



The Paw

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

Mission: Educate, Engage, and Empower Each student to succeed in a dynamic world.

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.

AdvancED Parent Meeting

Every five years every DoDEA school receives a visit from AdvancED, our outside accrediting agency for a formal inspection of our school improvement process. A team will visit our school from 12 – 14 February. The visit will consist of classroom observations, interviews, paperwork review, and artifact review. Students, teachers, and parents will be invited to meet with the team and express their views. The parent session will be 13 February at 1500 in the school cafeteria; all parents are welcome to attend.

Staffing Changes

Herr Bremer our elementary school Host Nation teacher will be out on an extended medical leave, we are happy to announce that Ms. Tracy Thompson will be taking over this position. Ms. Thompson is a fully qualified elementary teacher and will focus mainly on the culture and customs of Germany. We wish Herr Bremer the best as he works on his recovery.

Ms. Mary Supik has assumed the duties of the counselor for grades 6 – 8 and Helen Hitchcock will be working as the counselor for grades K – 5. If any further changes occur we will let you know through the newsletter.

Dental Health Month

February is Dental Health Month and students in grades Kindergarten through 5th will receive a free dental screening by Dr. Lum who is coming to BEMS again this year. He will be here all day on February 11th, and 19th. He will visit each elementary class checking students' teeth, and then giving a short lesson on good dental care. If Dr. Lum finds anything that needs further referral, the school nurse will be given the paperwork, and parents will be notified.

Yearbook Ordering

Now is the time to order your copy of the 2012-2013 BEMS Yearbook for the low price of \$45.00, on February 15 the price will go up to \$50.00. You can order your book now 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.

If you want to create a Recognition Ad for your student, you will need to order online and send copies of the items you want in your ad to Mr. Lloyd's email address. The Pictavo program is sending an "Error" message when attempting to save the page online, Mr. Lloyd will create the ad and download it to the correct page in the book. Any items you want in the ad will need to be sent to james.lloyd@eu.dodea.edu. Thanks for helping support your Yearbook class at BEMS.

Pink Shirt Day

On 27 February 2013 Robinson Barracks EMS and Boeblingen EMS will recognize **Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day**. Pink Shirt Day started in 2008 by two high school seniors from Canada in response to a 9th grade boy who was bullied and harassed the entire day for wearing a pink shirt to school. The boys went to second hand shops and bought 50 pink shirts to hand out at school the next day. They then spent the evening on social media with their friends requesting everyone to wear a Pink shirt to stand up against bullying and to show support to the 9th grader who was bullied. The next day over 400 students wore pink shirts and clothing to school. The bullied student was shocked at the support from his classmates, and the bullies never picked on any students the rest of the year.

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

18 February	Presidents' Day - Federal Holiday
12 – 14 February	School Accreditation Visit from AdvancED
13 February	AdvancED Parent Forum - 1500
14 February	Honor Roll Assembly ES – 1:15 MS – 2:00
27 February	Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day (wear a pink shirt to school to support anti-bullying)
11-15 March	TerraNova Testing
15 March	Middle School Dance 1800 - 2100
4 April	End of Third Quarter (48 days of classroom instruction)
5 April	No school for students - teacher work day
8 April	Begin Spring Recess
15 April	Instruction Resumes - Begin Fourth Quarter
19 April	BEMS (Both ES/MS) Parent Teacher Conferences
27 May	Memorial Day - Federal Holiday
13 June	End Fourth Quarter & Second Semester (43 Days of instruction)
14 June	No school for students - teacher work day

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

Self-Help Skills?

Motor Skills?

Social Emotional Skills?

Memory & Problem Solving 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



SCHOOL PHOTOS
At Boeblingen EMS February 28 – March 1 2013
Sponsored by your PTA



Dear Parents,

On February **28 and March 1** we will be taking the Class Room Group photos during school hours for **grades K-5**. These photos will be taken in Room 128.

For grades **6, 7 and 8** we will take Grade Level Group Photos. Due to space restrictions these will be taken on the steps of the Front Office during lunch time.

Important 1

Any students that did not have their photos taken during the fall, be it because they are new or were absent, or would simply like a retake, will be photographed when their class comes for the group photos.

For the Middle School these will be taken on **March 1 starting at 1:10** -

These photos are “portrait” photos only and can be purchased on an “pay up front” level. This means you will receive an envelope for both the group photos and the portrait photos and you choose what to purchase. **Retakes** are only accepted if a package is ordered.

Important 2

On February 15th we will open the site again for those who had their picture taken last fall but haven't order yet or would like to order more. There seem to have been some issues with the actual on-line ordering so we thought it would be helpful to list the online ordering instructions again. Here is how to order for those who have the their photos already online – please note that these will be purged at the end of February.

Go to www.internationalmemories.us

User id : **2013BEMS01** (or grade 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, MA, KG(kindergarten) or MURET (make up and retakes of the fall).

Password: **2013BEMS01** (or grade 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, MA, KG(kindergarten) or MURET (make up and retakes of the fall).

Once you are on the site:

Click your child's teacher gallery – here you see all the photos

Click the photo you want to purchase

Move to the right of the screen and click the drop down menu of packages

Click the packages you want to purchase

Click “add to cart”

If you want to purchase a background to that photo click the same photo again

Move to the right of the screen and hit the 2nd dropdown menu – select the background

Click “add to cart” – continue this process until you purchased all that you wanted.

Now go to “check out”.

Two important things : Where it asks for the ZIP code pls put your APO number and pls do put your child's grade and teacher name in the respective fields – the rest should be self explanatory.

If any problems please do not hesitate to contact the photo company directly via email at

Ingrid.Gerrits@internationalmemories.it - She will answer your questions and in case of necessity guide you through the ordering process on line or by telephone.



Hump Day Lunch

Change of Date

What is Hump Day Lunch?

It's a tasty meal prepared by volunteers for BEMS teachers and staff to raise money for our PTA. Cost per lunch is \$5.00.

Who?

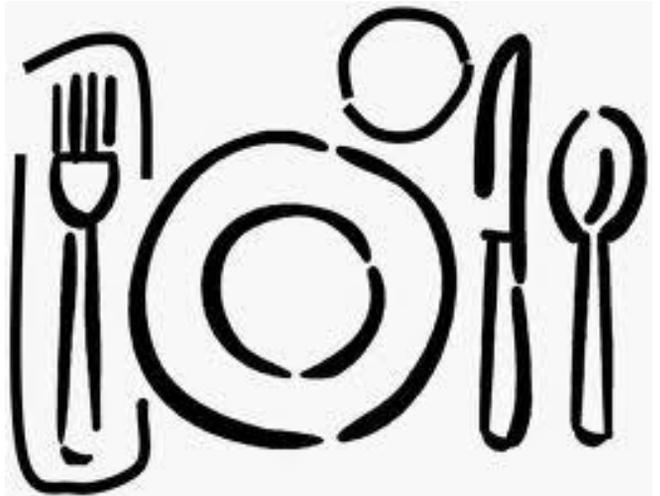
Sponsors this month are the 7th and 8th grade classes. Volunteers needed to prepare 6 hot dishes or soups and 6 salads.

Where?

2nd Floor Work Room

When?

Wednesday, 20 February
10:00 – 13:00



To sign up, visit our perfect potluck link at:

[http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=JORH8647
&v=8038da89e4](http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=JORH8647&v=8038da89e4)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO HELP WITH POPCORN FRIDAYS!!!

Friday mornings the B.E.M.S. PTA pops popcorn in the Teachers' Work Room to sell to the students as an on-going school fundraiser. The kids love it and this fundraiser helps support our school. Volunteers are what make this program a success. We need help with popping, delivering to classrooms, and selling to the Middle School during their lunch.

A minimum of three (3) volunteers are needed each Popcorn Friday. All help would be greatly appreciated. No amount of time is too small. Set up begins about 8 a.m. in the Teacher's Work Room and we finish selling after the Middle School's lunch.

Please help make Popcorn Friday a success. This is a great opportunity to become more involved in our kids' school and make new friends. If you can help, or if you have any questions, you can e-mail Danica McLeod at dlamc@msn.com or you can call Danica at 0175-526-5464.

POPCORN FRIDAY DATES:

February 8, 15, and 22

March 1, 8, 22, and 29

April 19 and 26

May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

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★ School Gym

BOEBLINGEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
St. Patrick's Day

DANCE

6-9 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013 ★ Casual Dress



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Middle School Dance Permission Slip

The BEMS PTA will be hosting a middle school dance on **Friday, May 15, 2013 from 6-9 p.m. in the school gymnasium.** Transportation to/from the dance is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Students should be picked up from dance promptly at 9 p.m. Students will not be allowed to leave school alone, and those who are not picked up at that time will be released to the Military Police.

The regular school rules are in effect for all students at the dance. Violations may result in a student being removed from the event, requiring an early pick up. **To be admitted to the dance, students will need a completed permission slip and \$5.00 entry fee turned in to BEMS PTA representative.** Tickets will be on sale in the cafeteria during lunch beginning Monday, March 11, 2013

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, refreshments and chaperone duties. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sharon Paz, PTA Dance Chairperson at sharon.paz@eu.dodea.edu.

Casual Attire. No outside food or drinks will be allowed at dance.

Please complete and return this portion when purchasing your ticket.

Middle School St. Patrick's Day Dance Permission Slip

_____ in Grade 6 7 8 circle one
(STUDENT NAME)

will be attending BEMS Middle School dance on March 15, 2013.

He/She will be picked up by: _____

My child and I are aware of the rules for the BEMS dance, and he/she will abide by them.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

In the event of emergency DURING EVENT, please contact:

Name: _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____