

Grizzly Growler

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DODEA MISSION

To provide a exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

GRAFENWOEHR E.S. VISION

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,

Last week our students, parents and NCOA sponsors had a fabulous time at the Volksmarch. On Sunday we received the trophy for most participants. Mayor Waechter and Col Sorenson presented the trophy to me for our school. It is on display in the office. Please come by and see it. Next week we will place it in the front trophy case. Thanks for your support of this great event that builds good relations with our Grafenwoehr City neighbors. I also want to thank our host nation teacher for all of the coordinating she did with the MPs to keep our folks safe and the NCOA for ensuring all classes had an extra adult to help with supervision and to ensure everyone had a great time. It was great to see so many people participating in such a fun event.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for 28 October-Make up picture day, 29 October- Early Release at 11:15, 29 October - PTSA at 6:00 and 30 October-STAR assembly.

The weather has turned much colder. Please dress your children appropriately. Layers are best so they can be removed in the classroom but can be put back on for the colder weather outside. We go outside for recess most days. Please start thinking about snow boots so your child's feet will stay nice and warm. We have had some sleet and snow is predicted in the next few days. If there is a delay in school or a school closure I notify you using email. Please ensure that we have the email you will check before leaving the house in the mornings. You can give us more than one email. You can also check the Garrison web site for weather updates at <http://g3operations.hqusaureur.army.mil/Divisions/OPS/ASGConditions/default.asp> This web site will let you know if school is closed or delayed.

Please label all clothing. It is amazing what is already making its way to the lost and found.



Dates to Remember

28 October
Makeup Picture Day

29 October - Early
Release at 11:15 am

29 October - PTSA
6:00 pm

30 October - STAR Assembly
1:45 pm



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 Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Eldredge, and our 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.

5 on Friday

Name _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email _____

Child(s) teacher(s) _____

From our Nurse

Grafenwoehr Elementary School welcomes all new students and parents. We are glad you are here!

As a DoDEA student, the immunization policy regarding immunizations is clear. For our school, each student needs the proper documentation reviewed by the school nurse prior to entry. Here is a link to the official DoDEA immunization certificate. http://www.dodea.edu/foia/iod/pdf/2942_0_M_F1.pdf

A good web site for reference is the Centers for Disease Control. Listed below is a link for the current 2009 immunizations for children 0-6 years.

http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/downloads/child/2009/09_0-6yrs_schedule_pr.pdf

If you have any questions about your child's immunization or any health concerns please call the Grafenwoehr School Nurse Office at 09641.83.7645 (DSN 475.7645). The office is open between the hours of 0755 and 1510. Thank you for making sure all students are up to date on immunizations.



"Boxes wanted!!!! Dear parents, for a US/German history project, we would like to ask you to send boxes to the school in the next few days. Preferably, the boxes have lids and can be closed firmly. Vielen Dank for your support."

H1N1 continues to be a concern for all of us. USAG-Grafenwoehr has provided this link so you can get more information and be informed. <http://www.chppmeur.healthcare.hqusareur.army.mil/sites/pi/pi.aspx> . If you have any questions about H1N1 please contact our school Nurse at 475-7645.

Kindergarten After School Story Time will be held on the following days: October 20 and 27; November 3, 10, and 17; and December 1st. The children come to my room and need to be picked up at 1545. The permission slips went home with Kindergarten students yesterday. Only 10 children will be accepted for this session. A lottery will be held if more than 10 children turn in permission slips. After this club is filled, a waiting list will be made for a second session which will be held in February and March. You will be notified today or Monday whether your child is in this after school activity. If you have any questions please call the school and leave a message. I will return your call.



URGENT! From our Registrar

Parents/ Sponsors:

Please take a few moments to fill out the student contact update form. We have been having problems with wrong phone numbers for home, cells, work and emergency contacts. Please - this is for the safety of your child(ren). We must always have updated information. You may send it back with your student to turn in to me.

Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter.

Registrar

Continuous School Improvement

Last Friday, the Grafenwoehr Elementary School Staff met to discuss our continuous school improvement process. Our first assignment of the day was to look at our mission statement. DoDEA has directed that all of DoDEA schools will have the **DoDEA mission** which is:

To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

We then reviewed our mission to make it our vision. The **Grafenwoehr Elementary School vision** is:

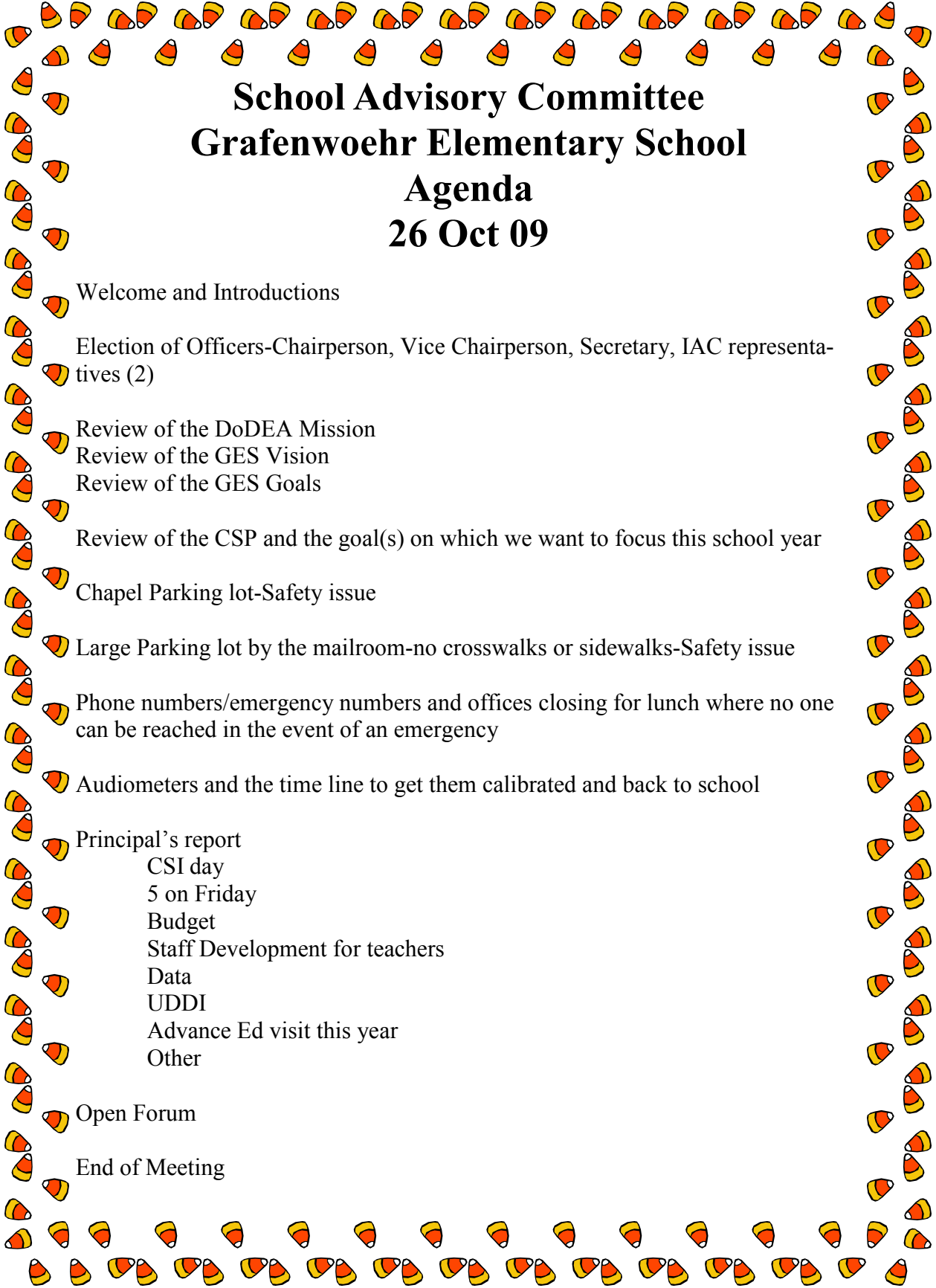
To maintain a meaningful partnership with the community through which physical well being, academic growth, and emotional support are provided to all learners.

We have **two goals** that we are all working to achieve. They are:

Goal 1: All students will improve their written expression by incorporating a variety of “word choice” and well developed “ideas” across the curriculum as measured by the selected system-wide and school based assessments by June 2011.

Goal 2: All students will improve their written vocabulary across the curriculum as measured by the selected system-wide and school based assessments by June 2011.

What you need to know is that we are working to:
Improve writing and Improve vocabulary



School Advisory Committee Grafenwoehr Elementary School Agenda 26 Oct 09

Welcome and Introductions

Election of Officers-Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, IAC representatives (2)

Review of the DoDEA Mission
Review of the GES Vision
Review of the GES Goals

Review of the CSP and the goal(s) on which we want to focus this school year

Chapel Parking lot-Safety issue

Large Parking lot by the mailroom-no crosswalks or sidewalks-Safety issue

Phone numbers/emergency numbers and offices closing for lunch where no one can be reached in the event of an emergency

Audiometers and the time line to get them calibrated and back to school

Principal's report
CSI day
5 on Friday
Budget
Staff Development for teachers
Data
UDDI
Advance Ed visit this year
Other

Open Forum

End of Meeting

Grafenwoehr Elementary School sends a weekly newsletter home on the last day of each school week.

This is also the means we use to notify you of school delay or closure.

Please send the Grizzly Growler to the following email address(es)

Student(s) name(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Printed name of parent/sponsor:

Signature of parent/sponsor

Date

**GRAFENWOEHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION
UPDATE/CORRECTION FORM**

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Sponsor's Name and Rank: _____

Sponsor's Unit and Duty Phone: _____
(Even if deployed)

Physical Quarters Address: _____

Mailing address (APO/FPO) _____

Home Phone (not cell): _____ **Sponsor's Cell:** _____

Spouse's Cell: _____ Spouse's Work: _____

Sponsor's Email Address: _____

Local Emergency Contact 1: * _____
(May not be your spouse)

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Local Emergency Contact 2: * _____
(May not be your spouse)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Sponsor/Parent Signature

Date

*** This new information will replace the information we have on file**