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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.

AVID Family Workshop

AVID parents and students are invited to attend an exciting evening of celebration with the AVID family. This event will take place on Wednesday, September 12, at the Böblingen Elementary Middle School cafeteria from 4pm-6pm. The purpose of this gathering is to inform any new parents what AVID is all about. The program is also designed to remind our veteran parents of what they should be expecting from their AVID children. We are asking that each family bring a covered dish to pass. We will provide the beverages and the paper products.

A Sticky Situation

We'd like to remind our students that all areas of BEMS are considered **"gum-free"**. This includes classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, the cafeteria, the playground and the gym. It's best to leave the gum at home as an afternoon reward for a busy day at school.

National Junior Honor Society

If you are new to BEMS and are currently a member of the National Junior Honor Society, please bring your certificate to the front office as soon as possible. Ms. Parker will hold the first NJHS meeting for 2012/13 on September 5th at 12:25 in room 318. We want all inducted members present to discuss activities for this year.

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

The first day of class for kindergarten students will be Tuesday 3 September. The kindergarten teachers have requested that you bring your student to school that day. Don't forget the Boo Hoo Breakfast sponsored by the PTA in the cafeteria. Come shed a tear of sorrow (or in some cases joy) as you drop your child off for the first day of school.

Developmental Delay & Autism Support Group meeting:

September 5, 2012, @ 1130-1230

Army Community Service Building 2915, 3rd Floor, Room 312

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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

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|------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 12 September | AVID Family Workshop - 1600 |
| 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 |

Boeblingen Middle School

6th Grade Newsletter

Welcome Back

School Year 2012/2013

Math



In the world of Math

DoDEA Math Standards:

<http://www.dodea.edu/curriculum/math.cfm?cld=stn&stndld=math>

In the “Corner of Math Technology”

IXL and Online Math Textbooks are up and running:

www.ixl.com/signin/boeblingen

www.glencoe.com

Ms. Fey has updated her website. Please visit her at:

www.teacherweb.com



Social Studies

This year we'll learn all about ancient civilizations. Students will learn about everything from early cave drawings to the Middle Ages. A detailed syllabus will be sent home on the first day of class.

Science



6th Grade Science

Welcome Back!

Mr. Jackson

AVID/LIFE SKILLS

Keyboarding

Technology Corner

The BEMS Computer Lab has been thoroughly cleaned—no germs, guaranteed. It's ready for all those little fingers that I've missed so much this summer. Please let it be known that I'm refreshed, energized and ready for a great new year of learning. To satisfy the learning hunger of all of our students I've put together lots of learning activities that include computer applications such as: Geometer's Sketch Pad; Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point; Windows Movie Maker and Medial Player; the BASIC Programming Compiler; and last but not least, Micro Type Keyboarding.

Ed Thornburg

Health

In Health we will look at who we are and how we think about ourselves.

Mr. Gale



Language Arts

In Mr. Gale's class.....Welcome back. I hope you are ready to learn, read and grow.

In Language arts we'll talk about possibilities and dreams to start with.



In Mrs. Nelson's class.... We will start the new school year by writing about your summer vacation.

I hope you had a relaxing break, and I look forward to working with you.

~ Ms. Nelson

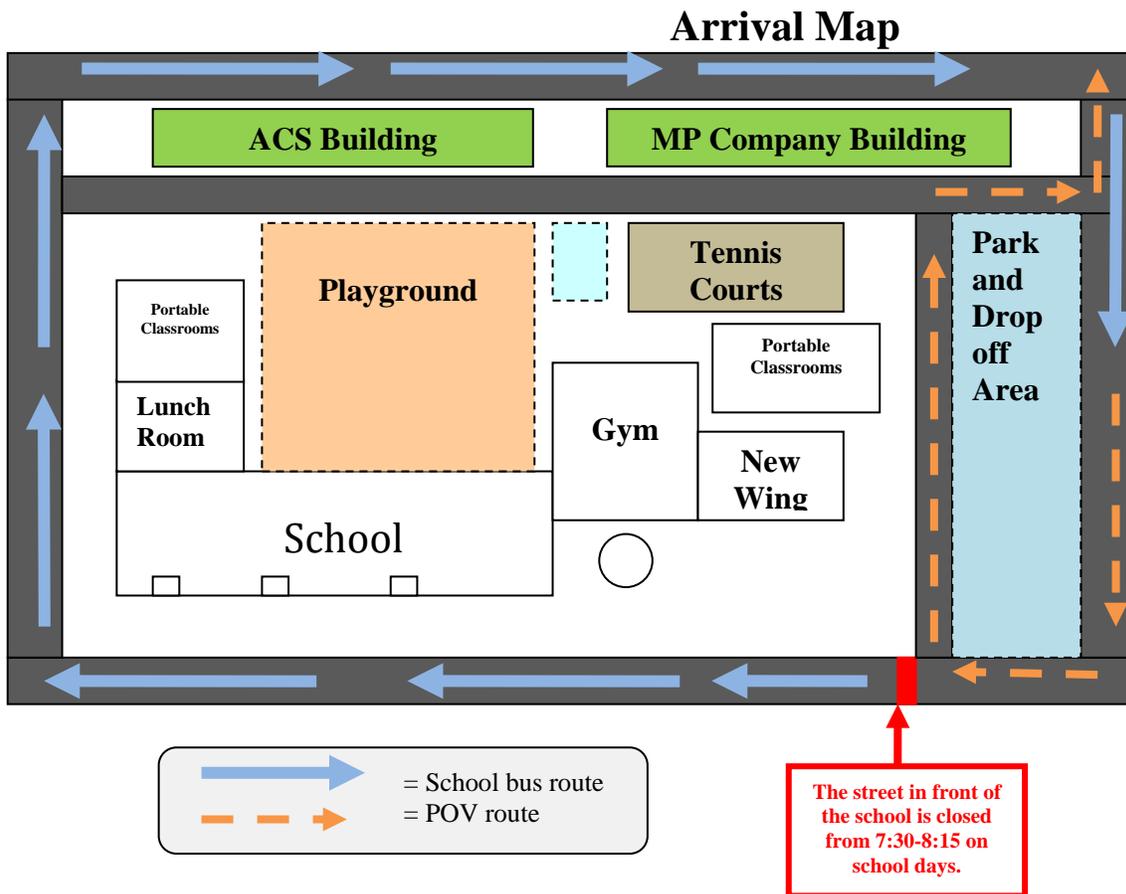


Morning Drop-off Procedures

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

Department of Defense Europe

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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Department of Defense Europe

Select a section:

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

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

[Log Out]

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:

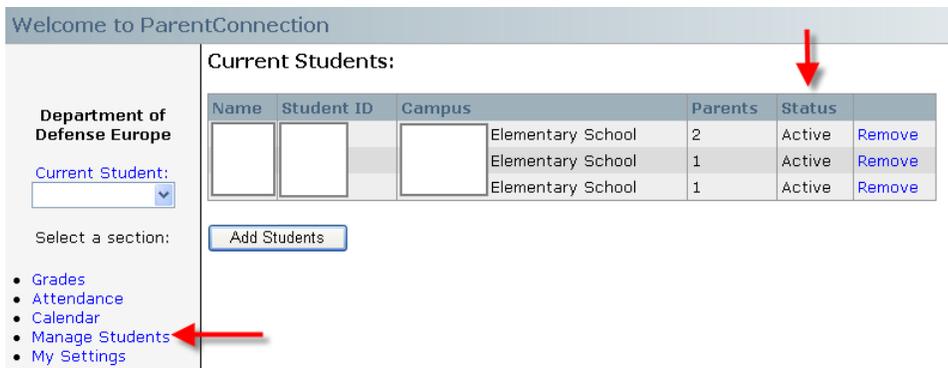
| Name | Student ID | Campus | Parents | Status | |
|--------|------------|-------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Sample | | Elementary School | 2 | Pending | Remove |

[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.



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.

Welcome to ParentConnection

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Current Student:

Select a section:

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

Current Students:

| Name | Student ID | Campus | Parents | Status | |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|---------|--------|------------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> Elementary School | 2 | Active | Remove |
| <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.*

Welcome to ParentConnection

Department of Defense Europe

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:

Department of Defense Europe

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.

Welcome to ParentConnection

Student Grades:

Department of Defense Europe

Current Student: [Redacted]

Select a section:

- Grades
- Attendance
- Calendar
- My Settings

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

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