



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

If you have a chance, please come and join us for the Great Pumpkin Drop on the play ground today at the following times:

11:20 – 4th & 5th grades

11:45 – Kinder & 1st grades

12:15 – 2nd & 3rd grades

1:00 – 6th, 7th & 8th grades

NJHS

The BEMS National Honor Society (NJHS) proudly announces their officers for the 2012 – 2012 school year:

President: Emilie Allen

Vice: President: Henry Johnston

Secretary: Abby Bernasconi

Treasurer: Hilary Adinkrah

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

26 October	The Great Pumpkin Drop 11:20 – 4th & 5th grades 11:45 – Kinder & 1st grades 12:15 – 2nd & 3rd grades 1:00 – 6th, 7th & 8th grades
1 November	End First Quarter
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
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

Fall Intramural Sports



Join Mr. Kelly every week until winter break to play volleyball on Wednesday and soccer on Thursday. Have fun with your friends and take your skills to the next level.

Highlights

- Volleyball every Wednesday
- Soccer every Thursday
- Open to 6th-8th Grade
- Starts November 7th & 8th

Fall Intramural Sports: Volleyball and Soccer

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- Intramural sports will take place in the school gym and on the soccer field. Initial meeting will take place in room 315 on Wednesday, November 7th and 8th @ 2:30.
 - Please bring your signed permission slip.

Questions contact Mr. Kelly: chris.kelly@pac.dodea.edu

Fall Intramural Sports

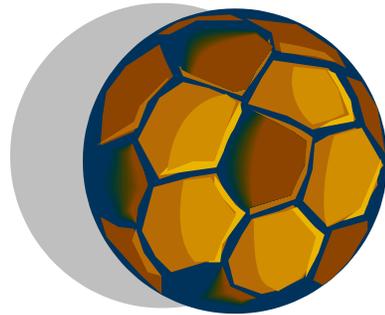
BEMS
Student Permission
Slip



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Volleyball: Wednesday 2:30 to
4:30 in the gym

Soccer: Thursday 2:30 to 4:30
on the soccer field or in the gym



I give my child permission to attend fall intramural sports on
Thursdays and Fridays. I am responsible for picking up my child and
providing transportation home, or allowing my child to return home or
his/her own

STUDENT
NAME AND GRADE

PARENT
SIGNATURE

PTA News



Hump Day Lunch

Have you heard of our latest PTA fundraiser? It's a great way to break up the week and bring our awesome BEMS facility and staff a nutritious and delicious meal with a smile. Besides being a big hit with our teachers, it's a great way to raise money for our PTA programs. This month's sponsors are the second and third grades. Eight casseroles and eight salads are needed on November 7. Donations should be delivered to the school by 10:30. Be on the lookout for information from your homeroom parent to volunteer.

Attention 8th Grade Parents

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bemspta.org – A Site Packed with Information

Check out the new user-friendly, color-coded calendar (which is printable!). Take our interactive poll, where you can share your ideas. Find up-to-date information on current and upcoming PTA programs. Get connected to helpful links. All this and more on you BEMS PTA website!

Used Book Sale & Tapestry Sale

Please mark your calendars on November 15 & 16 for the Used Book/Tapestry Sale to be held in Room 128 from 8 to 4. We need your help! We are still collecting donations of gently used books. There are book collection bins 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. If you are able to volunteer for this event, please send an email to ptavolunteer@live.com. We need volunteers to work shifts on November 15 & 16, and for book sorting and setup prior to the event on November 13 & 14.

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 this 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 next Thursday, November 1, at 10:00 am in the Food Court at the Panzer PX.

Spirit Wear – A Fun Memento

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase some fun school spirit wear this year for your kids. Our spirit wear is practical and sturdy and is offered in a colorful assortment of styles and sizes. We will be selling again at the **Middle School Band Concert on October 30.**

Volunteer Needs

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Brenda Sullivan, at ptavolunteer@live.com

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</i>	<i>MORE INFO</i>
Veteran's Day Assembly: Setup	Thursday, 8 November	1200	6 volunteers	Help needed setting up the gym for the assembly
Spirit Wear	Once a month	During school hours	1 volunteer	Volunteer needed to sort inventory every month in PTA room on date/time of their convenience
Popcorn Fridays: Chairperson Needed	Monthly	----	1 volunteer	Current popcorn chair will be moving away soon, need someone to take over!
Spelling Bee	Nov-Jan	----	As many as possible	Please see attached MS Word document for further info

COMMUNITY FLU DATES



Kelley Gym

22 Oct 2012

2 Nov 2012

9 Nov 2012

RB Brewed Awakenings

23 Oct 2012

1 Nov 2012

8 Nov 2012

Panzer Food Court

24 Oct 2012

31 Oct 2012

6 Nov 2012

Patch Gym Basketball Court

26 Oct 2012

30 Oct 2012

7 Nov 2012

Flu Clinics are scheduled to run from 0800 – 1500