

October 2, 2009

Grizzly Growler

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OUR MISSION

The mission of Grafenwoehr Elementary School is to maintain a meaningful partnership with the community through which physical well being, academic growth, and emotional support are provided to all learners.

OUR GOALS

1. All students will improve their written expression across the curriculum.
2. All students will improve their vocabulary across the curriculum.

From our Principal Mrs. Bailey

Dear Parents,

Today we had an evacuation drill. We do this twice a year. Our students conducted themselves in a very orderly manner. I was very impressed with them. Throughout the year we do various exercises to prepare in case of an emergency. Because we do not announce any drills ahead of time we need you to let us know if there is a change in your child's day. If you are going to pick your child up early please send us a note with the day and time (please date the note). This way we can plan accordingly. Thank you for keeping us informed of any changes for your child.

Lost and Found is growing daily at GES. Please have your child check the lost and found for any items that may belong to them. I have already returned jackets and lunchboxes because they had names on them. Please do label clothing (jackets, mittens, hats, scarves etc.) and we will return items to the child that owns the items.

Does your child need help with homework and you just can't help them? There is a website just for you and your child. It is at the military one source site. You can access it at www.myarmyonesource.com/cyss_tutor. Please bookmark this site and check it out if your child is having difficulty with homework.

Our Volksmarch is this coming Thursday. We hope many of you will be able to walk with your child's class. There will be no lunches provided on this day. Even if children stay at school they will need to bring a lunch. We appreciate your support with our Volksmarch. On Sunday after the Volksmarch you are welcome to join us at the stadthalle. Grafenwoehr Elementary School usually wins the trophy for the most participants. It is a fun event.

We will not be in school on the 9th of October. This is a day we will work on Continuous School Improvement. Our teachers will be looking at data from the last year and discussing ways we can help all children improve. It is a jam packed day for us but helps us focus on how best to help all of our students. You are welcome to join us.

We will also not be in school on the 12th to celebrate Columbus Day. The 13th will be a ½ day early dismissal. Students will be dismissed at 11:15.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Dates to Remember

8 October
Volksmarch

9 October - No School
Continuous School Improvement (CSI)

12 October - No School
Columbus Day

13 October - Early
Release at 11:15 am

28 October
Makeup Picture Day

Special points of interest:

- PCSing? You must give 5 school days notice for records to be processed.

Last week Grafenwoehr ES was visited by the DoDEA Director, Dr. Shirley Miles and the Principal Deputy Director and Associate Director for Education, Mr. Charlie Toth. They both enjoyed their visit. We appreciate them taking time out of their busy schedules to visit our great school.



From our Nurse

Old man winter has made his grand entrance into our community with rainy and chilly mornings. With this in mind, please make the correct adjustments to your child's attire. Children need to dress for the cold weather by wearing coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. Also, with the first snowfall, proper waterproof shoes are a necessity as the children will have outdoor recess unless the weather has precipitation that particular day.

Dressing correctly for the cold weather will help insure that your child does not get sick easily. Dressing in layered clothing including sweaters or vests helps your child take these off inside the class when they feel too hot or cold after recess.

As your child dresses for weather changes, this can help your child concentrate more effectively on school work if they feel warm and cozy. Please ensure your child goes to school each morning with proper clothing for the season and for their health and well being.

Reminder -- October 8 is the Grafenwoehr Elementary school's Volksmarch and we want every child to dress for the weather so it can be a fun-filled day to remember!

Chorus at Grafenwoehr



Dear Parents:

Chorus is off to a good start and as of September 30 this is our roll. Some adjustments may be made and will be posted in next week's Grizzly Growler. The students are learning songs for our October PTSA meeting as well as our December concert for the PTSA meeting. Again, chorus is open for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and will run through December 17.

In January we will start a chorus for kindergarten, 1st and 2nd.

V.I.P. Parent Volunteer

Mrs. A. said, "I enjoy teaching children what I know. To see their faces with smiles and being happy. I had a great time with the kids. Showing them how to make piñatas. I hope they ask me again for a visit."



Announcements

Competitive Swimmers Wanted!

VG Vipers Swim Team

(Vilsek/Grafenwohr) Swim Team is looking for boys and girls 6- 19 years old.

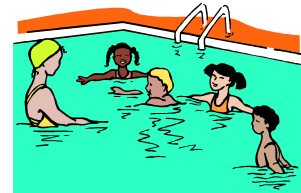
- You must know how to swim.
- Be willing to travel for meets.
- Be ready to have fun!

Practice: Mondays 1700 hrs, Wednesday and Fridays 1730 hrs. at the Eschenbach Swim hall.

We are part of the European Forces Swim League (EFSL) *"Touring Europe one pool at a time."*

Need more information go to www.vgvipers.yolasite.com.

VG Vipers
Vice President



What is the Crown Jewel Bazaar?

Each fall, the Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Community Spouses' Clubs and Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation come together to offer the community a shopping paradise at the fall Crown Jewel Bazaar. This wonderful event offers community members a place to do some early Holiday shopping and well as indulge in European delights

Vendors from across Europe come to the bazaar to offer their delights in one convenient location. Everything from delectable cheeses and wines to beautiful antiques and house wares are offered to shoppers. This year, the Crown Jewel Bazaar will feature more than 50 of Europe's finest vendors.

In addition to vendors, the Crown Jewel Bazaar offers delicious treats when you are ready for a break. Family Readiness Groups from Grafenwoehr and Vilseck will be selling food at booths outside; stop by for a snack or even lunch.

While you are there, don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets. This year there will be some exciting prizes given away like a Wii and Wii fit, an iPod touch or a Garmin GPS system. Look for ticket pre-sales outside of the Grafenwoehr PX and the Vilseck Commissary. You can also purchase your tickets at the bazaar.

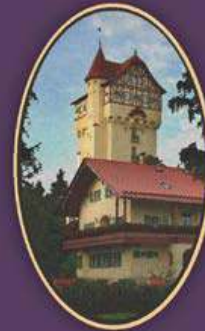
The Crown Jewel Bazaar is the largest fundraiser for the Community Spouses' Clubs. The money raised at the bazaar goes back into the community in the form of welfare grants and scholarships. So, while you are shopping, you are helping the organizations within your community.

If you are new to Germany, or just haven't been able to make it to your favorite shopping destination, the Crown Jewel Bazaar will have something for you. Come be treated like royalty and save a fortune!

Hosted by the Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Community and Spouses' Clubs

Crown Jewel Bazaar

October 16 to 18, 2009



Bazaar Location:

Grafenwoehr Field House, Bldg. 547

Ribbon Cutting:

Friday, Oct 16, 11 a.m.

Opening Hours:

Friday, Oct 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Featuring Over 50 of Europe's Finest Vendors!

English Fine China, Rugs, Wines and Cheeses, Antique and Custom-made Furniture,

Bavarian Clothing, Italian Porcelain, Polish Pottery, Tapestries and Much More!

Be Treated Like Royalty and Save a Fortune!

Bazaar is open to all military ID card holders. Visa, Mastercard, cash and checks accepted.

Sorry, no strollers.

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