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Vision: To inspire curiosity and ambition for life-long learning in every student.

Mission: To promote the skills and knowledge, in a positive and welcoming environment, that will ensure academic, social and emotional achievement for all students in an increasingly global society.

Goal #1 All students will improve their writing in all areas of the curriculum.

Goal #2 All students will improve problem solving skills across the curriculum.

Open House

We will be holding our annual Open House on Friday 24 March for all students. Middle School orientation will be from 4:00 – 6:00pm, students and families will go to each of their classes following the student schedule with 10 minute periods and a five minute passing time. Middle school schedules will be available in the gym foyer starting at 3:30. Elementary orientation will be from 5:00 – 7:00pm and will be held on a walk-in basis. Class lists for elementary students will be posted at 3:00.

New Family Orientation

We will hold a new family orientation from 4:00 – 5:00pm on Tuesday, 21 August. Our plan is to give you an overview of the school, hold a Q & A session, and a tour of the school. Parents and students new to BEMS are welcome to attend this session.

Middle School Orientation

Orientation for all new middle school students (including last years 5th grade students who will be 6th graders this year) will take place on Friday, 24 August more details to follow.

New BEMS Faculty

We have several new faculty members this year; please help us in welcoming them to our community. Below is a list of confirmed faculty members, we are still in the process of hiring the last few members to join our team:

Tommy Thomson – Assistant Principal

Jennifer Kukes – MS Counselor

Deborah Brown – Instructional Coach

Holly Erikson – Kindergarten

Bonnie Kerr – School Nurse

Janice Bass – LI Teacher

Kindergarten News

If you have a kindergarten student starting this year, your teacher will contact you to setup a home visit during the week of 27 – 31 August. The first day of class for kindergarten students will be Tuesday 3 September. Please stop by during open house on 24 August from 5:00 – 7:00 to meet your teacher.

Upcoming Events

August 21	New Family Orientation – 1600 BEMS gym
August 22	Teachers return to school!
August 24	Middle School New Student Orientation
24 August	Open House MS: 1600 – 1800 ES: 1700 - 1900
27 August	First day of School Grades 1 – 8
3 September	Labor Day – No School for Students
4 September	First Day of School – Kindergarten
4 September	Boo Hoo Breakfast for parents of Kindergarten students 0800
14 September	Half Day for Students – 11:00 Dismissal
5 October	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
8 October	Columbus Day – No School for Students
1 November	End First Quarter
2 November	Record Keeping Day – No School for Students
5 November	Begin Second Quarter
12 November	Veteran's Day – No School for Students
15 November	Conference Day – ES only, normal day for MS students
16 November	Conference Day – No School for Students
22 & 23 November	Thanksgiving Recess
7 December	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
24 December	Begin Winter Break
7 January	Instruction Resumes from Winter Break
21 January	Martin Luther King Holiday – No School for Students
24 January	End of Second Quarter
25 January	Record Keeping Day – No School for Students



Dr. Thomas “Tommy” W. Thomson

Assistant Principal, Boeblingen Elementary/Middle School



Dr. Tommy Thomson recently accepted his initial leadership position as assistant principal for the Boeblingen Elementary/Middle School in the DoDDS-Europe Heidelberg District. Prior to his appointment to Boeblingen EMS, Dr. Thomson was a 3rd grade educator at Grafenwoehr Elementary in the Bavaria District, a 5th grade educator at Amelia Earhart Intermediate School in the Okinawa District, and special education instructor for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities, also at Amelia Earhart IS. Dr. Thomson also taught 5th grade and emotionally impaired students in the Okaloosa County School District, Florida.

Prior to becoming a DoDEA educator, Dr. Thomson served 21 years in the United States Air Force as a Korean Linguist. His duty assignments included U.S. based locations in California, Arizona, Texas and Florida, and overseas bases in Okinawa, Japan and the Republic of Korea. He also completed multiple temporary assignments including two tours to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Southern Watch. While assigned to active duty, Dr. Thomson completed an Associate of Applied Science in Interpreting and Translating from the Community College of the Air Force, a Bachelor of Science from Excelsior University, New York, and Master of Education from the University of West Florida. In 2012, Dr. Thomson was awarded his Doctorate in Education Leadership from Northcentral University, Arizona.

Dr. Thomson’s wife, Dr. Jennifer Thomson is also a DoDEA educator. Dr. Jennifer Thomson attended DoDEA schools K-12 herself as part of her educational journey which culminated with her Ph.D. and 2010 Dissertation of the Year from Northcentral University. The Thomson’s recently welcomed the first addition to their family with the birth of their daughter, Audrey. Dr. Tommy Thomson also has three children; Jennifer, who lives in Misawa, Japan with her husband Chase; Geoffrey, stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado; and Zachary, attending High School in Niceville, Florida.

Dr. Thomson believes among his roles as a DoDEA educational servant-leader are to promote the opportunities for the highest achievement of every student, facilitate the best practices of instruction and professional development of each educator, and uphold the mission of the Department of Defense by supporting the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of our country.