

October 9, 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,

There are several important things you need to know. We have a change in our schedule for 29 October 09. Our students will be dismissed at 11:15 as our teachers will be participating in mandatory training. Please mark your calendars and plan for this early dismissal.

Our first SAC (School Advisory Committee) meeting will be on 26 Oct 09 at 1600 in the Grizzly Room. Attached you will find a form to send back to school if you have any concerns that SAC needs to address. The SAC is already looking into the drop off point in the chapel parking lot. I have been observing the last few days and I have some concerns about safety in the parking lot. The idea of the two spaces on the edge of the parking lot, are to stop only long enough to drop your children. Please pull up into these designated spaces and let your children out of the car. They can walk down the gravel path or the sidewalk to get to school safely. If you will have your children get out of the car on the passenger side they will be safe from traffic.

Parking is very limited in our area. We share our lots with the chapel, JAG, JMTC, the bank, the USO, the Red Cross, the service credit union and the post office. At 8:00 parking is extremely limited. For the safety of our children I ask that you be very cautious when driving through any of the parking lots. I also ask that you do not "create" a parking space that is not marked. This causes confusion for everyone. The Garrison Safety office will be taking a look at the parking situation in our area. I hope that we can work together to make this area safer for our children. I appreciate your help and cooperation.

Finally, if you write your teacher to tell them a change for the end of the day or that your child will be absent please also email the office staff. By including the office staff we can get the message to the teacher or the substitute if the teacher is absent. Please let us know of any changes as early as possible. After 2:15 I cannot guarantee that messages will be read. If you know of changes before your child leaves for school, please send a note with the specific information. Please date the note so the teacher will know which day the change will take place.

Have a great day!

Dates to Remember

12 October - No School
Columbus Day

13 October - Early
Release at 11:15 am

28 October
Makeup Picture Day

29 October - Early
Release at 11:15 am

Special points of interest:

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

5 on Friday

On Fridays (not all and dates are to be determined), we have a program where we invite Parents/Community Members to meet with our administrators and CSI chairpersons.

This meeting is to allow you to become familiar with the Community Strategic Plan, Continuous School Improvement and to talk about how to make Grafenwoehr Elementary School the best it can be.

If you would like to be invited to one of these meetings, please complete the form below and send it back to school on Tuesday.

Invitations will be sent to those that send back the bottom half of this paper. You can be invited again, even if you attended one of our meetings last year.

Name _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email _____

Child(s) teacher(s) _____

From our Nurse



Dear Parent or Sponsor:

Below are measures Grafenwoehr Elementary School does to control infections that may arise among our student population. Disease is usually spread airborne (coughing or sneezing), or with direct contact with other bodily fluids as seen below.

Steps to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable diseases in the school setting include the following:

1. Toilet tissue, liquid soap dispenser, and disposable towels should always be available in all restrooms. All children should be taught proper hand washing and encouraged to practice this after using the restroom.
2. All children should wash their hands, with direct supervision as necessary, before eating.
3. Children should be discouraged from sharing food, personal grooming items, and cosmetics.
4. Younger children should be discouraged from placing others' fingers in their mouths, or their own fingers in the mouths of others, and from mouthing objects that others might use.
5. Proper sanitation procedures must be followed with regard to food handling and preparation, control of insects and rodents, and proper disposal of solid waste.

Having direct contact with the body fluids of another person can potentially provide the means by which many different infectious diseases can spread. Some examples of body fluids which transmit infection, and some of the diseases that can result, include the following:

Body Fluid

Eye discharge
Nose or throat discharge
Blood
Feces
Urine

Diseases Spread Through Contact with this are:

Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
Colds, influenza, parvovirus B19 (Fifth's disease)
Hepatitis B, C, HIV
Hepatitis A, shigellosis, giardiasis
Cytomegalovirus

Chorus News

The Grafenwoehr Elementary Chorus started last week. If you signed up for chorus, we won't practice this week because of the volksmarch but starting on October 15 we will be practicing every week. On October 29th the chorus will perform for PTSA.

