



Grizzly Growler

October 23, 2009

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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,

I met with the first group of 5 on Friday today. Three parents were able to join us. We shared some information with them about the Community Strategic Plan and our Continuous School Improvement. They shared some things we do well and gave us some ideas of how we can better circulate information to the community. I have quite of few of you that will be invited to future 5 on Friday meetings. If you want to be invited, you can complete the attached form and send it to the office next week. We appreciate your involvement in our continuous school improvement.

We have quite a few events coming up in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendar. Picture make up day is 28 October. Picture envelopes must be back by the 27th. If your child was absent or did not receive the envelope last time you will receive an envelope to make your selection. Pictures will be back in a few weeks.

October 29th is a ½ day of school. Students will be released at 11:15. That evening we will have a PTSA meeting. Doors will open at 5:30. Our PTSA will be selling spirit wear. The program will begin at 6:00. We will have a presentation from the parent to parent group on preparing for a parent conference. Our Choir and Kindergarten classes will perform also. We look forward to seeing you.

On 30 Oct we will have our STAR assembly. The STAR assembly recognizes students that demonstrate: Safety first, Try your best, Act responsibly, and be Respectful. Two students from each class are recognized as the STAR students. We also have a random drawing of all the STARs for prizes from the PTSA. We also recognize classes from the specials and the cafeteria as STAR classes. Any class that receives 3 STAR awards in a month also receive a Principal Party.

November is a month full of many important days. There is no school on the 6th. This is a teacher workday. The bookfair is 9, 10, 12 and 13. Our Fall of the Wall assembly is on the 9th (1400) and our Veterans Day assembly is on the 10th (1345). There is no school on the 11th. Parent Teacher Conferences are on the 12th and 13th. Honor roll for 4th and 5th grade is on the 19th at 1345. Finally Thanks-giving break is 26 and 27 Nov 09.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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 As-
sembly
1:45 pm

Special points of in- terest:

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

Counselor's Corner



Dear Parents,

For the last four weeks we've been busy working on our first project with the students. Team Role Model consists of five members that work together to reinforce the school behavior expectations. 5th grade students are meeting together to participate in a PowerPoint presentation project. They are developing their computer skills, research abilities, and most importantly, they are learning to work as a team.

The group has met for 20 minutes every day for three days. In our first meeting, we discussed the goals, rules, and expectations. The members voted for the name of the group and signed their contracts in which they agreed to attend all group sessions, participate with group members, and follow the rules. In the following meetings, the group participated in doing research and creating the PowerPoint presentation. They were in charge of putting all the slides together and getting ready to deliver the message in an effective manner.

We believe that one effective way of uncovering problems is to have students from different grades brainstorm a list of complaints about issues that affect the student's performance in school. The very first step in making this system work is by listening. The point is to make the students feel that they are important to us and that we take their concerns seriously.

Our role in this group is to encourage students to come talk to us and freely express their ideas and concerns. The goal is to build a positive atmosphere and good relationships between all members of the group. We really wanted to create a good atmosphere for all members, so that they see the group as something they want to do, not as something they have to do.

The best way to improve the relationship between students is to get them involved in projects in which they would be able to participate in solution and/or decision making. The purpose of this is to gain support from them. We truly believe that students tend to support what they help create.

Counselor
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From our Nurse

From your school nurse

The weather conditions in Bavaria can change hourly. Our students should dress accordingly when they come to school. Students will play outside for recess unless there is rain at recess time.



When students have outside recess, children need to dress appropriately for outside play. Health and safety are very important when playing outside on the playground equipment. Some days the playground equipment may be wet from dew and extra caution should be taken.

Please talk to your child(ren) about dressing appropriately and instruct them how to play safely while outside for recess. We all need to do our part to keep every student at Grafenwoehr elementary school safe and healthy each and every day.



News from AAFES

Dear Parents,

You can now access your children's lunch accounts at home. This means that you can make payments, look up the balance, look at what your children have been purchasing, and get an email reminder to tell you that their children's account balance is low.

To use the service you will need to set up an account on www.mealpayplus.com. When you log in you will be given instructions on how to set it up.

There are a few important things that they will need to know first:

1. YOU WILL NEED YOUR CHILDREN'S ID NUMBERS FROM THE HORIZON SYSTEM. You will need to get this from the school cafeteria or PX. **THIS IS NOT THE PIN NUMBER. IT IS THE ID NUMBER.**

2. You will be asked for your address and state. **The state that you must choose is Armed Forces Europe AE.** At the second place for your state select Exchange.

3. You will be asked for a school district. **The school district is AAFES-Grafenwoehr. Even if you go to school in Illesheim, Ansbach, Katterbach, Hohenfels, Vilseck or Netzaberg. The school district is always AAFES-Grafenwoehr.**

There is a fee to make your payment online. Everything else is free on the website.

Hopefully this will help prevent some of the charges, as you can be reminded automatically by email if the account is low.

If you are new to the area you will still need to open a Horizon account at the PX or the school cafeteria.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to call me at any time (09641-925-635).

Thank you.



Military Child Education Coalition

Parent to Parent Workshop



Prepare for upcoming parent teacher conferences!

Thursday, October 29th, 6:00 pm
at
Grafenwoehr Elementary School

The Military Child Education Coalition is sponsoring a workshop to help you get the most out of your conference. We will share practical tips that will help you prepare and participate in the upcoming conferences.

Come join us for resources to make this parent teacher conference your most successful ever.

For more information contact:

Graf/ Vilseck Parent to Parent team at 0175-648-2777 GrafVilseckParent2Parent@yahoo.com



Grafenwoehr Cub Scout Pack 261

**Is looking for boys that are in 1st through 5th grade
and have an interest in Scouting!**

Packs are forming now.

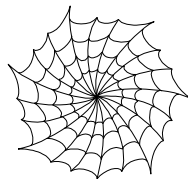
If your child is interested please contact
Pack261Grafenwoehr@yahoo.com
for more information.

GES Volksmarch Volunteers

The Community Volunteers from the NCO Academy are always ready to step forward to support the students at Grafenwoehr Elementary School. The school held a Volksmarch in October and the NCO Academy were front and center with support.



Class 4A wore green t-shirts provided by the school P.T.S.A. in order to keep track of their class. In the background teachers, NCO Academy, and parents were present to make this a fun filled day.



Students and parents enjoyed the delightful lunch they had prepared for the half way mark of their walking trip.



The Grafenwoehr Military Police supported the October Volksmarch making sure all the students, parents, and walking paths were safe for travel. They rode along with classes to ensure their safety.



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) _____