



# The Paw

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*"Together we can make a difference."*

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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.

## Band Performances

BEMS Beginning and Intermediate Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 11 at 1800 in the BEMS gym. Please come enjoy the sounds of the season!

Intermediate Band will be a part of Holiday Happenings at the Galaxy Bowl on Panzer Kaserne at 1700 on Wednesday, December 12. There will be free bowling and free food for all after the concert! Come support the band and have some family fun!

## First Semester Acceleration

A DoDDS student whose sponsor is making a Permanent Change of Duty Station (PCS) may request to accelerate and receive credit for the semester. In order to do so, the sponsor should request permission to accelerate as soon as possible or at least within 30 days of the DoDDS acceleration date. A copy of the sponsor's PCS orders should be provided. The student will be required to complete any additional assignments given by the teachers. A student must attend school through the end of the school day on December 12, 2012. This is the earliest date that a request for acceleration can be granted. A student, who is PCSing, may accelerate at any time after the earliest acceleration date, up to the end of the semester. Students not PCSing will not be allowed to accelerate. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding acceleration.

## 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](http://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.

## Honor Roll

The BEMS faculty recognizes and rewards students who have earned high academic achievement and maintain high standards of personal conduct. There are three levels of academic awards presented to students in Grades 4 – 8, based on grade point average.

Elementary		Middle School	
4.0	Principal's Honor Roll	4.0	Principal's Honor Roll
3.50 – 3.99	High Honor Roll	3.75 – 3.99	High Honor Roll
3.00 – 3.49	Honor Roll	3.50 – 3.74	Honor Roll

## The European Math Challenge –Awards

After hours of competition that has seen thousands of students testing and improving their math skills, the 2012 European Maths Challenge concluded on November 7th. A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all who took part and helped to unite Europe in numbers! There are now over 10,000 schools and 3.5 million students worldwide engaged in math with Mathletics online.

During this quarter's Awards Assembly, we will honor 9 Mathletics who have reached BRONZE certificate status. This entailed reaching at least 1,000 points during the competition on either the 6 or 7th of November 2012. The certificates are signed by the Chief Executive of Mathletics. The Math "Goodie bags" are from our wonderful PTA.

Love a challenge? If you missed the opportunity to participate in the European Mathletics, no worries. You will have another chance in the Spring. So stay tuned! Any questions, please direct them to Mr. Edgar, our ET, or Mrs. Distel, our Instructional System Specialist for Mathematics.

## 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](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

6 December	Honor Roll Assembly ES 1:15 – 1:45 MS 2:00 – 2:30
7 December	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
11 December	Winter Band Concert – 1800 in the BEMS gym
12 December	MS Band performs for the Hometown Holidays @ the bowling center
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

For Children 3-5 Years Old  
Do You Have Concerns About Your Child's Development?

**Self-Help Skills?**

**Social Emotional Skills?**

**Memory & Problem Solving Skills?**

**Motor Skills?**

**Speech & Language Skills?**

If your child is 3-5 years old and Boeblingen Elementary is your home school,  
contact the Front Office for a referral:

07031-15-2715 or DSN 431-2715

# PTA News



## Spelling Bee

Be on the lookout for Spelling Bee permission slips coming home this week. 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tchwholbeck@yahoo.com), if you are interested.

## Holiday Gift Shop

BEMS PTA is celebrating another successful year of good cheer at our Holiday Gift Shop! The culmination of a year of hard work and organization has paid off handsomely. The happy faces of our students, proudly purchasing their gifts for friends and loved ones, were priceless! We would like to thank our volunteers who made this fun and festive event possible. Also, thanks to the many parents who allowed your children to shop. Fun was had by all!

## 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](mailto:tchwholbeck@yahoo.com), if you are interested.

## 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!



**Boeblingen Middle School**  
**Movie Night**

**Friday, December 14, 2012**

 **Movie: Princess Bride** 

**In BEMS Gym**

**Doors open: 6:00**

**Movie runs: 6:30-8:15**

**Entry Fee: \$1.00**

**MUST have signed permission slip for entry to event.**

**Food/drinks available for purchase.**

**Dinner deal: hot dog, chips, drink, candy for \$4.00**

**Tickets sold Wed, Dec 12-Fri, Dec 14 during MS lunch  
in the BEMS cafeteria and at event.**



# Böblingen Middle School Movie Night

Friday, December 14, 2012

6:30 pm - 8:15pm

Sponsored by the PTA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Committee

We will show the movie **Princess Bride** (rated PG) - run time 98 minutes. The movie night is \$1.00 and open to all middle school students.

Transportation to/from the gym is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian. Students will not be allowed to leave school alone. Pick up from movie night is promptly at 8:30 p.m. BEMS students that are not picked up at that time will be released to the Military Police.

The following rules will be in effect for all students at this event. Any violations will result in the student being removed from the event and parents notified to promptly pick up their child.

1. Students will need permission slip.
2. Students may not leave the event early unless a parent comes to the door for pick-up.
3. School gym will be respected and unruly conduct will not be accepted.
4. All school rules regarding inappropriate language, behavior, dress, fighting, dancing, etc. are in effect at school events. Any malicious behavior will be dealt with administratively.
5. No outside food or drinks will be allowed at the event.

Our concessions stand will be selling hot dog, drink, chips and candy for \$4.00. We will also be selling food and drinks separately. (Proceeds to benefit 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration committee.)

**\*\*\*\*Parent Volunteers/Chaperones are needed!! Please contact Bonni Langston, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Chairperson at [bulldogpta@gmail.com](mailto:bulldogpta@gmail.com), if you would like to volunteer.**

\*\*\*\*\*Students without completed permission slip will be denied access to the movie night. Permission Slips can be returned to the school and put in the PTA mailbox in the school lobby. We will also be collecting them during Middle School lunch on Wednesday, December 12 and Thursday, December 13.

\_\_\_\_\_ in **Grade 6 7 8 (circle one)** will be attending BEMS Movie Night on December 14, 2012.

He/She will be picked up by\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] Please check this box if you intend your child to purchase dinner so we can plan! Dinner includes: Hot dog, drink, chips and candy for \$4.00.

***My child and I are aware of the rules and will abide by these.***

Parent/Guardian  
Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

In the event of emergency DURING EVENT, please contact. Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home/ Cell #\_\_\_\_\_



Help BEMS PTA earn more Box Tops credits just by shopping online through [www.boxtops4education.com/marketplace](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:bulldogpta@gmail.com) subject line "Box Tops."

# ESCAPE 2013

## LOCATION

Youtel Youth Hostel  
Bitburg, Germany

## COST

Normally \$260 - For Stuttgart Students \$150!

## DEPARTURE TIME

Morning of Friday, Feb. 15th

## RETURN TIME

Afternoon of Monday, Feb. 18th

## SIGN UP

1. Sign up at [www.escape2013.eventbrite.com](http://www.escape2013.eventbrite.com)
2. Turn in non-refundable payment to your POC  
-Please make checks out to "CTOF"
3. A Parent Permission slip and Power of Attorney to your POC
4. The deadline to have steps 1-3 completed is 16 Jan 2013. Note: you are officially signed up only when 1-3 are completed.

## EVENT POC

Nick Laurenzana - Chapel Youth Director  
Mobile: 0151-4013-7036 - Office: 430-7237  
Chapel Youth Building - Patch 2312 - 2nd Fl. - Rm. 208A - Enter  
Door Facing PHS

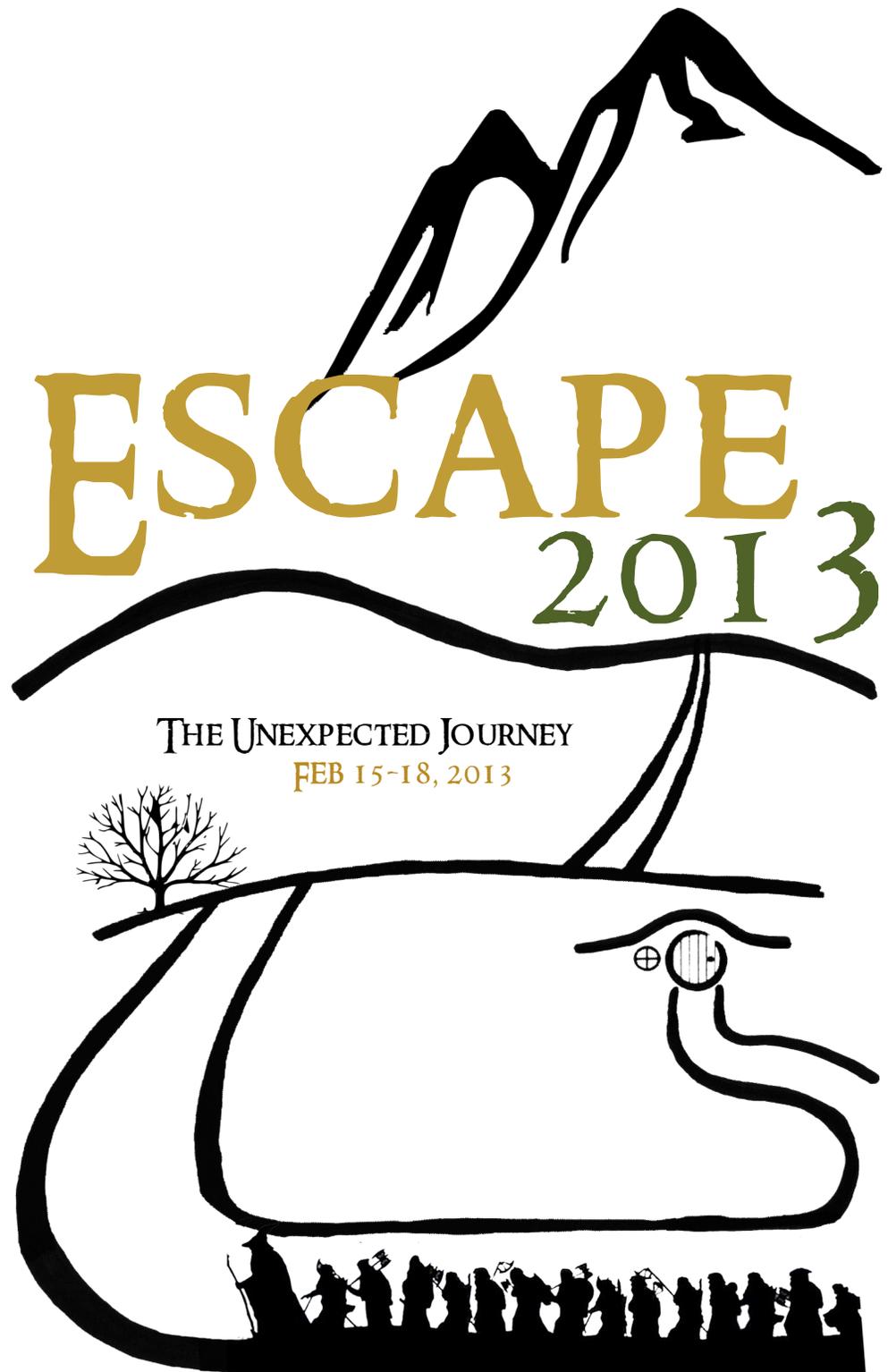
PARENT MEETING: 12 December 7:30pm-8:15pm

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THE UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

FEB 15-18, 2013

# ESCAPE

## THE UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

Our Dearest Friend,

We are looking for someone to share in an adventure . . . perhaps you? There will be unexpected challenges on this journey, but also great rewards for those who come along. To complete our quest, we need companions that have many gifts and talents that the Creator has given them. YOU are invited to take part in this wonderful journey and head with us to ESCAPE 2013. Make sure you bring creative attire for this occasion (like a creature a hobbit might meet), and come to have fun and learn how you can take part in the greatest journey of life. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
Your Fellow Adventurers

### X WHAT WILL WE BE DOING

ESCAPE IS 4 FUN-PACKED DAYS, JUST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! WE'LL HAVE BIG GROUP MEETINGS WITH SINGING, SKITS, AND GREAT LESSONS ABOUT GOD. THERE'LL BE TEAM COMPETITIONS, LATE NIGHT GAMES, AND SMALL GROUPS. AND OF COURSE LOTS OF FREE TIME FOR SWIMMING, DODGEBALL, FINGER DARTS, ICE SKATING, CRAFTS AND MORE!

### X WHAT TO BRING ON YOUR JOURNEY

WARM CLOTHES, COAT, TOILETRIES, TENNIS SHOES, RAIN/SNOW GEAR, BIBLE, NOTEBOOK, ID CARD, 2 TOWELS (1 FOR SWIMMING, 1 FOR SHOWER), MODEST SWIMSUIT.

OPTIONAL: EXTRA MONEY FOR FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES (ICE SKATING AND SWIMMING) AND ITEMS AT THE CAMP STORE (BOOKS, CDS, CLOTHES, SNACKS).

### X WHAT NOT TO BRING ON YOUR JOURNEY

PERSONAL ELECTRONICS (IPODS, GAMEBOY, ETC) DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, PORNOGRAPHY, WEAPONS.