/27—Movie Night in the Cafeteria from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

2/3—PTO Fund Raiser Friday Popcorn or Cotton Candy

2/14—Candy Grams Delivered-Valentine Tattoos for sale on Valentines Day.

2/17—Valentines Dance & Silent Auction in the Cafeteria from 4:00-7:00 p.m.



Kindergarten Learns To Listen:

Kindergarten is working on listening comprehension skills in language arts. It is also the kindergarten focus during the intervention time slot. Help your child practice focusing on the stories you read & to tell you about them by asking questions after you read!



Take advantage of some great web-sites listed below:

* <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

* <http://www.earobics.com/gamegoo/games/pawpark3/pawpark3.html>

* <http://www.starfall.com/>

* http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/customer_login.asp?accessdenied=/library/asp/home_tumblebooks.asp

News From The Nurse:



The cold and flu season is here! We are seeing lots of students with colds and coughs. We need to

continue to remind our children to be germ fighters. These are a few reminders of ways to prevent the spread of cold and flu germs.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze then

throw the tissue in the waste basket. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve not your hands.

Wash your hands a lot:

- After you sneeze or cough
- After using the bathroom
- Before you eat
- Before you touch your eyes, mouth or nose

Washing hands with soap and water is best. Wash long enough to sing the “Happy Birthday” song twice. Or, use an alcohol based hand cleaner. Alcohol kills germs.

Stop germs and stop flu!

