



# Bitz Intermediate News

February, 2013

## Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Goals:

**Goal One:** All students will increase reading comprehension across the curriculum by using strategies to find important information when reading.

**Goal Two:** All students will increase their problem solving across the curriculum by using strategies to find important information, use key words, make a plan, solve the problem, and explain their solution.

## Administrative Announcements

During the month of February we observe several events and special holidays: Black History, Groundhog Day, Valentines Day, Presidents Day and most recent SuperBowl 47. The later is worthy of thought. The battle between the Ravens and the 49ers proved to be an epic event. According to the score in the first half of the game the Ravens were sure to win, however the second half brought about much more excitement: half time show, black out, momentum shift, and increased anxiety, yet both teams remained focused and continued to play aggressively for the win. Long story short, the Ravens were awarded a the Lumbardy trophy and are recognized as world champions.

You might wonder how this ties into teaching and learning at Bitz. Well, we are now in the 2nd half of the school year and there are many events to look forward to that will positively

impact the monthly operations at Bitz; book fair,, read across america, terra nova,, naep assessment, gators on the move, curriculum night, STEAM and AdvancEd Accreditation to name a few. we want to invite you as a valued member of the TEAM to join us in all opportunities. Just as the Harbaugh brothers believed that their team had the potential, skill and expertise to excel during the season, I too, feel that the faculty and staff at Bitz are committed to building relationships, increasing student achievement, and being a good sport in all that we do!

Please feel free to stop in with any questions or concerns. Grrrator Learning...Grrrator Life...Grrrator Future

Mrs. Allen  
Principal

### FAREWELL!

Team Bitz would like to bid a Gator farewell to our Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Albrecht. In his short time with Camp Lejeune, Mr. Albrecht has been very supportive and committed to our students, staff and community. We wish him well in his next opportunity to positively impact lives in Germany.

### WELCOME!!

Team Bitz warmly welcomes Dr. Boone, as the District Superintendent of North Carolina, Camp Lejeune. Dr. Boone brings a wealth of educational knowledge and leadership skills to the Military community. We look forward to making him an honorary Gator in the near future.

## SCHOOL LIASON

### MOVING SOON?

Contact your USMC K-12 School Liaison Officer for information and resources to make a Positive Change of Schools (PCS) Camp Lejeune:

**Julie Fulton** ([julie.fulton@usmc.mil](mailto:julie.fulton@usmc.mil))

or **Donna Grady**

([donna.grady@mcw.usmc.mil](mailto:donna.grady@mcw.usmc.mil)) or 449-9915

or-449-9749

**New River:** **Jill Campbell** ([jill.campbell@usmc.mil](mailto:jill.campbell@usmc.mil)) or 449-4702.

## February Important Dates

- Feb 13-22 PTA Book Fair
- Feb 14 PTA Candy Grams Delivery
- Feb 18 Holiday NO School
- Feb 20 School Board Meeting 1000 TT Elementary
- Feb. 25—28 Read Across America
- Feb 27 Interim Reports Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb 28 Civic Oration Contest

## March. Dates to Remember

- Mar 1 Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL
- Mar 18-22 Terra Nova Testing

## SCHOOL BOARD

Bitz School Board Representative  
Ms. Erin Wennberg  
You can contact Ms. Wennberg at  
[cldsboard@gmail.com](mailto:cldsboard@gmail.com)  
Next School Board Meeting  
February 20, 2013  
1000  
Tarawa Terrace Elementary



### Counselor's Corner

Terra Nova testing is scheduled for March 18th—22nd.

We are also planning ahead for Career Week this spring, so if any parents are interested in speaking for 30 minutes about their career/ job/ hobby, please let Dr. Dallape know by emailing their Interest to [aprille.dallape@am.dodea.edu](mailto:aprille.dallape@am.dodea.edu).

This month we are highlighting Responsibility for Character Counts and wearing the color **GREEN** on Wednesdays.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments. Have a GRRREAT Gator day!

Counselors

**Child and Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Counseling**

An MFLC, is available to assist parents, teachers and students Monday thru Friday. Please call if you have any questions or concerns at 910-459-3143.

**Greater Gator Poster Contest**  
Sponsored by the BIS Guidance Department

**We will give the students all the information they need in Guidance Classes and we will begin the designs in class.**

- Design a 6 x 18 inch mini poster
- Use any word or phrase that you have learned to show how we can **promote safe schools.**
- You **cannot** use the word BULLY, BULLIES, or BULLYING.
- Classroom Teachers will select two winners from each class.
- All participants will receive a certificate and have their poster displayed in the halls at BIS.
- Return your poster entry to your classroom teacher for judging.

Final Entries submitted to the counselors from the classroom teachers by February 22, 2013.

Prizes will be awarded on March 1, 2013 by the Bitz Intermediate School PTA and Chompy.

### Cafeteria News

#### LUNCH GUESTS

Parents are invited to have lunch with their children in the cafeteria during their lunchtime. We request that parents purchase lunch from the school or bring a lunch from home. **Food and drinks from restaurants are not permitted in the cafeteria.** Guests should sit at designated guest tables with their child. **No other students will be permitted to sit with parents.** If you visit the school for lunch, you must first sign in on the Visitor's Log in the office and obtain a visitor's badge.

**Holiday February 18th No School**

### Nurse's News

**February is Dental Health Month. Dentists from the Base Dental Clinic will be coming to talk to the students about good dental health. In the mean time here are some handy hints to keep those smiles beautiful.**

Tooth decay is one of the most common human ailments and causes tooth loss. The primary cause of tooth decay is sugar. Mouth bacteria produce acid from the sugars and starches in the food we eat. The acid attacks the hard surfaces of the tooth. Worse, the bacteria become embedded in plaque; a sticky deposit made of bacteria, mucus and food particles that cling to the tooth. Decay often starts where plaque sticks best, in the depressions in back teeth, just above the gum lines, between teeth and at the edges of fillings.

Prevention is a matter of four things:

1. Eat right. Frequent snacking, especially on sweets, may create a constant acid bath in your mouth. Fresh fruit and raw vegetables would be a better snack.
  2. Use fluoride. Fluoride makes teeth harder and more resistant to decay. Fluoride is in some drinking water and tooth pastes. You can also apply it as a rinse.
  3. Clean the teeth.
  4. Brush at least twice a day with a soft toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste and floss after brushing.
- Visit a dentist at least twice a year for a cleaning, an examination and sealant application to cover the surfaces of your molars.

Dental care should begin with the eruption of the first baby tooth. Teach good dental care to the children early.

School Nurse



## Registrar's Notes

Moving off-base invalidates your child's eligibility to attend Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools. However, your child/ren may be authorized to continue enrollment until the end of the school year. The sponsor/spouse must provide a written Request for Continued Enrollment to your child's school principal.

The **form** is available at the school registrar's office for your convenience—one needed per family. One copy should go to each student's principal.

If submitting request by **letter**, not form, the letter must include the following information:

- Sponsor's name and rank
- Address, both former and current/new
- Student name(s) and grade level(s) Parent may write one request listing all students/grades/schools and give one copy to each principal)
- The reason for the request (retired and/or moved off base)

Requests should be submitted **at least one week before** vacating housing.

Registrar

## PTA

### Dates to Remember in February

- PTA meeting , February 7<sup>th</sup> in room E101 at 2pm
- Box Tops every Wednesday's from 8am -9am
- Popcorn and Gator Mall every Friday
- Candy Grams end February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Candy Grams delivery on February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Wendy's Night , February 14<sup>th</sup> , from 5pm- 8pm
- Book Fair, February 13<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>

Please email us at [ptabitiz@gmail.com](mailto:ptabitiz@gmail.com). Thank you for your time! Have a Gatorific day! Go Gators!

Bitz PTA President

## VOLUNTEERS

Effective November 1, 2010, all school volunteers will be required to complete a School Volunteer Application that will include a request for an Installation Records Check (IRC) and complete the Level I Awareness Training on the following website: <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/>. The application can be obtained in the school office. When the training is complete, please either email the completed certificate to [betty.hampton@am.dodea.edu](mailto:betty.hampton@am.dodea.edu) or bring a copy to the school office. **If you have filled out the application in the past and have not completed the training, please do so ASAP** and bring a copy of the certificate to the office.

Because this is a DoDEA requirement, we ask that you complete the application and submit to your local school as soon as you can.

We appreciate volunteers in our schools and look forward to our continued working relationship.

## GEOGRAPHY BEE

**Bitz Intermediate School  
National Geography Bee school  
competition winner was William S  
Congratulation, William!!!**

### **CSP and CLDS Goals for every child:**

- \*Highest Student Achievement
- \*Performance-driven, efficient management systems
- \*Motivated, high performing, diverse workforce

## SPANISH

¡Hola! Easter Day, el Día de Pascua, will soon be here before you know it and it will be time for Hispanics to celebrate Easter by making "cascarones". All students (3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade) will experience the Hispanic tradition of making and breaking "cascarones" during their Spanish class time. We will dye the eggs, fill them with confetti, then cover the opening with tissue paper; thus making "cascarones". The fun begins when the students find a friend, and then break the "cascaron" over their head. This tradition is part of the Hispanic culture. "Cascarones" is a form of celebration enjoyed at weddings, birthdays, and especially during Easter.

To make this successful, I will need your help. Would you please begin saving your empty egg shells for us?



- Crack top of egg and make an opening about the size of a quarter.
- Empty egg. Place empty egg shell under running water and rinse the inside.
- Place egg on counter to dry.
- Place eggs inside egg carton and begin sending them to school.

¡Por favor y muchas gracias!