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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.

Influenza Vaccinations SY 2012 - 2013

In response to guidance received from Director, DoDEA and the Command Surgeon, US European Command, the seasonal flu immunization will remain a requirement for enrollment in DoDDS-E schools. Students will be permitted thirty (30) days from the time the local medical authority notifies the school administration that the flu vaccine is available to obtain the required flu immunization. We are pleased to announce that we have arranged a Flu Immunization Clinic as follows:

October 9th = K, 1, 2, 3, 4

October 10th = 5, 6, 7, 8

Please read and complete the attached information, and return your 2 permission forms (both the Boeblingen Elementary and Middle School Immunization Permission Form and the Pediatric Screening document) by OCTOBER 3, 2012, to your child's homeroom or advisory teacher or the school nurse.

You will have until November 12, 2012, to meet this immunization requirement for your child. If you are planning to complete the attached Exemption Request Form due to medical or personal reasons or to take your child to your own medical provider for the immunization, we will need a copy of this documentation by the suspense date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us in the Health Office 431-2274.

EFMP

The Stuttgart Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Cancer Support Group is actively seeking people who have been affected by cancer to join its monthly support group meetings. Whether it is on your own behalf, or on someone else's, please join us, on the last Thursday of every month, at Army Community Service, Panzer Kaserne, Bldg 2915, from 1130-1230.

The purpose of the EFMP Cancer Support Group is to provide emotional and social support for people touched by any type of cancer, directly, or indirectly. Our meeting is a safe place where your feelings can be expressed, and are validated, understood, and respected. You may choose to openly talk about your fears and emotions, without the concern of being judged. The support group is also a place where you are able to share coping skills, and resilience tools that have helped you, and will help others, triumph in spite of adversities.

Ultimately, YOUR support group lets you know that you are not alone!

Please contact us for more details: DSN 431-3326/CIV [07031-15-3326](tel:07031-15-3326),
Danielle.denis.civ@mail.mil; or 0151 2598 2592, oandtolivo@yahoo.com

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

1 October	School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting – 3:00 in the library
2, 3, 4 October	School Photos
5 October	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
8 October	Columbus Day – No School for Students
12 October	Middle School Dance
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

2012-2013 Pediatric and Adolescent Influenza Screening Questionnaire

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Student's/Recipient's Name: (last, first)	Student's Date of Birth: (month/ day/ year)	Sponsor's SSN:
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Sponsor's Service: Army Air Force Navy/Marine Corps	Sponsor's Status: Active Duty Reserve/NG Dependent Civilian Retired
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1.	Is your child younger than 2 years of age?	No	Yes
2.	Has your child ever received a seasonal influenza vaccine?	No	Yes
3.	Does your child currently feel sick or have a fever?	No	Yes
4.	Has your child ever had a serious reaction to a flu vaccination in the past?	No	Yes
5.	Does your child have a history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS)?	No	Yes
6.	Does your child have allergy to any of the following: <i>eggs, egg protein, MSG, gentamicin, neomycin, polymyxin, gelatin, arginine, thimerosal, formaldehyde, or vaccine components?</i>	No	Yes
7.	Is your child taking any prescription medicines to prevent or treat influenza? <i>Have they taken any antivirals in the last 48 hours?</i>	No	Yes
8.	Is the adolescent to be vaccinated pregnant?	No	Yes
9.	Does your child have a history of <i>asthma, reactive airway disease, or wheezing?</i>	No	Yes
10.	Does your child have heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, liver disease, neurological or neuromuscular disease, metabolic disorders (e.g., diabetes), blood disorder or any other chronic health conditions?	No	Yes
11.	Does your child have a weakened immune system because of HIV or another disease that affects the immune system; take long-term high dose steroid treatments, or cancer treatment with radiation or drugs?	No	Yes
12.	Does your child live with or expect to have contact with severely immunocompromised individuals who must be in a protective environment (those in isolation)?	No	Yes
13.	Has your child received any vaccines within the last 30 days or are they going to receive any additional vaccines within the next 4 weeks?	No	Yes
14.	Is your child taking aspirin or aspirin-containing products?	No	Yes

*I have read, or have had explained to me, the information in the 2012-2013 Influenza Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS). I have also had a chance to ask any questions and they were answered to my satisfaction. I understand the benefits and risks of the influenza vaccine.
(This form is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974)*

Parent/Recipient's signature _____ Date _____

Below to be completed by health care provider only

<input type="checkbox"/> Give injectable flu vaccine today		Comments:
<input type="checkbox"/> Give intranasal flu vaccine today		Interviewer's Signature:
<input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT administer flu vaccine today		

Vaccine Administered

<input type="checkbox"/> Live Intranasal Flumist	<input type="checkbox"/> Inactivated Influenza Fluzone Shot <i>(Infant/Toddler)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Inactivated Influenza Fluzone Shot <i>Only high risk contraindicated for Flumist (Toddler/Pre-schooler)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Inactivated Influenza Afluria Shot <i>(Pre-schooler/Adult)</i> <i>** May be used for 5 yrs and older if no other vaccine is available per ACIP guidelines)</i>
Ages: 2yrs ---49yrs Dose: 0.2ml Route: Intranasal Lot # _____	Ages: 6 months ----- 35 months (2.9yrs) Dose: 0.25ml Route: IM L / R Deltoid Lot # _____	Ages: 36 months ----- 8 yrs (3yrs) Dose: 0.5ml Route: IM L / R Deltoid Lot # _____	Ages: 9 yrs and older ** Dose: 0.5ml Route: IM L / R Deltoid Lot # _____

Administered by:	Date:
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Influenza Vaccine

Inactivated

What You Need to Know

2012 - 2013

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See www.immunize.org/vis.Hojas de Información Sobre Vacunas están disponibles en Español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite <http://www.immunize.org/vis>

1 Why get vaccinated?

Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease.

It is caused by the influenza virus, which can be spread by coughing, sneezing, or nasal secretions.

Anyone can get influenza, but rates of infection are highest among children. For most people, symptoms last only a few days. They include:

- fever/chills
- sore throat
- muscle aches
- fatigue
- cough
- headache
- runny or stuffy nose

Other illnesses can have the same symptoms and are often mistaken for influenza.

Young children, people 65 and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions – such as heart, lung or kidney disease, or a weakened immune system – can get much sicker. Flu can cause high fever and pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. It can cause diarrhea and seizures in children. Each year thousands of people die from influenza and even more require hospitalization.

By getting flu vaccine you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others.

2 Inactivated influenza vaccine

There are two types of influenza vaccine:

1. **Inactivated** (killed) vaccine, the “flu shot,” is given by injection with a needle.
2. **Live, attenuated** (weakened) influenza vaccine is sprayed into the nostrils. *This vaccine is described in a separate Vaccine Information Statement.*

A “high-dose” inactivated influenza vaccine is available for people 65 years of age and older. Ask your doctor for more information.

Influenza viruses are always changing, so annual vaccination is recommended. Each year scientists try to match the viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause flu that year. Flu vaccine will not prevent disease from other viruses, including flu viruses not contained in the vaccine.

It takes up to 2 weeks for protection to develop after the shot. Protection lasts about a year.

Some inactivated influenza vaccine contains a preservative called thimerosal. Thimerosal-free influenza vaccine is available. Ask your doctor for more information.

3 Who should get inactivated influenza vaccine and when?

WHO

All people **6 months of age and older** should get flu vaccine.

Vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of severe influenza and their close contacts, including healthcare personnel and close contacts of children younger than 6 months.

WHEN

Get the vaccine as soon as it is available. This should provide protection if the flu season comes early. You can get the vaccine as long as illness is occurring in your community.

Influenza can occur at any time, but most influenza occurs from October through May. In recent seasons, most infections have occurred in January and February. Getting vaccinated in December, or even later, will still be beneficial in most years.

Adults and older children need one dose of influenza vaccine each year. But some children younger than 9 years of age need two doses to be protected. Ask your doctor.

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines, including pneumococcal vaccine.

4 Some people should not get inactivated influenza vaccine or should wait.

- Tell your doctor if you have any severe (life-threatening) allergic reactions to any vaccine component. A severe allergy to any vaccine component may be a reason not to get the vaccine. Allergic reactions to influenza vaccine are rare.



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Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

- Tell your doctor if you ever had a severe reaction after a dose of influenza vaccine.
- Tell your doctor if you ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness, also called GBS). Your doctor will help you decide whether the vaccine is recommended for you.
- People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting flu vaccine. If you are ill, talk to your doctor about whether to reschedule the vaccination. People with a mild illness can usually get the vaccine.

5 What are the risks from inactivated influenza vaccine?

A vaccine, like any medicine, could possibly cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of a vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small.

Serious problems from inactivated influenza vaccine are very rare. The viruses in inactivated influenza vaccine have been killed, so you cannot get influenza from the vaccine.

Mild problems:

- soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given
 - hoarseness; sore, red or itchy eyes; cough
 - fever • aches • headache • itching • fatigue
- If these problems occur, they usually begin soon after the shot and last 1-2 days.

Moderate problems:

Young children who get inactivated flu vaccine and pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) at the same time appear to be at increased risk for seizures caused by fever. Ask your doctor for more information.

Tell your doctor if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

Severe problems:

- Life-threatening allergic reactions from vaccines are very rare. If they do occur, it is usually within a few minutes to a few hours after the shot.
- In 1976, a type of inactivated influenza (swine flu) vaccine was associated with Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). Since then, flu vaccines have not been clearly linked to GBS. However, if there is a risk of GBS from current flu vaccines, it would be no more than 1 or 2 cases per million people vaccinated. This is much lower than the risk of severe influenza, which can be prevented by vaccination.

The safety of vaccines is always being monitored. For more information, visit:
www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/Vaccine_Monitoring/Index.html and

One brand of inactivated flu vaccine, called Afluria, **should not be given** to children 8 years of age or younger, except in special circumstances. A related vaccine was associated with fevers and fever-related seizures in young children in Australia. Your doctor can give you more information.

6 What if there is a severe reaction?

What should I look for?

- Any unusual condition, such as a high fever or unusual behavior. Signs of a serious allergic reaction can include difficulty breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heart beat or dizziness.

What should I do?

- **Call** a doctor, or get the person to a doctor right away.
- **Tell** your doctor what happened, the date and time it happened, and when the vaccination was given.
- **Ask** your doctor, nurse, or health department to report the reaction by filing a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) form. Or you can file this report through the VAERS web site at www.vaers.hhs.gov, or by calling **1-800-822-7967**.

VAERS does not provide medical advice.

7 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) was created in 1986.

People who believe they may have been injured by a vaccine can learn about the program and about filing a claim by calling **1-800-338-2382** or visiting the VICP website at www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation.

8 How can I learn more?

- Ask your doctor. They can give you the vaccine package insert or suggest other sources of information.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call **1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO)** or
 - Visit www.cdc.gov/flu

Vaccine Information Statement (Interim)
Influenza Vaccine
(Inactivated)

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Influenza Vaccine

Live, Intranasal

What You Need to Know

2012 - 2013

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By getting flu vaccine you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others.

2 Live, attenuated influenza vaccine - LAIV (nasal spray)

There are two types of influenza vaccine:

1. **Live, attenuated** influenza vaccine (LAIV) contains live but attenuated (weakened) influenza virus. It is sprayed into the nostrils.
2. **Inactivated** (killed) influenza vaccine, the “flu shot,” is given by injection with a needle. *This vaccine is described in a separate Vaccine Information Statement.*

In *the United States*, Each year scientists try to match the viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause flu that year. Flu vaccine will not prevent disease from other viruses, including flu viruses not contained in the vaccine.

It takes up to 2 weeks for protection to develop after the vaccination. Protection lasts about a year.

LAIV does not contain thimerosal or other preservatives.

3 Who can receive LAIV?

LAIV is recommended for healthy people **2 through 49 years of age**, who are not pregnant and do not have certain health conditions (see #4, below).

4 Some people should not receive LAIV

LAIV is not recommended for everyone. The following people should get the inactivated vaccine (flu shot) instead:

- **Adults 50 years of age and older or children from 6 through 23 months of age.** (Children younger than 6 months should not get either influenza vaccine.)
- Children younger than 5 years with asthma or one or more episodes of wheezing within the past year.
- Pregnant women.
- People who have long-term health problems with:
 - heart disease
 - kidney or liver disease
 - lung disease
 - metabolic disease, such as diabetes
 - asthma
 - a *(such as seizure disorders or cerebral palsy) that can lead to breathing or swallowing problems.*
- Anyone with a weakened immune system.
- Anyone in close contact with someone whose immune system is so weak they require care in a protected environment (such as a bone marrow transplant unit). *Close contacts of other people with a weakened immune system (such as those with HIV) may receive LAIV. Healthcare personnel in neonatal intensive care units or oncology clinics may receive LAIV.*
- Children or adolescents on long-term aspirin treatment.

Tell your doctor if you have any severe (life-threatening) allergies, including a severe allergy to eggs. A severe allergy to any vaccine component may be a reason not to get the vaccine. Allergic reactions to influenza vaccine are rare.

Tell your doctor if you ever had a severe reaction after a dose of influenza vaccine.

Tell your doctor if you ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness, also called GBS). Your doctor will help you decide whether the vaccine is recommended for you.



Tell your doctor if you have gotten any other vaccines in the past 4 weeks.

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People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting flu vaccine. If you are ill, talk to your doctor about whether to reschedule the vaccination. People with a mild illness can usually get the vaccine.

5 When should I receive influenza vaccine?

Get the vaccine as soon as it is available. This should provide protection if the flu season comes early. You can get the vaccine as long as illness is occurring in your community.

Influenza can occur any time, but most influenza occurs from October through May. In recent seasons, most infections have occurred in January and February. Getting vaccinated in December, or even later, will still be beneficial in most years.

Adults and older children need one dose of influenza vaccine each year. But some children younger than 9 years of age need two doses to be protected. Ask your doctor.

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

6 What are the risks from LAIV?

A vaccine, like any medicine, could possibly cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of a vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small.

Live influenza vaccine viruses very rarely spread from person to person. Even if they do, they are not likely to cause illness.

LAIV is made from weakened virus and does not cause influenza. The vaccine can cause mild symptoms in people who get it (see below).

Mild problems:

Some children and adolescents 2-17 years of age have reported:

- runny nose, nasal congestion or cough
- fever
- headache and muscle aches
- wheezing
- abdominal pain or occasional vomiting or diarrhea

Some adults 18-49 years of age have reported:

- runny nose or nasal congestion
- sore throat
- cough, chills, tiredness/weakness
- headache

Severe problems:

- Life-threatening allergic reactions from vaccines are very rare. If they do occur, it is usually within a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccination.
- If rare reactions occur with any product, they may not be identified until thousands, or millions, of people have

used it. Millions of doses of LAIV have been distributed since it was licensed, and the vaccine has not been associated with any serious problems.

The safety of vaccines is always being monitored. For more information, visit:

www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/Vaccine_Monitoring/Index.html and
www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/Activities/Activities_Index.html

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Boeblingen Middle School

6th Grade Newsletter

September

School Year 2012/2013

Math



In the world of Math we are focusing in on Algebra: Number Patterns and Functions.

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



Social Studies

Students are learning about the civilizations of ancient Mesopotamia. During the week of September 24th and Oct 1st student will identify similarities and differences of the Assyrians and Babylonians, be introduced to Judaism, review the Sumerians and Akkadians and prepare for their chapter 1 and 2 test.

AVID/LIFE SKILLS

School and Life Success (aka Study Skills) We have stayed very busy these first 4 weeks of class. We are working hard to stay up to date and organized with our Agendas, Notebooks and Lockers. This week we will be tackling "Learning Styles" and study tips to compliment those styles. Additionally, we have been using the Second Step program to enhance our social skills. To date, we have concentrated on active listening, empathy, understanding the other persons' perspective and disagreeing respectfully. **AVID 6** is off and running. We are learning to work together to make sure everyone's agendas, notebooks and lockers are neat and organized. We are putting special emphasis on being a supportive and respectful community. At our study trip to the AbenteuerPark - Lichtenstein last week, I saw team work, compassion and tenacity. Now that defines an AVID student!

Science



Science is finishing up Chapter 1: Exploring and Classifying Life, (this week test: September 21, A-day and September 24, B-day).

Chapter 2: Cells-Unit of Life starts September 24 and we will start Science Journals that week (note: students will need to bring in the extra binder for the journal set up).

Keyboarding



Computer Applications (6th grade): We've just finished up our plagiarism project. The student's assignment was to preview, read and then take notes on a power point presentation on plagiarism. Our goal was preventive in nature. Our students must know what plagiarism is and what they can do to avoid it. In these days of copy and paste it is easy to become confused when conducting research. Emphasis was placed on acknowledging other's work and proper footnoting.

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Health

We are learning the steps to make good decisions and how we can work on self esteem.



Language Arts

In Mr. Gale's class... Starting a new story, Mother Fletcher's Gift. The skills and strategies used will be Character Development and Summarizing.

We continue to read The Alchemist out loud each day.



In Mrs. Nelson's class... During the first week of school, students chose a **Reading Counts' Book** to read. Students are keeping track of the pages they read, now, in a Reading Log. Before the end of the quarter (Nov. 1st), students will take a Reading Counts' Test, write a one to three page summary and give a 3-5 minute book talk. In addition, students will soon finish the **Final Draft of their Summer Break Paper**. Please ensure that papers meet the requirements listed on the "Summer Break Paper Checklist." Students will continue to work on their **sentence writing** throughout the year by doing exercises in unscrambling, imitating, combining, and expanding. Finally, students are memorizing some lines in an educational Rap called "Sit Down and Write." An MP3 file of this rap was sent to you at the email address we have on file. If you did not get this file, please email me. stephanie.nelson@eu.dodea.edu. Thank you.



PTA News

School Photos

Student photos are scheduled for October 2, 3, and 4. A flyer is being sent home with each student giving specific information about your student's appointment with the photographer.

Class Parent Volunteers Needed

We are still searching for room parent volunteers for our 6th and 8th grade advisory classes. For more information regarding this opportunity, please contact Debi Hulitt at debajen@yahoo.com.

Middle School Dance

BEMS will host its first middle school dance of the year on Friday, October 12, from 6-9 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets will go on sale Monday, October 8, during lunch period. Students must have a permission slip signed by their parents in order to purchase tickets. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, refreshments and chaperone duties. Please contact Sharon Paz at sharon.paz@eu.dodea.edu if you have any questions, or if you would like to help.

Lego Club

We are excited to announce that we have added an additional day to our Lego Club grades K-4. Lego Club meets once a month on either Monday or Tuesday from 2:30-4:30. If your child is interested in joining Lego Club, please contact Natalie Tabet at nattabet@gmail.com. Space is limited and available on a first come first served basis.

Scholastic Book Order

All Scholastic orders are due by October 1st. For ordering information, please visit the BEMS PTA website, www.bemspta.org, for more details. The site will provide information including how to set up a family account, the teacher activation codes, and a link to the Scholastic website.

JOIN US AT BEMS GYM

FOR YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fall Dance

Friday, October 12th
SIX - NINE p m

TICKET SALES BEGIN
MONDAY OCTOBER 8TH
THE COST \$5 WITH A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP

BEMS STUDENTS SHARE THEIR ARTWORK WITH THE WORLD!



Move Over Famous Artists! BEMS PTA artists are taking over the spotlight! Mary Jager, the school's Art Teacher, and BEMS PTA has teamed up with Artsonia, www.artsonia.com -- the world's largest online kid's art museum -- to display the students' artwork.

Anyone can view the school gallery online at: www.artsonia.com/schools/Bems1. Visitors can browse the artwork in the school gallery by grade level, or by specific exhibits. BEMS PTA students join thousands of students from over 100 countries whose artwork is showcased on Artsonia. "This program is a wonderful way to get parents and family members more involved in Art Education," said Mary Jager.

All of Artsonia's artwork (nearly 10 million and counting!) are viewable online, and any teacher or parent can create an online art gallery for their child or school. Artsonia provides several online features such as fan clubs and personal guestbooks, as a way for families to encourage the creativity and imaginations of their young artists.

Headquartered in Gurnee, Illinois, USA, Artsonia was established in 2000 as an online kid's art museum providing free, educational resources for kids, families and schools to create art projects. Since its inception, Artsonia continues to integrate technology in the classroom, develop multi-cultural understanding through art and increase family involvement in children's education. To find out more, visit www.artsonia.com.

BOEBLINGEN ELEMENTARY ART DEPARTMENT

Dear Parent:

Our school has become a member of Artsonia.com (www.artsonia.com), the largest online student art museum. Artsonia showcases artwork from thousands of schools around the world. Boeblingen Elementary Art Department and Artsonia's goals are to develop students' pride and self-esteem, increase their multicultural understanding through art and involve parents and relatives in student education and accomplishments.

In accordance with our school policy, I am writing you to seek your permission for showcasing your child's artwork on our school's web gallery on Artsonia. The permission will cover their tenure at our school. (If you signed a release in a past year, you need not sign again this year.)

Please read the note below, sign this form and return it to me or your child's classroom teacher, so that I may publish your child's artwork. This is a unique, safe and exciting educational opportunity for the students. Let's join the millions of other famous child artists on the Internet!

Comments on your child's artwork: One of the most exciting features about being published on Artsonia's Art Museum is that friends and family can leave a nice comment for the artist and become a fan club member of the artist.

As a security feature, Artsonia requires the parent to pre-approve all comments before they are posted on the website. This is one of many examples of how important your child's safety and privacy are to Artsonia.

Contact me with further questions at mary.jager@eu.dodea.edu

Parental Permission Form:

PLEASE RETURN TO MRS. JAGER

I give my permission to display my child's artwork on Artsonia, in accordance with Artsonia's terms and conditions of use***.

I understand that Artsonia preserves students' privacy and anonymity by listing the artwork only under the student's first name and a number - last names are never revealed. I also understand that Artsonia *will only display comments on student artwork with parental permission*, and therefore grant Artsonia permission to email notifications to me when new comments are available for review. **NOTE: This permission will cover the entire tenure of my child at this school.**

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade/TEACHER: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email Address: _____

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