



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.

Student Store

The Student Store will be open every "B" Day from 1:45-2:15 for the Elementary Students. It will also be open on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 12:30-12:50. The store is located in the Cafeteria. Stop by and check out our selection of wonderful items for sale. Thank you on behalf of the MS Student Council!

Yearbook Ordering

Now is the time to order your copy of the 2012-2013 Boeblingen Elementary Middle School Yearbook. Yearbooks can be purchased now for the low price of \$35.00. You can order your book online at www.community.pictavo.com or you can pay by check, or cash, to Mr. Lloyd in room 413b. When paying by check, make sure you include your student's name and homeroom/advisory teacher's name on your check. Please make checks payable to BEMS SAF.

Lunch Bunch

Middle School Honor Roll students received certificates and a Lunch Bunch Pass giving students the opportunity to go to the food court for lunch. Lunch Bunch Passes are dependent on Honor Roll level, the higher the Honor Roll, the more opportunities to attend the lunch bunch. Dates are listed below, these will be supervised lunches. Students *must* have their Lunch Bunch pass to attend.

Dates & Locations:

Friday 14 December

Tuesday 8 January

Tuesday 15 January

Friday 18 January

Tuesday 22 January

Tuesday 29 January

Winter Weather

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Students will go outside for lunchtime recess everyday possible. Help us keep our student population healthy and warm! Check out the following website for updates on school closures or delays: http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff_org/safety/road_conditions/index.asp

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 this link for access:

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

Upcoming Events

14 December	Middle School Movie Night
24 December	Begin Winter Break
7 January	Instruction Resumes from Winter Break
11 January	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
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

December

School Year 2012/2013

Math



In the world of Math... We are working our way around Decimals and Fractions (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing). 6M1 and 6M2

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

Science



6th Grade Science We will start Chapter 5 "Plants", (Standard 6Sb) December 5.

Note: Science Write-ups due: December 13, (B-day) 14 (A-day).

Technology



Technology Corner , 6th Grade: We're finishing up our problem solving project. It was comprised of many teaching points such as: application of ordered pairs (x,y); construction of a matrix using MS Word; applying word and clip art to a project; placing a photo into a text box with name below and centered. We used learning buddies so everyone enjoyed learning and teaching. Prior to the construction students had to practice Cornell Notes and conducted research on how to solve a Sudoku puzzle. After all was said and done the problem had to be solved. Each student was encouraged to solve the problem un-assisted. It was a fun project and hopefully it will become addicting. Sudoku puzzles can be found in the daily Stars & Stripes, on line and of course at your local book store. This is fun learning and something you can enjoy with your students.

Health

We had the privilege of having a lecture on fitness and nutrition by published fitness models Sara Hoey and Ashley Horner

Our next step will be taking a test next week and moving on to body systems.

Mr. Gale



Social Studies



Standard: 6SS3b, c, & f.

Students are learning about democracy in ancient Athens and how it compares to democracy in the United States. Students will also be learning about the similarities and differences that existed between Athens and Sparta, and how they came together to fight a greater enemy.

AVID/LIFE SKILLS

School and Life Success (aka Study Skills): We continue to work on organizing our binders, perfecting our Cornell notes (revising and questioning) and are beginning the learn the tutorial process.

Study Skills: We have completed organization of binder and locker; Learning Styles; Note Taking alternatives; Test taking skills and Goal setting. We will soon begin the second half of the class, The Second Step Middle School Program: Success through Prevention <http://www.cfchildren.org/second-step/middle-school.aspx>

In Mr. Gale's class.....ELA: We continue to learn about historical fiction and steam punk with our read aloud Leviathan. We supported the troops by writing letters to soldiers for Project Rudolph. The skills we continue to work on are: Fact vs. opinion and 6 trait writing.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS~ NELSON

Students continue to work on **sentence writing** through exercises in unscrambling and imitating sentences. Students will write a **DESCRIPTIVE** essay in the weeks before Winter Break. Also, students are now studying the eight parts of speech. Students continue to read their Reading Count's Book for the second quarter.

Email me if you have questions or concerns:

stephanie.nelson@eu.dodea.edu Happy Holidays!



BOEBLINGEN MIDDLE SCHOOL ART CLUB

TO: PARENTS AND SPONSOR
FROM: MRS. NINA HAZELTON
SUBJECT: MIDDLE SCHOOL ART CLUB
DATE: 12/14/2012

I would like to introduce an art club for middle school students! Boeblingen Middle School Art Club will start on **Monday**, January 14, 2012, at 2:45pm to 4:00pm in the middle school art room (413B). We will do a variety of fine arts and craft projects and other art related experiences. I will be teaching art club this year and really excited to try some new art experiences with the children. FUN for everyone! There is limited space available. Registration is on a first come basis. There will be a waiting list for those students who would like to attend but didn't make the cut off list. To be fair to everyone, we will have an attendance policy. When you miss more than two art club meetings, you lose your place in the art club. I will, then, call the next person on the waiting list. Please only serious minded art students register.

On art club day, please send an **extra snack** to school with your child. We will have time at the beginning of art club for students to have a snack to tide them over until they get home.

The following are the dates for the art club meetings. Please post in a safe place. If we close school early for weather, art club will be cancelled. The following **Mondays**:

January 14,28

February 4,11,25

March 4,18,25

April 1,15

Questions? Contact Mrs. Hazelton at 07031-15-2715 or nina.hazelton@eu.dodea.edu.

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<h2>2012 BMS ART CLUB REGISTRATION FORM</h2>
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Return to **Mrs. Hazelton** (mail box or Mr. Lloyd's room (413B) ASAP. Registration Goes Until Spaces Are Filled.

Time/Date Rec'd: _____

Student Name _____

Grade ____ Teacher _____

Sponsor _____

Cell _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Email _____

Date _____

PTA News



Sunshine Math

Our Sunshine Math program will be in full swing starting in the New Year, and the PTA is looking for volunteers to support this valuable student enrichment program. Starting 16 January through 20 March, volunteers will be needed to grade worksheets Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. We are also looking for an assistant to help coordinate the Middle School worksheet grading and prizes. Please email Cynde Holbeck at tchwholbeck@yahoo.com, if you are interested.

Spelling Bee

The annual BEMS Spelling Bee is drawing near, and permission slips have been distributed. The Semi-Final round will be held on Tuesday, 15 January, after school at 2:45 in the library. Finals will be held on Thursday, 17 January, in the school gym at 1:15. 3rd through 8th grade students must attend at least one practice to participate in the Bee. Practices are Wednesday, 9 January, at 2:30 in the library, Thursday, 10 January, at 2:30 in the gym, and Monday, 14 January, at 2:30 in the gym. We need volunteers to assist with practices and competitions. Please email Cynde Holbeck at tchwholbeck@yahoo.com, if you are interested.

Holiday Gift Shop

Your BEMS PTA board would like to thank everyone who volunteered for this year's Holiday Gift Shop. Our wonderful volunteers brought food, wrapped presents, put up decorations, served as personal shoppers, donated presents, wrapping paper and ribbon, collected money, and came out with smiles and a heartwarming holiday spirit. Also, many thanks to all the parents who allowed their children to shop. A special word of thanks goes to our hardworking and dedicated chairperson, Kathleen Walls, who pulled together another fantastic year of shopping fun for our students.

Though Holiday Gift Shop is only open for a week, it takes a year of dedicated planning and execution to make it a success. In light of this advance preparation, we are already looking for a committee of people who are interested in planning HGS 2013. Although Kathleen will step down as chair to take a much deserved break, we are very fortunate to have her in an advisory capacity to lend her retail genius for 1 more year.

Please contact us at bulldogpta@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with next year's event. We will be scheduling committee planning meetings in the near future. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this very satisfying and fun endeavor!

Hump Day Lunch Fundraiser

Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers for the tasty contributions to our December Hump Day Lunch. This once-a-month fundraising event brings a tasty, hot meal to our wonderful teachers and staff at BEMS. Plus, the proceeds from this event are used to support the many worth-while student enrichment programs at our school. Thanks as well to our teachers who have faithfully come to dine with us!



Help BEMS PTA earn more Box Tops credits just by shopping online through www.boxtops4education.com/marketplace

Over 100 retailers give **eBoxTops** to OUR School when you shop online at the Marketplace. It's simple to register. Please consider using this website when holiday shopping. It doesn't cost you anything and in the end it benefits BEMS!!

What are eBoxTops?

eBoxTops, like physical Box Tops, are worth 10¢ each for our school. However, instead of clipping these Box Tops and sending them into our school, eBoxTops are awarded electronically to BEMS school earnings at btfe.com and will be included in our school's next Box Tops check amount.

How can I earn eBoxTops?

You can earn eBoxTops by shopping through the Box Tops Marketplace or the Box Tops Reading Room. Each participating retailer at the Marketplace and the Reading Room has agreed to donate a certain number of eBoxTops for every qualifying \$10 purchase a Box Tops member makes through www.btfe.com.

My school used to earn a percentage donation from each Marketplace store. How are eBoxTops different?

There is no difference. eBoxTops are a simpler way of explaining how much each retailer will donate to your school. eBoxTops, like physical Box Tops, are worth 10¢ each for your school.

If you have questions, please contact:
bulldogpta@gmail.com subject line "Box Tops."



Spiritwear!

Nov/Dec



YOUTH SIZES (Please indicate how many)		XS	S	M	L	XL		Total Qty	per item	Total Cost
Youth T-shirt	BLACK								\$13	
Youth T-shirt	RED		sold out	sold out					\$13	
Girl's Fitted T-shirt	BLACK		sold out						\$14	
Girl's Fitted T-shirt	GRAY								\$14	
Youth Long Sleeve T-shirt	BLACK								\$17	
Youth Long Sleeve T-shirt	GRAY								\$17	
Youth Pullover Hoodie	BLACK								\$20	
Youth Pullover Hoodie	RED		sold out						\$20	
Youth Satin Basketball Short	Black w/ White	N/A					N/A		\$17	
Bows - Barrette	Sold out!								\$5	Sold out!!
Bows - Pony Tail Holder									\$5	

ADULT SIZES (Please indicate how many)		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	Total Qty	per item	Total Cost
Adult T-shirt	BLACK						sold out		\$16	
Adult T-shirt	RED	sold out	sold out						\$16	
Women's Fitted T-shirt	BLACK						N/A		\$18	
Women's Fitted T-shirt	RED						N/A		\$18	
Adult Long Sleeve T-shirt	BLACK						N/A		\$20	
Adult Long Sleeve T-shirt	RED						N/A		\$20	
Adult Hoodie	BLACK	N/A					N/A		\$22	
Adult Hoodie	RED	N/A					N/A		\$22	
Adult Hoodie	GRAY	N/A					N/A		\$22	
Adult Sweatpants	BLACK			sold out	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$21	
Adult Mesh Basketball Short	BLACK				N/A	N/A	N/A		\$18	

Total Order \$

Please make checks payable to BEMS PTA. Orders will be filled twice a month. Email inquiries to: president@bemspta.org
 Please place your completed order form with payment in the PTA mailbox located in the BEMS lobby
 OR you may mail it to: BEMS PTA CMR 445 General Delivery APO AE 09046

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Email: _____ Today's Date: _____