



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.

The Great Pumpkin Drop

The Great Pumpkin Drop was a huge success – even with the unexpected departure of the fire truck after the first box was dropped. They returned about 45 minutes later and we continued dropping boxes from above the top of the school. Many thanks to Harriot Johnston and the PTA for sponsoring this event and to all the volunteers who supported the event and helped make it a success. Below are the results of the 2012 Great Pumpkin Drop:

<p>Kindergarten and First Grade Group Best Pumpkin Drop - Mrs. Poe Best Decorated/Theme - Mrs. Rosengren</p>	<p>Second and Third Grade Group Best Pumpkin Drop - Mrs. Johnson Best Decorated/Theme - Mrs. Johnson</p>
<p>Fourth and Fifth Grade Group Best Pumpkin Drop - Mrs. Johnson Best Decorated/Theme - Ms. Kinney</p>	<p>Middle School Advisories Best Pumpkin Drop - Ms. Forster Best Pumpkin Drop - Mrs. Mertens Best Decorated/Theme - Ms. Wright Best Decorated/Theme - Frau Chalkley</p>



Menu Changes in the Cafeteria

AAFES has announced some menu changes that mainly affect our elementary aged students. Please see the attached A la Carte policy for the changes.

Deployment Groups

Deployment groups for students have started, in grades kindergarten – 4th, with a deployed parent. These groups will meet once a week during the school day. If you are interested in your child(ren) attend one of these groups please contact Helen Hitchcock at the school.

8th Grade Celebration Committee

We are beginning to plan the 8th grade celebration that will take place in June. We have lots of new and fun ideas for the upcoming celebration. If you would like to join our committee for planning and preparing for this event, please contact Bonni Langston at bonnilangston@msn.com. We would love to have your input and ideas. Our next meeting will be held at the PX (near the windows in the food court) on November 14th at 11:30. We hope this year's celebration will be one for our 8th graders to remember! Thank you -Bonni Langston

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

2 November	Record Keeping Day – No School for Students
5 November	SAC meeting – 3:00 in the library
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
15 & 16 November	Tapestry Sale & Used book Sale
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

Exchange School Meal Program
~ A la Carte Policy ~
2012-2013

Elementary School (Grades K-5):

- Milk
- Juice
- Fruit
- Main line items for that day only – entrees and sides at a la carte prices. If a cookie is on the menu, a student may purchase ONE cookie a la carte if they brought a meal from home. *Cookies are not to be offered on any other day and extra cookies may not be sold to students who purchase the pattern meal with a cookie included.*
- Items available to the older students (i.e. chips, Nutrigrain bars etc.) will be out of sight of the younger students
- In schools with Grades K-6, a la carte standards for the majority (Elementary age) apply.

Middle and High Schools (Grades 6-12)

- Milk
- Juice
- Fruit
- Low-fat or Fat-free yogurt & fruit/yogurt parfaits
- Nutrigrain bars
- Baked Plain Chips
- Baked Doritos
- Cheddar Cracker Chips (Special K)
- Plain Cracker Chips (Special K)
- Fruit swirls
- Banana/Carrot bread
- Cookies – *limit 2 per student*
- Propel
- Water

- Entrée items: Regular entrée items may be sold at a la carte pricing. Please keep in mind that the goal is to offer healthier items like wraps, salads, sub sandwiches and not to have the a la carte line look like a fast food restaurant.
 - o For example: one day you could offer a chicken patty sandwich, turkey salad and ham & cheese sub, the next – hamburger, fajita chicken salad and turkey wrap.

- Side items: Side items like fruits, vegetables, dinner rolls, banana bread etc. may be sold at a la carte pricing.

- If you are currently offering Gatorade, please switch to G2 since it is lower in calories. If you are not currently offering Gatorade, *please do not start.*

- Items from Fast-Food restaurants are **not** to be sold. Milkshakes, energy drinks, regular chips, and homemade recipes are all **not** authorized.

- Retail items or any other items from outside our program must be approved by CPT Schrumm.

PTA News



Used Book Sale & Tapestry Sale

This special event is just around the corner, so mark your calendars for **November 15 and 16**. You can find us in Room 128 from 8 to 4 on both days. This fundraiser helps support many of the programs the PTA offers during the year. Conveniently scheduled to coincide with parent-teacher conferences, it's a great opportunity to start your holiday shopping with beautiful tapestries, tree skirts, table linens, Reisenthal bags and to update your book selection at home! (Note: We can accept euro, dollar or checks drawn on American banks for the tapestries.)

We also need your help! We are still collecting donations of gently used books. There are book collection bins located in the front hall near the BEMS office and at the Patch Library near the detectors at the front door. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Holiday Gift Shop

It's hard to believe, but our holiday gift shop is only six weeks away. Because this event is so much fun, it's always been popular with our volunteers. Don't miss out on the opportunity to bring this festive and fun week to our kids. If you would like to work on the planning committee, please come to our meeting Thursday, November 1, at 10:00 am in the Food Court at the Panzer PX. We are also collecting items for the gift shop. We need wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, tape, bubble wrap, gift tags and any new items you would like to donate. Please leave items in the bin in front of the school office.

Hump Day Lunch 7 November

We're still looking for volunteers to donate fresh, homemade lunch items for our teachers. This month's sponsors are the 2nd and 3rd grades. Simply use this handy link to sign up to bring a casserole or salad:

<http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=UQQA6310>

Thank you for your support!

Spelling Bee

Cynde Holbeck, our Spelling Bee Chairperson, is seeking volunteers to assist in November with advertising and promotion for this year's competition. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cindy as soon as possible at: tchwholbeck@yahoo.com



www.BTFE.com

BEMS students, families and teachers worked together to collect **6,742 Box Tops** for the grade level competition that ended October 24th!!!

Congratulations to the winning classes!



Grade Level Winners:

Kindergarten – Senna

1st Grade – Ortwein

2nd Grade – Sipes

3rd Grade – Morrow

4th Grade – McDermitt

5th Grade – R. Moore

6th Grade – Jackson

7th Grade – Brashier

8th Grade – Lloyd

Keep clipping Box Tops!

And don't forget to ask your grandparents, neighbors and friends to save their Box Tops for our school. All proceeds help support students and faculty of BEMS.

Thank you for supporting our program!!!

BEMS PTA Box Tops Committee



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!

Oct/Nov



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	sold out					\$20	
Youth Satin Basketball Short	Black w/ White	N/A				N/A			\$17	
Bows - Barrette	only	two	left!						\$5	
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								\$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: _____

THURSDAY

15.30 MEET AT PATCH Y.S., INTRODUCTIONS

16.00 DEPART FOR PANZER-BOWLING AND GALAXY BOWLING CENTER.

17.30-19:00 LANGUAGE BASICS AND NAVIGATING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

FRIDAY

9.30 MEET AT PATCH YS, DEPART FOR BUS

11.00 TOUR, SCHLOSS SOLITUDE

-WHO WAS HERZOG KARL EUGEN VON WUERTTEMBERG? LEARN ABOUT STUTTGART LIKE IN THE LATE 1700'S! TODAY WE'LL EXPLORE THAT WITH THE HELP OF A LOCAL GUIDE.

12.30 DEPART FOR STUTTGART CITY CENTER

12.45 LUNCH AND EXPLORATION OF STUTTGART CITY

15.00 RETURN TO PATCH Y.S.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Stuttgart Youth Newcomer's Orientation is designed to facilitate a successful transition through equipping middle school and high school-aged youth with the emotional, practical, and cultural tools to adjust to their new home, both within the Stuttgart military community and on the local German economy.



stuttgart youth newcomer's orientation