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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.

Arrival Time

Supervision of students in the drop off zones begins at 0745; please ensure your students aren't arriving before that time so that we can help ensure their safety.

TB Message

Earlier this week we sent out information about a case of Tuberculosis that occurred in the Stuttgart community. Attached to the newsletter this week is a TB information sheet for you to reference. There have been no occurrences of TB at BEMS that we are aware of.

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 the directions at the end of this newsletter to start to gain access to your child's grades.

Kid's on The Run 5K Challenge:

Wednesdays-Sep. 12, 19, 26 & Oct. 3, 10 & 17

Ages: 9-10 \$30, Ages 11-18 No charge (Time: 3:00 pm-4:30 pm) Meet at Panzer Fitness Ctr.

CYSM #918301-09 (9-10 years) #928301-10 (11-18 years)

Description: The program will offer a practical guide to running and a six week training plan aimed at completing a 5K. Training sessions will cover a variety of topics such as proper running techniques, injury prevention, core exercise, basic nutrition plus race day etiquette. **(Registration Deadline: Sep. 26)**

**Come try it out!! Similar to Marathon Club, except we are training for the
5K Great Pumpkin Run!!! Contact Nina Hazelton for more details!!
nina.hazelton@eu.dodea.edu**



Upcoming Events

14 September	Half Day for Students – 11:00 Dismissal
5 October	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
8 October	Columbus Day – No School for Students
1 November	End First Quarter
2 November	Record Keeping Day – No School for Students
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

PTA News

Family Bingo Night

On Friday, 21 September, BEMS PTA will host our first Bingo night in the school cafeteria. The kids won't want to miss a chance at winning one of our exciting prizes! Snack concessions will open at 5:30 and the games will begin at 6:00.

BEMS Website (BEMSPTA.org)

Bookmark the BEMS website for all the latest school and PTA information. A few of the many things you can find on the website are the events calendar, volunteer opportunities, class lunch schedule, A/B schedule, helpful links, past school newsletters, fundraising initiatives, and spirit wear order forms.

A Message from our New PTA Volunteer Coordinator

My name is Brenda Sullivan, and I will be helping the BEMS PTA this year as the Volunteer Coordinator. I hope you have all settled back into the school routine and are ready for the events the PTA has planned. All events require help from our awesome parents to make sure they are successful. As the volunteer coordinator, I will be sending by email requests to our members for volunteer participation to support our Committee Chairpersons in the planning of each PTA event. The PTA has a great year planned, and there are many opportunities both large and small to be a part of our enrichment or fundraising activities. Thank you for your support. I look forward to working with you all to bring a great year of programs to our students. My contact info:

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Böblingen Elementary/Middle School
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September 12, 2012

On Friday afternoon US Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, announced the National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2012, Boeblingen Elementary Middle School was named as one of these schools. Schools are selected for Blue Ribbon status under two different categories, one for having high academic achievement, as measured by performance on state assessments or nationally normed tests, or for showing significant improvement on standardized tests. In the latter category, that progress must be demonstrated by at least 40 percent of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. BEMS fell into the category of high academic achievement schools. BEMS was one of 269 schools (less than 1%) that is being recognized with this honor. Please see the official DoDEA press release at the following link.

<http://www.dodea.edu/newsroom/pressreleases/09102012.cfm>

Last winter BEMS was invited to apply for the National Blue Ribbon Schools program by the Department of Education. The application process included submitting five years worth of standardized tests data, (our Terra Nova results) and a narrative description of our school programs. For more information, or to review our past Terra Nova scores, please view the following website.

http://www.dodea.edu/datacenter/tdSchools_results.cfm?dodaac=HE4435

Boeblingen Elementary Middle School is fortunate to have amazing students, dedicated teachers and supportive parents and families, all of which have contributed to our success. We are very proud of being named as one of the 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools. There will be an awards program in Washington DC in November. We will hold a local celebration after the national ceremony has been completed. For more information on the National Blue Ribbon Schools program, please visit the following website.

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/index.html>



Dale Moore, Principal
Boeblingen Elementary Middle School

SOS- Signs of Suicide Program

Beginning this month, Boeblingen Elementary/Middle School will be offering its 7th grade presentation and discussion on depression as part of the Signs of Suicide (SOS) prevention program recommended by DoDEA. Presentations will take place on September 25th and October 2nd.

The goal of the SOS program is for students to learn about depression and suicide prevention. Topics include awareness, prevention and treatment regarding the seriousness of depression as it affects our youth. The program encourages students to seek help from trusted adults and helps them identify peers in need.

Specific goals include

- To help our students understand that depression is a treatable condition.
- To help them understand and identify symptoms of depression.
- To explain that suicide is a preventable tragedy that often occurs as the result of temporary crisis.
- To empower students to seek help for themselves and their peers.

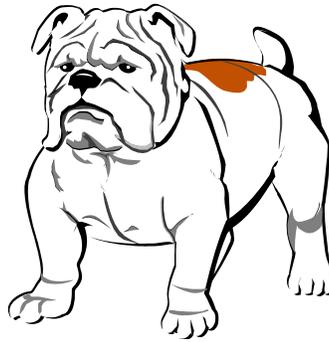
Warning Signs Your Child May Need Help

If your child displays any of the following warning signs it may be an indicator your child needs help:

- Changes in eating and/or sleeping habits
- Unexplained or unusually severe violent or rebellious behavior
- Running away
- Unusual neglect in appearance (ex. not showering, not wearing clean clothes, just doesn't care about appearance anymore)
- Drastic mood swings
- Hostile toward other children
- Withdraws from peers
- Gives away his/her possessions
- Feeling sad or depressed
- Obsession with death (ex. In music, poetry, artwork)
- Physical complaints that are not real
- A teacher or other trusted adult tells you they see a significant change in your child may indicate a need for help

If you have any questions or concerns about this presentation please contact Ms. Jennifer Kukes or Dr. Rebecca Bialopotocki at the school. 49-7031-15-2715 or DSN 431-2715

Böblingen Middle School 8th Grade Newsletter



Böblingen School Improvement Goals

- > A 3% increase in K-8 students will demonstrate proficiency in writing strategies in English/Language Arts as measured by Terra Nova tests and common assessments.
- > A 3% increase of K-8 students will demonstrate proficiency Mathematics Communication as measured by Terra Nova tests and common assessments.

In General

We are off to a robust start this year with the recent announcement of BEMS as a Department of Education Blue Ribbon School for 2012. This is a great achievement and one we



hope to parlay into even greater success for all of our students.

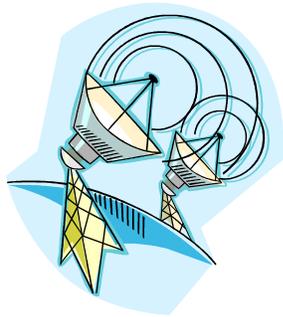
Parents do need to be aware of the new DoDEA absence policy and the new BEMS school wide late work policy.



The Boxtops competition also gets underway again with a heated competition between the 8th grade teachers



8th Grade Science—Mr. Harrison



We began the year with a review of Lab Safety and the Nature of Science as always. We are now moving on to the study of waves which will take us to the end of October. Your student should have a copy of the pertinent chapters on a DVD and already tested their online access to the books from

home. I am building a website but until I am confident in it's functionality, my primary means of communicating with students and parents about grades is Gradespeed. As a reminder, I post all of my assignments in word or pdf form there and also pass along class notes and other useful information when possible. All standards can be found at http://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/Science/upload/stn_sci_grd8.pdf

Math- Ms. Forster

In Chapter 1 your child will be learning about developing a plan for problem solving, about variables, expressions, properties and about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing integers. Your child will also learn how to find absolute value of integers and write and solve equations.



If your child has any questions concerning his/her math homework remember that you can access the information on my website at

<http://www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/AForster/> . Your child can also get help after school Monday and Wednesday after school during math tutoring.

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German I and II – Frau Chalkley

The German II students are reviewing verb conjugations.

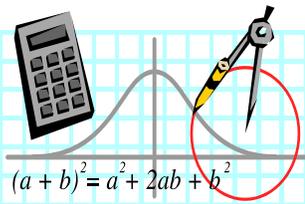
They have finished an introduction about another person in class.

The German I students are writing and presenting dialogs about greetings their name, their age, and their phone number.

The first meeting of the German Club will be announced.



Algebra— Mr. Harrison



We have a very full class this year and we are looking forward to some new elements in Algebra such as journaling to increase our Math Communication skills. We have completed our first review chapter with a test and will have another at the beginning of October after another chapter of review. We will then be in full speed Algebra mode. High school Algebra standards can be found at: http://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/Mathematics/upload/2009_stn_math_Algebra1.pdf

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Band—Ms Brashier

Strike up the Band!! BEMS Beginning and Intermediate Bands students are making music and preparing for our first concert which will be Tuesday, October 30 at 1800 in the BEMS Gym. Parents, please make sure your child has proper concert attire. Now is the time to start looking for clothing in the black/white/gray color palette. White shirts, dark pants and dark shoes are always appropriate for the gentlemen and dresses, skirts, pants and blouses in our theme colors are encouraged for the young ladies. Since we must walk from the band room on the fourth floor to the performance area, make sure attire, including shoes are appropriate. Current and former band members may be able to help, because, as you know, middle school students outgrow clothes before you know it! Please feel free to stop by the band room or email your questions to rebecca.brashier@eu.dodea.edu.

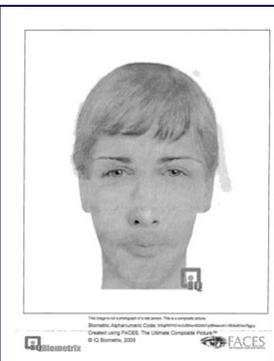


Creative Thinking & Forensic Science— Ms. Cunninghamm

8th Grade Forensic Science is currently wrapping up their Introduction to Crime Scene Basics. This included Tools of the Trade, the Power of Evidence, learning Forensic Vocabulary, the effects shows like CSI have in today's courtrooms, and the student's favorite using Biometrix Facial software to create facial sketches of each other.

Ask your student to show you a copy of their sketch completed by their classmate as some were pretty accurate!

8th grade Creative Thinking students have just completed their duct tape projects. The students used duct tape, Xacto knives, and hot glue guns to create unique bags and wallets. If you haven't seen your students creative duct tape project ask them to show you as they were quite impressive. We have started our Architectural Design Curriculum which includes designing playgrounds, making mathematics less abstract and more real. Students use geometry and measurement for authentic, hands-on tasks of spatial inquiry. This curriculum will take us the remainder of the quarter with student's final project where they plan, design, and build a model of a playground.



Mrs. Lofgren

Age of Exploration- “who found what”

In US History we are exploring new worlds through the Age of Exploration and discovering new ideas through the Renaissance and the Protestant Reformation. Students are working on chronological and spatial thinking (8SSK1-3) along with developing the much needed skill of historical interpretation (8SSK9-14). The first test will be on Sept 19th and 20th covering chs 1-2. Information concerning the colony development project will be coming home Sept 13th and 14th.

U. S. History



Babbling Middle School 8th Grade Newsletter

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Language Arts—Ms. Wright

Students in eighth grade language started the nine weeks with short stories



and their elements. Students will move on to the study of historical documents and uses of literary devices (DoDEA Standard 8E1c). Four square writing will be introduced and practiced and students will begin the writing process with the study of

POWER (DoDEA Standard 8E2). As part of the DoDEA standard, 8E2c, students will begin the study of the eight parts of speech. Eighth graders will end the nine weeks with a persuasive essay (DoDEA Standard 8E2b.5).



AVID 8—Ms. Krunich



We had a very nice family workshop last night. We were so proud of our AVID students refining their public speaking and presentation skills. We are hard at work using WICR and organizing our AVID binders for a full year of improved learning and performance!

Mr. Lloyd

Art 8 We are creating abstract designs similar to the “New York School” also known as the Abstract Expressionist Movement. Artists from this era (1950s-1960s) include Jose de Rivera, Franz Kline, Jackson Pollock, and Larry Rivers.



Yearbook 8 The class is working in groups to create a “fine art” photo using digital cameras. They have brainstormed and are creating the photo using appropriate “props” to complete the assignment. Appropriate camera use and technical skill are important in this basic photography lesson. Students have observed photos by famous photographers like Dorothy Lange and Ansel Adams.

Spanish — Mr. Garcia

Spanish I Students have been doing lessons on how to greet each other, count to 100, tell time, date, and year, recite the alphabet, and discuss the weather.

Spanish II students have been preparing lessons on how to speak about themselves and others including discussing sports, music and literature, they have been conjugating verbs and practicing interrogative phrasing and worked on their own poem to describe themselves and what they have learned in school so far. Students can continue to develop their Spanish skills by using the websites: www.whystudyspanish.com and www.quia.com



TB Elimination

Tuberculosis: General Information

What is TB?

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by germs that are spread from person to person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, the kidneys, or the spine. A person with TB can die if they do not get treatment.

What are the Symptoms of TB?

The general symptoms of TB disease include feelings of sickness or weakness, weight loss, fever, and night sweats. The symptoms of TB disease of the lungs also include coughing, chest pain, and the coughing up of blood. Symptoms of TB disease in other parts of the body depend on the area affected.

How is TB Spread?

TB germs are put into the air when a person with TB disease of the lungs or throat coughs, sneezes, speaks, or sings. These germs can stay in the air for several hours, depending on the environment. Persons who breathe in the air containing these TB germs can become infected; this is called latent TB infection.

What is the Difference Between Latent TB Infection and TB Disease?

People with latent TB infection have TB germs in their bodies, but they are not sick because the germs are not active. These people do not have symptoms of TB disease, and they cannot spread the germs to others. However, they may develop TB disease in the future. They are often prescribed treatment to prevent them from developing TB disease.

People with TB disease are sick from TB germs that are active, meaning that they are multiplying and destroying tissue in their body. They usually have

symptoms of TB disease. People with TB disease of the lungs or throat are capable of spreading germs to others. They are prescribed drugs that can treat TB disease.

What Should I Do If I Have Spent Time with Someone with Latent TB Infection?

A person with latent TB infection cannot spread germs to other people. You do not need to be tested if you have spent time with someone with latent TB infection. However, if you have spent time with someone with TB disease or someone with symptoms of TB, you should be tested.

What Should I Do if I Have Been Exposed to Someone with TB Disease?

People with TB disease are most likely to spread the germs to people they spend time with every day, such as family members or coworkers. If you have been around someone who has TB disease, you should go to your doctor or your local health department for tests.

How Do You Get Tested for TB?

There are tests that can be used to help detect TB infection: a skin test or TB blood tests. The Mantoux tuberculin skin test is performed by injecting a small amount of fluid (called tuberculin) into the skin in the lower part of the arm. A person given the tuberculin skin test must return within 48 to 72 hours to have a trained health care worker look for a reaction on the arm. The TB blood tests measures how the patient's immune system reacts to the germs that cause TB.

What Does a Positive Test for TB Infection Mean?

A positive test for TB infection only tells that a person has been infected with TB germs. It does not tell whether or not the person has progressed to TB disease. Other tests, such as a chest x-ray and a sample of sputum, are needed to see whether the person has TB disease.

What is Bacille Calmette–Guèrin (BCG)?

BCG is a vaccine for TB disease. BCG is used in many countries, but it is not generally recommended in the United States. BCG vaccination does not completely prevent people from getting TB. It may also cause a false positive tuberculin skin test. However, persons who have been vaccinated with BCG can be given a tuberculin skin test or TB blood test.

Why is Latent TB Infection Treated?

If you have latent TB infection but not TB disease, your doctor may want you to take a drug to kill the TB germs and prevent you from developing TB disease. The decision about taking treatment for latent infection will be based on your chances of developing TB disease. Some people are more likely than others to develop TB disease once they have TB infection. This includes people with HIV infection, people who were recently exposed to someone with TB disease, and people with certain medical conditions.

How is TB Disease Treated?

TB disease can be treated by taking several drugs for 6 to 12 months. It is very important that people who have TB disease finish the medicine, and take the drugs exactly as prescribed. If they stop taking the drugs too soon, they can become sick again; if they do not take the drugs correctly, the germs that are still alive may become resistant to those drugs. TB that is resistant to drugs is harder and more expensive to treat. In some situations, staff of the local health department meet regularly with patients who have TB to watch them take their medications. This is called directly observed therapy (DOT). DOT helps the patient complete treatment in the least amount of time.

Additional Information

CDC. Questions and Answers About TB
<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/faqs/default.htm>

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Halloween Costume Fundraiser, 2012

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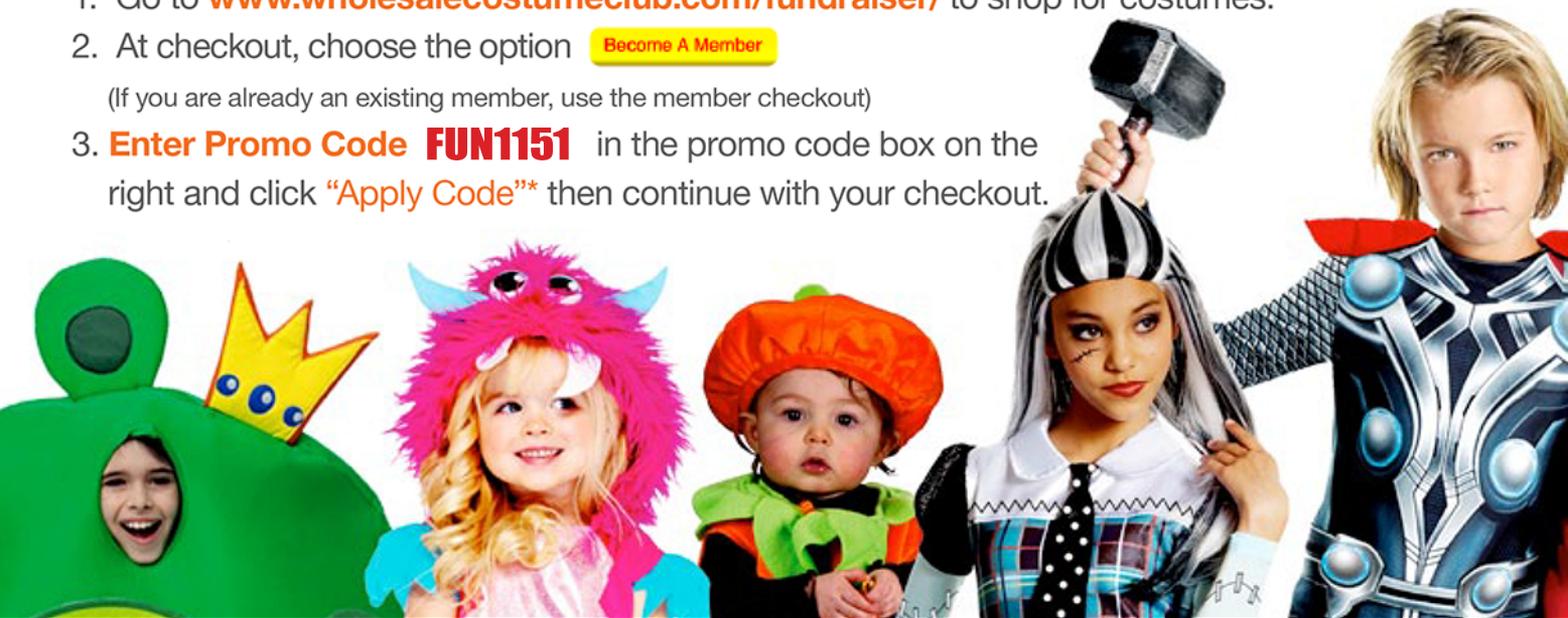
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