



The Paw

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Vision: To inspire curiosity and ambition for life-long learning in a supportive environment for all students.

Mission: Provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

Goal #1 All students will demonstrate a proficiency in writing strategies in the English Language Arts.

Goal #2 All students will demonstrate a proficiency in communication in Mathematics.

Open House

We will be holding our annual Open House TONIGHT for all students. Middle School open house 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 open house 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.

Middle School Orientation

An optional 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. Orientation is for *MS students only* and will begin at 10:00 concluding at approximately 12:15. Parents, please drop off your students and be back to pick them up around noon.

GradeSpeed

GradeSpeed is our on-line grade book program that allows parents to see how their students are performing at school. By accessing GradeSpeed on a regular basis you will be able to see the growth your student is making at school and avoid any "surprises" when it's report card time. GradeSpeed is available for all students in grades 4 – 8, please follow the directions at the end of this newsletter to start to gain access to your child's grades.

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.

Drop Off Zone

Please see the attached map of the parking lot next to the school near the tennis courts. This is the area we would like for you to drop off your children if you are driving them to school. The safest way to drop them off is to drive past the parking lot and turn toward the school entering the parking lot across the street from the building that is being renovated dropping kids off at the entrance to the parking lot. There will be no cars exiting the parking lot in this zone; all cars will have to exit the parking lot near the dumpsters. Cars that enter the parking near the dumpsters will have to turn around and leave from the same exit – this causes a backup to the flow of traffic and creates an unsafe environment.

Upcoming Events

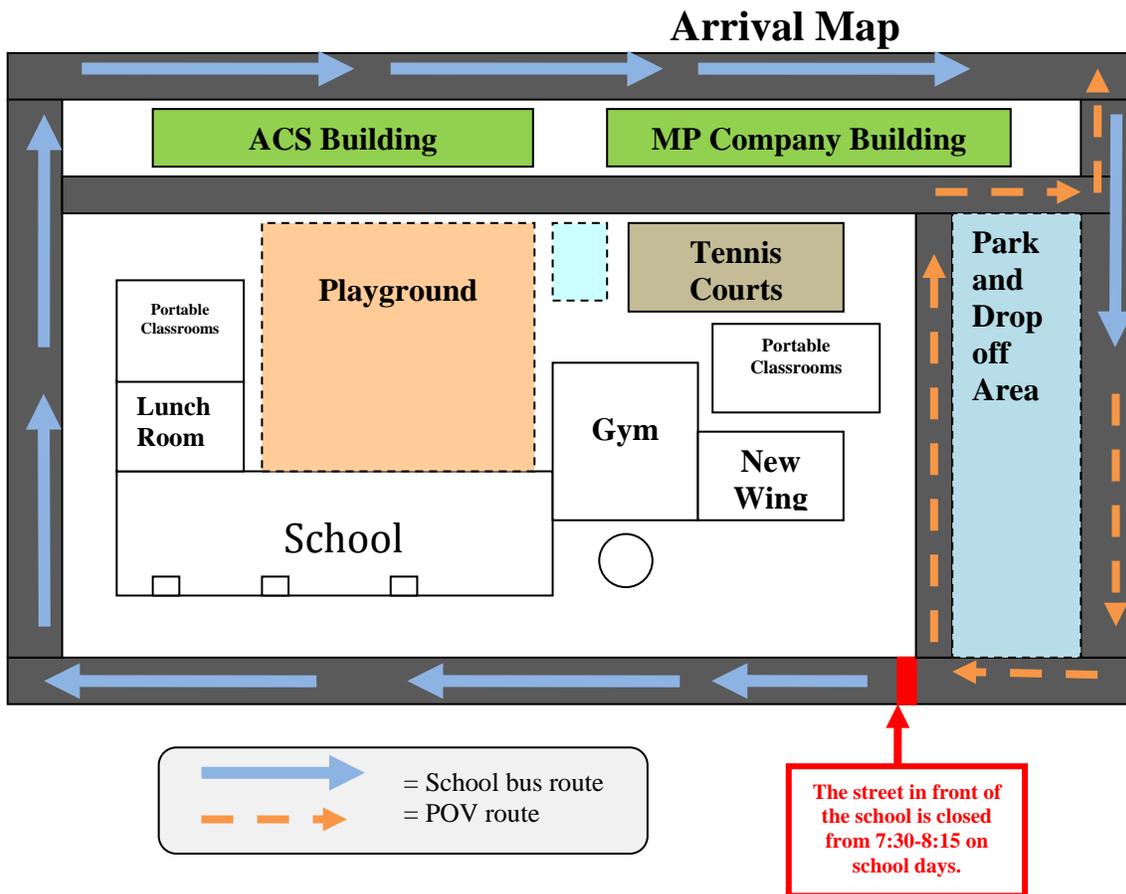
August 24	Middle School New Student Orientation - 1000
24 August	Open House MS: 1600 – 1800 ES: 1700 - 1900
27 August	First day of School Grades 1 – 8
3 September	Labor Day – No School for Students
4 September	First Day of School – Kindergarten
4 September	Boo Hoo Breakfast for parents of Kindergarten 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

Morning Drop-off Procedures

Below is the drop-off plan for our school published in the school handbook which is available on our website. Please note the area for dropping off students if you are driving them to school. We've had several "near misses" with students being dropped off near the front door of the building and running between busses. Please help us keep your children safe by following the established drop-off plan for the school.

Arrival Plan

- Students who ride to school on a school bus will remain on the bus until 7:50.
- Students who walk to school must stay on the sidewalks and walk to where their class lines up in the morning.
- Students who ride to school in an automobile will exit vehicles in the parking lot near the tennis courts and walk on the sidewalks to line up with their class.



Requesting an Account in ParentConnection

Audience: Parents/Guardians

Estimated Time taken to Perform Process: 5-10 Minutes

Note: After you complete your request, your account will be active but it will not display student information until it has been approved by school level personnel. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Edgar at thomas.edgar@eu.dodea.edu

Gradespeed is used for 4th – 12th grade teachers. Please do not request accounts for students in kindergarten – third grade.

Access the Parent Connection Sign-In screen

A. On your computer, open internet explorer and enter this address in the address line:

<https://dodea.gradespeed.net/pc>

B. Once the 'Sign In to ParentConnection' screen opens, look to the lower left and click on 'Click here to sign up'.



II. Parent Account Signup

A. The 'Parent Account Signup' window opens. Follow the directions noted on the screen to fill in the required fields. At this point, you may want to have a pen and paper ready in order to record the username and password you have chosen. This way you have the information ready for the next time you choose to login to ParentConnection. **Important Note:** The email address entered in the signup must match the sponsor's email on file at the school. When you are finished, click 'Sign Up' to submit your application.

Parent Account Signup

[Help](#)

Please enter accurate information in the following fields. This information will be compared against student records as a qualification for approval. Items with a * are required. Please do not use nicknames, but rather your full legal name.

Username:	<input type="text" value="sampleparent"/>	*	Your First Name:	<input type="text" value="Sample"/>	*	M.I.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Password:	<input type="password" value="••••••"/>	*	Your Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Parent"/>	*		
Confirm Password:	<input type="password" value="••••••"/>	*	Your Address:	<input type="text" value="CMR Box 000"/>	*		
			City:	<input type="text" value="APO"/>	*		
			State:	<input type="text" value="Armed forces Europe"/>	*		
			Zip:	<input type="text" value="09000"/>	*		
E-mail:	<input type="text" value="sampleparent@af.mil"/>		Primary Phone:	<input type="text"/>			
Confirm E-mail:	<input type="text" value="sampleparent@af.mil"/>		Alternate Phone:	<input type="text"/>			
<input type="button" value="Sign Up Cancel"/>							

III. Add a Student to Your Account

A. After completing the 'Signup', you will enter the ParentConnection welcome screen. Look to the bottom of the page and select 'Add a student to my account'.

Welcome to ParentConnection

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Select a section:

- Grades
- Attendance
- Calendar
- Manage Students
- My Settings

You are currently logged in as **sampleparent**.

[Log Out]

Welcome to GradeSpeed ParentConnection!

Use the links on the left to view information about your students or to manage your account. Use the dropdown box to select which student you are currently viewing.

Your account currently does not have any students associated with it, or access to students has not yet been approved. Please click below to add students to your account.

[Add a student to my account](#)

B. Fill out the 'Application for Access to New Students' noting the instructions provided in the window. Pay close attention to enter the student name and birth date exactly as it appears in school records. Click 'Submit' to finish.

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You are currently logged in as **sampleparent**.

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Application for Access to New Students

Please add the information below for each new student you wish to apply for. All fields are required, and please enter the information accurately. This information will be compared against student records as a qualification for approval.

Please do not use nicknames, but rather the student's full legal name.

Student First Name:	<input type="text" value="Student"/> *
Student Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Sample"/> *
Campus:	<input type="text" value="SHAPE High School"/> *
Date of Birth:	<input type="text" value="07/09/1992"/> * MM/DD/YYYY

[Submit](#) | [Cancel](#)

C. If you enter the student information correctly, an alert will appear indicating the request is pending approval.



If you did not enter the information as it appears in school records, the error below will be displayed. You then have the option to change the information and re-submit.



D. Upon successfully submitting your application, a new screen will open showing the current students associated with your account. Notice the status of 'pending' will appear until school personnel have reviewed, approved and activated your account. Should you have additional children at the same or another DoDDS school, you can click on the 'Add Students' button to request access to them as well.

Current Students:

Name	Student ID	Campus	Parents	Status	
Sample		Elementary School	2	Pending	Remove

[Add Students](#)

IV. School Confirmation

A. Upon receipt of your application, school personnel will review your information, compare it to records on file and verify that you have access to information on the student selected. If access is approved, an email message will be sent to the email address on file in the school's 'Student Information Systems' database. Applications submitted during the work week should receive a reply within 24 hours of receipt.

B. You can also verify the status of your request by accessing the 'Manage Students' screen. The 'Status' column will indicate 'Active' if the account has been approved, 'Pending' if it has not yet been reviewed, or 'Denied' if your request was rejected.

Welcome to ParentConnection

Current Students:

Name	Student ID	Campus	Parents	Status	
		Elementary School	2	Active	Remove
		Elementary School	1	Active	Remove
		Elementary School	1	Active	Remove

[Add Students](#)

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Current Student:

Select a section:

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C. *Protecting Access:* You will be informed of every attempt received at the school to acquire access to your child's information. For every request, a message will be sent to the email address on file for your review.

D. *Additionally,* if you would like to see the number of accounts that have requested access to your child's information, look to the 'Parents' column. In this example, there have been 2 requests. If you find that this number is greater than the amount of accounts you have requested, please contact the school to confirm which accounts should be active and which requests should be deleted. This number does not necessarily indicate the number of active accounts with access, but the number of requests made for access to the student.

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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Elementary School	1	Active	Remove
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Elementary School	1	Active	Remove

V. Account Settings

A. *Anytime you login to your account, you can access the 'My Settings' page by clicking on the link to the left of your screen as shown below. On this screen, you can reset your password as needed and view your account profile.*

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Select a section:

- [Grades](#)
- [Attendance](#)
- [Calendar](#)
- [My Settings](#)

You are currently logged in as **sampleparent**.

[\[Log Out\]](#)

My Settings:

Username:	sampleparent	Name:	Parent, Sample
Password:	Reset Password	Address:	<input type="text" value="CMR Box 000"/> *
		City:	<input type="text" value="APO"/> *
Primary Phone:	<input type="text"/>	State:	<input type="text" value="Armed forces Europe"/> *
Alternate Phone:	<input type="text"/>	Zip:	<input type="text" value="09000"/> *
E-mail:	<input type="text" value="sampleparent@af.mil"/>		

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Fields marked with a * are required.

VI. Student Grades

A. To access student grades, first select the 'Current Student' from the dropdown list on the left side menu of the screen. Then click on the 'Grades' link under 'Select a section'. Once the screen appears, you can review assignment data for each class by clicking on the overall score for each cycle/quarter. This will open the detail area near the bottom of the page that shows all assignments divided by category. Any notes or comments for the assignments or grades will also appear.

Welcome to ParentConnection

Student Grades:

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Current Student: [Redacted]

Select a section:

- Grades
- Attendance
- Calendar
- My Settings

You are currently logged in as [Redacted] [Log Out]

Teacher	Course	Period	Cycle 1	Cycle 2
[Redacted]	Art 4 (4A)	1	92	
[Redacted]	Health Education 4 (4A)	1	80	
[Redacted]	Int Lang Arts-Read 4 (4A)	1	55	
[Redacted]	Intercultural Ed 4 (4A)	1		
[Redacted]	Life Skills 4 (4A)	1	77	
[Redacted]	Mathematics 4 (4A)	1		
[Redacted]	Music 4 (4A)	1		
[Redacted]	Physical Education 4 (4A)	1		
[Redacted]	Science 4 (4A)	1		
[Redacted]	Social Studies 4 (4A)	1	83	

Life Skills 4 (4A) (Period 1) 77

Grades 100 %

Assignment	Assigned	Due	Grade	Note
4	Aug-29	Aug-30	55	
5	Aug-29	Aug-30	99	
Test Assn 1	Sep-4	Sep-5		
		Average	77	

Comments

Music Participation - P
Shows good sportsmanship - /

VII. Emailing a Teacher

A. To email a teacher, you can select the teacher name (blocked for privacy in this example) from the list on the Student Grades screen. This will automatically open your email account utility (if a default is setup on your computer) and add the teacher's email address in the 'To:' line of a blank message. You can then add a message and send as you see fit.

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LEGO ROBOTICS

Kick off meeting

What is Lego: Mindstorms Robotics? Children are immersed in real-world science and technology challenges. Teams design their own solution to a current scientific question or problem and build autonomous LEGO robots that perform a series of missions. Through their participation, children develop valuable life skills and discover exciting career possibilities while learning that they can make a positive contribution to society.

Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Time: 2:45-4:00

Location: BEMS Cafeteria

Who: ALL Grades,
Interested students and parents

First Lego League Children

- **Solve** real-world engineering challenges
- **Discover** career possibilities
- **Apply** Core Values and learn to make positive contributions to society
- **Engage** with their community

For more info: <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/>



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