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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.

Middle School Class Changes

At the semester many MS students will have changes to their schedule either to their quarter length "wheel" classes, or a semester class that will come to completion at the end of next week (24 January). We are also going to rebalance advisory classes at the end of the semester. Some students will move into a more academic advisory in an attempt to increase their academic performance – these advisory classes will be smaller in number and will focus on work completion. The remainder of the advisory classes will experience changes in student population to equalize the numbers in the classes. Students will be re-issued new schedules to show the changes.

Sports Club

The after school ES Sports Club has started. The Club is open to fifth and sixth grade students and is held in the BEMS gym on Thursdays from 2:45-4:15. The Club sponsor is Mrs. Mertens.

Student Council Store

The Student Council Store is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:25-12:50 for all BEMS students and parents. The store is located in the cafeteria. We have a wonderful assortment of school supplies, school logo items and many other miscellaneous treasures. Stop by and check us out!

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 \$45.00. 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.

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

24 January	End of Second Quarter
25 January	Record Keeping Day – No School for Students
29 January	NAEP Testing
30 January	NAEP Testing
18 February	Presidents' Day - Federal Holiday
1 February	BEMS (ES Only) Parent/Teacher Conferences
12 – 14 February	School Accreditation Visit from AdvancED
11-15 March	TerraNova Testing
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

Boeblingen Middle School

6th Grade Newsletter

January

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. Earn extra credit with sunshine math. Sunshine Math is offered by the PTA and runs through March 20th. 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 are starting **Chapter 6: Invertebrate Animals** this week, (Standard: 6Sc.1). All students will need their colored pencils between Jan 30 and Feb 7 for Invertebrate Lab drawings.

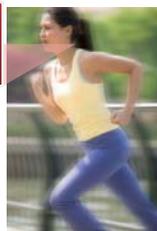
Computer Apps.



Technology Corner, 6th Grade: The BEMS 6th graders are in the final week of completing their exploratory course in computer applications. The final application has been Microsoft Word Power. This application is important because many teachers required students in the 7th and 8th grade to prepare informative multi-media presentations using power point. The students learn this application by completing an interactive tutorial and then apply their new knowledge by creating a presentation assigned by the instructor. This quarter's student assignment was to create a multi-media presentation on the 6 + 1 traits of writing. The desired outcome, of course, is to help our students to become better computer technicians as well as better writers.

Health

Mr. Gale . . . We are wrapping up our health quarter by learning the changes that occur during puberty.



Social Studies



6th Grade Social Studies . . . As of Friday January 18th, students begin analyzing the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures during the development of Rome, by using Chapter 10 in the text along with numerous supplement materials(Standard 6SS6). Be on the lookout for the new study guide and vocabulary to come home.

AVID/LIFE SKILLS

AVID . . . This week all three AVID sections got to go on a study trip to the Mercedes Benz Museum. What a fascinating mix of history and technology! It is truly amazing to contemplate the changes the world has endured in 125 years.

School and Life Success . . . We are finishing up the quarter by learning about the "Power of the Bystander" in bullying situations. We are also honing our skills at reading other people's emotions and our own. Being able to recognize when something is getting out of hand and knowing how to de-escalate the situation is paramount to maintaining a safe school environment.

In Mr. Gale's English Language Arts Class:

We started our new unit that asks us, Why are things far away and long ago important to us? We will learn the answers through space, time travel, and history.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS~ NELSON :

Students will learn about public speaking. Students will listen to speeches by famous Americans, study speech terms, and write and present a persuasive speech of their own. We are taking a break from [The 13 ½ Lives of Captain Bluebear](#) and instead reading [The Worst-Case Scenario Ultimate Adventure Everest](#) Book for a couple weeks. Students will use the information they've read in order to make important decisions about climbing Mt. Everest.

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PTA News

Sunshine Math

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The 2013 Spelling Bee Finals took place on Thursday, 17 January. All of our finalists worked hard and the competition was tight. Sasha Ortiz was the confirmed champion with the word 'stalactite'. A stalactite is a deposit of crystalline calcium carbonate resembling an icicle hanging from the roof or sides of a cavern.

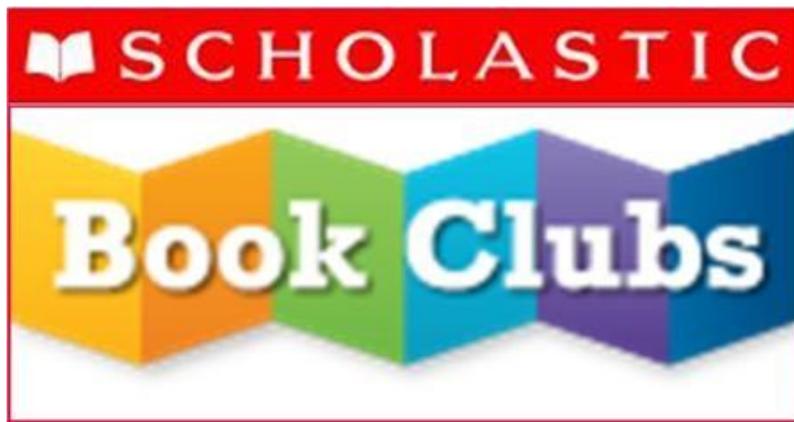
Once our champion was established, another exciting round began to secure the 2nd place winner. Both Max Tortorelli and Sammy Stacy went for several rounds before Max was confirmed as runner-up with the word 'tuberculosis.' Congratulations to all our participants for a job well-done. A special thank you to our judges from Marine Forces Europe and our pronouncer and BEMS teacher, Mr. L'Esperance, for volunteering.

The Sunshine Math program is in full swing, but we still need more volunteers! We meet Wednesday mornings after drop-off (8ish) and socialize while we grade math worksheets (answers provided). If you're interested please email Cynde at tchwholbeck@yahoo.com or simply show up and enjoy the fun!

Hump Day Lunch

February's Hump Day Lunch is right around the corner. This once-a-month fundraising event brings a tasty, hot meal to our wonderful teachers and staff at BEMS. Our next Hump Day Lunch will be held Wednesday, 13 February, in the 2nd Floor teachers' lounge. **This month's sponsors are the Middle School 7th and 8th grade classes.**

Volunteers are needed to host the event and to prepare and donate 6 hot dishes or soups and 6 salads. The food should be delivered to the teachers' lounge by 10:00 am. We also need 3 to 5 people to help with set up, money collection, and cleanup. If you are interested in helping, please email Brenda Sullivan at ptavolunteer@live.com.



Scholastic News:

Thanks to outstanding participation, BEMS PTA gave over 300 new books to teachers and over 30 hardback books to the library. These items were free from Scholastic, based on points earned through parent orders. That's right: when you order from Scholastic, you not only get great books and fun educational products for your child, but our school also earns points to purchase books and other classroom items. Everyone wins!

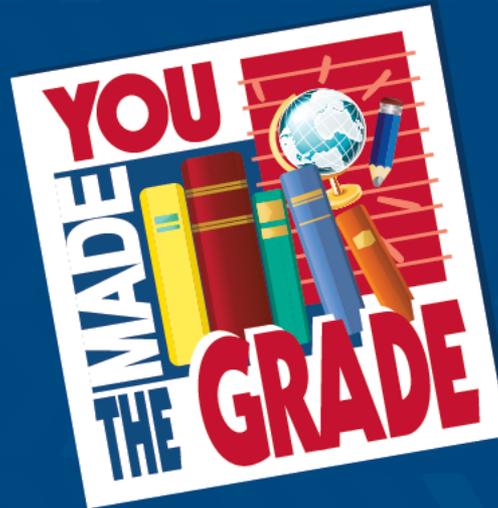
January flyers are now out - they should be sent home with your child or can be picked up from the school lobby. As always, you can browse products online at the Scholastic website.

For instructions on registering your account or obtaining your teacher code, please visit the Scholastic page at the PTA's website: www.bemspta.org.

The next deadline for orders is 1 February. There will be two additional order dates this school year: March 1st and April 1st.



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St. George's Scholars Program

A boarding school scholarship program for children of active duty military personnel

Program Overview:

In recognition of their service to the nation and in support of the unique demands and sacrifices of military personnel and their families, St. George's school is seeking to provide up to four fully funded scholarships for children of active duty military personnel in the 2013-2014 school year.

The School:

St. George's School is an independent college-preparatory school serving grades 9 through 12 located just outside of Newport, R.I. It was founded in 1896 by the Rev. John Byron Diman, who opened what he called at the time a "small boarding school for boys" in the city of Newport. Set on a hill overlooking Second Beach and the Atlantic Ocean, the school has been coeducational since 1972 and enrolls 360 boarding and day students equally split between boys and girls. The students represent 23 states and 18 nations.

Academic and athletic achievement, along with diversity, service, and mutual support within the fabric of a close-knit community are hallmarks of St. George's. The school has an Episcopal heritage yet welcomes students of all faiths. In serving students from across the nation and around the world, St. George's believes that "exposing students, faculty and staff to a wide range of ideas, experiences and cultures, examining and challenging preconceptions, and exploring different ways of thinking enhance the learning experience and reflect the school's educational mission." The result is an educational community with strong values, high academic standards, and a rich vitality and purpose.

The school is also committed to excellence across a wide range of pursuits—intellectual, spiritual and physical. Father Diman wrote in his original "Purposes of the School," a document that remains the basis for the school's Mission Statement, that "the specific objectives of St. George's are to give its students the opportunity of developing to the fullest extent possible the particular gifts that are theirs and to encourage in them the desire to do so. Their immediate job after leaving school is to handle successfully the demands of college; later it is hoped that their lives will be ones of constructive service to the world and to God."

The Scholars Program:

The Scholars Program has been created to recognize and support "constructive service to the world" by extending the opportunity to attend St. George's to children of active duty military personnel, a segment of the population already dedicated to that ideal. The program seeks to attract and enroll military connected children who as students, classmates, and peers would thrive at St. George's. It is the hope of the school that these students will grow and contribute to our community, but also add an important dimension to the school given their service background and the inherent family values they bring. We anticipate that these students will be intelligent and talented, diverse and worldly, and that they will understand the significance of the educational experience offered at St. George's.

The relevance of the Scholars Program is clear and uniquely appealing. For young military families, perpetually on the move, never wedded to one place or locale for an extended period of time, the program provides a student with the **stability** of a seamless high-school experience. Students develop roots, form friendships and create meaningful relationships with classmates and the faculty in an environment that offers consistency no matter where their families are or how often they move.

Related to stability is the concept of **structure**. St. George's is committed to a blend of tradition and structure in which time-honored intellectual traditions and values of honor, responsibility, and service are emphasized and woven into the daily lives of all students. The community is alive and organic, but also it is aligned in terms of expectations and conduct. Students grow and learn, and they do so in the presence of adults who offer direction, advice, and security.

The notion of **leadership** is at the core of any program dedicated to shaping young lives, especially in the case of military families for whom the trait is ingrained. We believe at St. George's that we can teach leadership, and that we can encourage our students to rise to leadership over the course of their careers here. The school prepares students for leadership and offers untold opportunity to pursue leadership roles early on, and especially as they transition to their junior and senior years.

Finally, part and parcel of all that goes on at St. George's is the striving for **excellence**. Students assume it naturally in their experience here, whether as a byproduct of academic rigor, or athletic endeavor, or moral principle. The school pursues excellence as an institution and on behalf of its students. It is a standard that follows and remains with them well beyond their years on the campus.

Logistics and Timeline:

St. George's invites students from active duty military families to apply to the Scholars Program. Selection for the program and a determination of the amount of aid provided will be made by the school's Financial Aid Committee in accordance with St. George's policies and practices regarding financial aid. Supporting documentation from the family will also be required.

Step 1

- Contact the St. George's admission office directly via email at military@stgeorges.edu to express an interest in the program. The school will follow up to collect some basic background information and will send application materials directly to the family.

Step 2

- By **February 1, 2013**, students submit completed school applications.

Step 3

- Parents submit financial aid applications by way of PFS forms electronically at www.sss.nais.org
- Parents mail copies of supporting information (Federal 1040 and W2 materials) to SSS by NAIS.

Step 4

- By **March 10, 2013**, the school notifies recipients of the admission decision.

Step 5

- By **April 10, 2013**, recipients decide whether to accept the admission offer and enroll.

Contact Personnel:

St. George's School Admission Office: Jeff Dwyer: jeff_dwyer@stgeorges.edu

MCEC: Brenda Coffield: brenda.coffield@militarychild.org