



The Paw

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"Together we can make a difference."

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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.

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

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



Artsonia

After you've browsed our fabulous Tapestry and Used Book Sales, don't forget to stop next door in Room 127 to check out the Artsonia display in Ms. Jager's art room. Artsonia is a perfect way to preserve your child's treasured artistic creations. They offer many wonderful products for all occasions personalized with your child's artwork. Find out all the information about the program including how to get registered today.

Tapestry and Used Book Sales

Don't forget to shop for tapestries and used books on *Thursday & Friday this week in Room 128*. Conveniently scheduled to coincide with parent-teacher conferences, we will be open from 8-4. It's a great way to get a jump on holiday shopping and load up on new reading materials for the long winter months!

Reflections

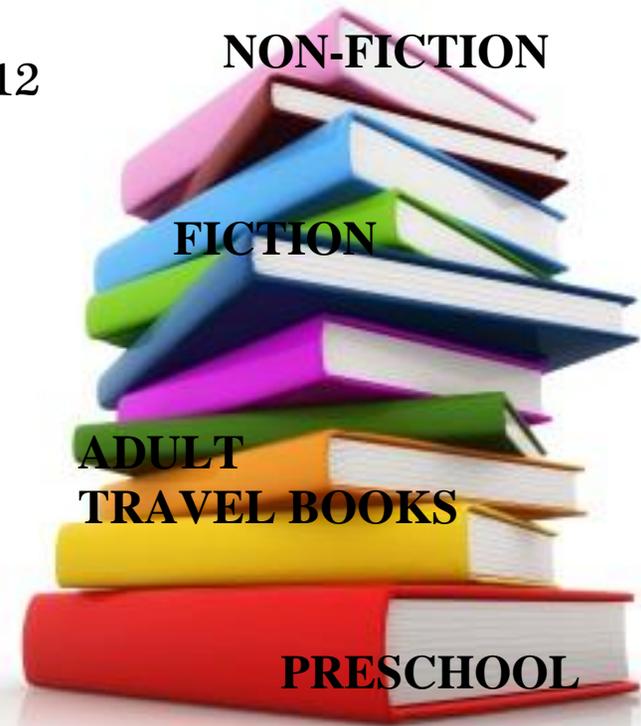
Has your child completed his/her Reflections entry yet? The deadline to enter is December 5th. Last year the PTA paid for 3 of our students and their families to go to Garmisch to receive their awards at the European Level. This year it could be your child on that trip! For more details, visit the BEMS PTA website. www.bemspta.org

Your Link to School Photos www.internationalmemories.us

It's not too late to order school photos. To view proofs and order, simply use the above link and follow these logon directions. Use 2013BEMS and two numbers* as the user ID and the password. *If your child is in kindergarten the last two would be "KG". If they are home schooled children, use "HOME" behind 2013BEMS always with no spaces. 2013BEMS04 is the user ID and password for fourth grade, for example. Locate your teacher on the left side. Then search for your child's pictures.

Böblingen Elementary/Middle School PTA presents the Fall 2012

USED BOOK SALE



THURSDAY, NOV. 15 8:00-16:00

FRIDAY, NOV. 16 8:00-16:00

{during school conferences — how convenient!}

Location: BEMS room (first floor, turn right at the gym)

Also, ***TAPESTRY SALE!*** Beautiful table runners, blankets, holiday décor, Reisenthal bags and much more!

Get your holiday shopping done!

For more information visit www.bemspta.org



Holiday Gift Shop

Coming In Two Weeks

November 30th-December 6th

Find gifts for:



Brothers



Sisters



Pets



Dads



Moms



**Baby Brother
or Sister**



Teachers

Grandparents

It can be hard for the youngest members of our community to participate in the holidays. They want to be part of the gift-giving season and provide surprises of their own during this time. When living in a foreign country most of our children do not have a family member or neighbor who will take them out to do their own holiday shopping.

With the BEMS PTA Holiday Gift Shop, wonderful memories are created for the children while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. Children are able to purchase gifts for family and friends in the safety and security of their own school. For many children, this may be the first time they experience the thrill of personally picking out gifts for family and friends.

Imagine the fun they will have surprising a loved one with a "secret" gift they have bought...all by themselves.

Each and every present is gift wrapped by adult volunteers so the surprise remains until it is gift-giving time in your house.

We have shopped all year to find unique things for your family. The HGS features many different gift items priced within a child's budget—from \$1.00 to \$12.00, with most gifts in the \$3-\$7 range. Items include: toys, coffee mugs, jewelry, gloves, pottery, coloring books, votives, and so much more.

They'll find something here for everyone on a child's list: Mom, Dad, Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents, Teachers, Special Friends and Pets.

We welcome you to be a part of this experience by reviewing the "gift planning sheet." It will be sent home in advance so you can help your child decide who gifts should be selected for and how much should be spent.

Classes will be assigned times to go to the gift shop. Look for notices from your teachers for which day your child will attend. If your child is absent on their assigned day the gift shop will be open after school on Tuesday, December 4th and Wednesday, December 5th until 4pm. You will need to provide transportation if you want your child to shop during this time.

We hope that all children will participate in the gift shop, but want to stress this is a voluntary event.

Questions? Would you like to volunteer to wrap or assist students?
<http://vols.pt/EUvy5z>

~BEMS PTA Holiday Gift Shop Committee

Gift prices range from \$1.00 to \$12

Reflections 2012-2013 ~ “The Magic of a Moment”



PTA REFLECTIONS

About Reflections & General Information

Reflections is a FREE program sponsored by the National PTA every year for all students in Pre-K through 12th grade regardless of skill level. This program encourages students to express his/her artistic talents by writing, dancing, composing, & creating visual art. All creations are based on a theme.

The Theme for 2012-2013 is "The Magic of a Moment".

How does a student participate?

- Think about what the theme “The Magic of a Moment” means to him/her.
- Select one (or more) of the categories below to express the theme.
- Attach a completed National PTA Reflections Local Student Entry Form to the entry.
- **Make sure you follow the guidelines of “Reflections: Rules at a Glance,” attached to this packet.**

The Categories are:

Musical Composition	Literature	Photography
Dance Choreography	Visual Arts	Film/Video Productions

What awards will participants receive?

- All entries submitted according to program guidelines will be put on display.
- All participants will receive participation certificates.
- Local winners will receive medals and will advance to the state and possibly national levels.
- Winners at the national level can receive cash awards, medals and recognition in the annual PTA Reflections online gallery.

Entries will be judged in three age groups per category: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8

Last year BEMS had three winners at the state level. The PTA paid for these families to go to Garmisch to receive their awards. One student won at the national level and has his creation in the National PTA Reflections online gallery.

Entry Deadline Wednesday, December 5th , 2012