



# Grizzly Growler

September 25, 2009

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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,

I was gone the first part of this week at a principal/counselor workshop. Our counselor and I were given a lot of good information and will be setting our counseling plan for the year in the next few weeks. Our counselor, is available to talk to you or meet with you if you have concerns about your child. Please give her a call if you have a concern.

Our handbooks went home last week. I hope you have had the opportunity to review them with your child(ren) and return the last page to your child's teacher. If you have not returned the last page, please do so as soon as possible. There is a lot of information in the handbook that will help you and your child have a successful year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We do have quite a few events coming up in the near future. Our STAR assembly (to celebrate great behavior) will be on 2 October at 1:45. Two students from each class are honored. Teachers will send home that information a few days before the assembly. Our student council will get underway on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October with speeches for offices. This will include grades 3-5. We will also have our fire prevention activities on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The Grafenwoehr Fire Department gives us a tour of the fire truck and a lot of useful information. Our big Fall event is the annual Volksmarch with the city of Grafenwoehr. They do this on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, just for our school. We need you to walk with your child's class. Kindergarten and First grade walk to the lake on post. Second-Fifth grades walk the course downtown. Our host nation teacher will send additional information. Please join us if you can.

There will be no school on October 9 or 12. The 9<sup>th</sup> is our Continuous School Improvement day. You may join us if you want to find out about our plan for the year. We will give updates in the Grizzly Growler. The 12<sup>th</sup> is Columbus day. We will also dismiss at 11:15 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will participate in mandatory trainings on this afternoon.

That takes us through the middle of October. We hope you can join us with the school events!

Have a great weekend!

## Dates to Remember

2 October  
Star Assembly 1:45pm

8 October  
Volksmarch

9 October - No School  
Continuous School Improvement (CSI)

12 October - No School  
Columbus Day

13 October - Early Release  
~~Release at 11:15 am~~

## Special points of interest:

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

## Counselor's Corner

As parents, you know how important it is to be involved in your child's education. It is a key factor to his or her success. As your counselors, we want to be an active part of your involvement.

We continue to ensure all students in adapting well to school routines and to encourage them to reach their potential in an accepting and mutually respectful environment.

When should you call the counselor? This may be a question you have asked yourself. First of all, do not think there has to be a crisis to consult with me. Solving any problem is a process where two heads may be better than one. Some of the issues you may be concerned about are:

- Anxiety over homework
- Inadequate peer relationships
- Better adjustment to the school environment
- Social skills
- Dealing with deployment

When you call and we team up it can mean positive change. We are here to share ideas with you that lead to solutions. Collaboration is important to help your children be successful.

Counselor  
Counselor Intern  
09641-83-6598

## 4th Grade 4B

The students in Class 4B have been so busy!!

In Science, we've determined that washing hands really does help cut down on the spread of germs! Come by our room and see how using the Scientific Method helped us draw that conclusion!

In Math we've learned that 'Making Tens' first, using Benchmark Numbers and recording it all in our math journals help us become super mathematicians!

We are writing our first big story in our Writer's Notebook—and the room is abuzz with excitement and sharing.

We have started keeping food journals to help us think about the choices we make!!!

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in 4B are an amazing group of thinkers and world changers!

## V.I.P. Parent Volunteer

Mrs. T, a volunteer in Class 4A, a 4th grade class every Monday and Wednesday said, "I enjoy helping students strive to do their best. I enjoy seeing them shine when they realize they can do something, and they did it themselves. It is fulfilling and gives me something to do twice a week. It is just a good feeling all around." Class 4A is learning to make change in math.



## From our Nurse

A note from your School Nurse: (09641.83.7645)

Head lice are an important health issue that you as a parent/sponsor may or may not have dealt with at this time.

First of all, don't be embarrassed. While it's frustrating, it's nothing of which to be ashamed. Lice can show up at any time. January happens to be one of the peak seasons, along with the months of August through October.

Head lice are small, reddish-brown insects that live and feed on the human scalp. They attach their eggs (nits) to the hair shaft. Lice cannot hop or jump from one surface to another.

Lice may be moved from one person to another on combs, brushes, hats, coats, pillows, furniture, and during personal contact when children are playing. Head lice do not live on animals--only people.

What to look for- the most common symptom is itching, especially at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Lice are only 1/8 inch in size - about the size of a sesame seed. Nits are small, shiny eggs that are attached to the hair shaft and do not shake off. They are white, clear or yellowish brown.

Lice actually prefer to live on clean heads. Infestation can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. If your child has been diagnosed with head lice, you must remove every last lice and nit to prevent re-infestation.

The PX stocks shampoo for a head lice treatment. After the first shampoo treatment, give another treatment 10 days later. Also, I have a couple of names for Louse shampoo you can pick up on the German Pharmacy.

For a lice-free household:

Thoroughly vacuum everywhere; bed linens, scarves, coats, towels should be washed in hot water (above 130 degree F).

Combs, brushes, and hair clips should be cleaned by soaking them in hot water (above 130 degrees F) for 10 minutes.

Bedspreads, blankets, pillows, stuffed animals should be sealed in a plastic bag for a period of 4 weeks.



# STUDENT COUNCIL 3rd-5th Grades

Student Council campaigning will take place next week

**September 29 - October 2.**

Elections for the Leadership Team and Class Representatives will take place October 6<sup>th</sup> following speeches by those running for Leadership positions. The speeches take place in the MPR beginning promptly @ 8:35.

For more information contact the school office.

## From Coach

Dear Colleagues and Parents,

I have registered our school as the Grafenwoehr Grizzlies team for the Run Across Germany with Paul Staso. Please look at the web site [www.pacetrekk.com](http://www.pacetrekk.com) and begin talking with your students about how they can add up extra miles. If they walk to school and/or the bus they can figure out the distance and count their daily round trip route. If they walk/jog with their parents before or after school they can count this with a parent signature. Volksmarches are also a great way to see the beautiful German countryside and get some exercise. Last year almost all of our running was completed in P.E. classes and I would like to expand it so the entire faculty is getting involved with their classes.



We are very fortunate to get Paul Staso here in March of 2010 to begin his annual trek in Grafenwoehr and run across Germany to Ramstein. He will begin 8 March and end 31 March (which is when our miles will begin counting). Remember last year he ran across Alaska and had wonderful teaching tools on his website.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for encouraging fitness and healthy living.

Coach