



# 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

Welcome to Grafenwoehr Elementary School. We are excited you are here. We would like to welcome the following new staff members: Gifted Education, PSCE, English as a Second Language (ESL), Paraprofessional, and Paraprofessional.

Our weekly newsletter, The Grizzly Growler, is sent electronically (except for the first one) on Fridays. Please be sure we have your correct email(s) so you can receive our news each week.

This year the Grizzly Growler format will change. We will send our Griz Kidz information on Wednesday. This will spotlight the classroom and the neat things students are doing. On Thursday we will send PTSA information and on Friday will be the regular Grizzly Growler with school information. Please look for these emails each week.

It is critical that we have correct emails and that they are updated throughout the year. If we have a delay or cancellation, I send an email to you as early as we know. Often times this is around 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. Please let the office know if an email changes or you want one added.

Our open house for grades 1-5 and PSCD will be on 10 Sep (Thursday) from 1800-1900. This is a time for you to meet the teacher and see the classroom. However, this is not a time for a conference. If you need to talk to the teacher, other than to say hello, please ask the teacher at that time for an appointment. That will ensure you have the time you need to discuss your concerns without many other parents and students around.

We look forward to a fabulous year. We hope you can take some time to volunteer in classes or with the PTSA.

### Dates to Remember

7 Sept - No School  
Labor day Holiday

10 Sept - 1800 hrs  
Open House

15 Sept -  
Tentative Picture Day

17 Sept -  
Constitution Day

8 Oct -  
Volksmarch

9 Oct - No School  
Continuous School  
Improvement (CSI)

### Special points of interest:

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

## Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable summer. Our first week of school was marked as very quiet and organized as we opened with a small number of students. The advantage of this is that we can focus more on each individual. Our goal as counselors is to promote our academic standards as well as the social expectations of our students. We truly want every student to receive a high level of academic success as well as personal skills such as respect, promptness, reliability, good work ethic, and the meaning of teamwork. These are some of the skills that are vital for your children to achieve success in school and to be prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society.

During the first weeks of school, students are in the process of making new friends and adjusting to the rules and expectations of their new teachers. Our job, these first weeks, is to ensure that all students are comfortable and adapting to school routines. As your counselors, it is our intention to work with the students on enhancing a smooth climate conducive to the rhythm of learning. It is our intention to provide what is best for every student of Grafenwoehr Elementary School. We truly do want every student to be happy and successful.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance as needed. The goal is to maximize your children's functioning and give them tools that will prepare them for a successful future. Collaboration is important to achieve this goal. Stay in touch and let's work together as a team.

Sincerely,  
Guidance Counselor  
Counselor intern  
475-6598 DSN, 09641-836598 CIV

## From our Nurse, Ms. Herb

Welcome Back Students!

Dear Parent or Sponsor:

I may need to call or email and ask for updated immunization records. Sometimes a child's health file will have a poor shot record copy or the copy that is currently in the nurse's office is not the latest version.

I may ask you for the most recent shot record due to a DoDEA regulation to which I must adhere.

DoDEA Manual 2942.0 states that **prior to enrollment** in DoDEA schools, students shall meet specific immunization requirements.

DoDEA *Manual 2942.0* gives parents of **currently enrolled** students **10 DAYS** to provide the school with documentation satisfying the requirements, prior to disenrolling the student.

The Grafenwoehr clinic can provide **DD Form 2766c** for your child as this is the recommended shot record to bring in order to register your child.

Please call the school nurse @ 09641.83.7645 for any questions about immunizations.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Grafenwoehr Elementary School Nurse

## What's Happening in Germany

Welcome back to a new school year! Just a few pieces of information about what is going on in this country in September:

1) The students in Bavaria are still enjoying their summer vacation. They start school in 2 weeks. Watch out for the little ones carrying their **Schultuete**, a colorful cone filled with all kind of sweets and special school supplies, or even small toys. What a unique way to sweeten up the beginning of their school life !

2) September is the month for '**Almabtriebe / Viehscheide**' in the Alpine area. On different weekends, the animals are coming down from the pastures in the Austrian, Swiss, and Bavarian mountains. They are decorated with flowers, evergreens, etc.... to show that the summer had been a good one and all animals were coming back home sound and safe. A big fest goes with that tradition. If you have never been to see one, check the internet for the dates and places. Please find below the information for the Bavarian mountains:

11.09.2009	Balderschwang	09:00 Uhr
11.09.2009	Bad Hindelang	08:30 Uhr
11.09.2009	Schöllang	09:00 Uhr
12.09.2009	Oberstdorf	09:00 Uhr
15.09.2009	Kranzegg	09:15 Uhr
16.09.2009	Nesselwang	09:30 Uhr
17.09.2009	Gunzesried	09:00 Uhr
18.09.2009	Thalkirchdorf	09:30 Uhr
18.09.2009	Wertach	08:30 Uhr
19.09.2009	Obermaiselstein	08:30 Uhr
21.09.2009	Bolsterlang	09:30 Uhr

If possible, you may want to stay overnight because in the evenings there are fests with live music in beer tents, Bratwurst and other goodies!  
Have fun and enjoy the special fests in this beautiful country!



# Grafenwoehr Elementary PTSA Membership

Congratulations on getting involved and continuing the traditions that make Grafenwoehr a great school!

## Parent Teacher Student Association the Mission...

To **support** and speak on behalf of the children in our school, to the community, before governmental bodies, and other organizations that make decisions affecting them;

To **assist** parents in developing the skills needed to raise and protect their children;

To **encourage** parental and public involvement in the public school arena.

## Why Join PTSA? Enjoy the Benefits!!

The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Student Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But, there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

**Get Connected.** There is no better way to know what is happening in your school.

**Tap Into a Network.** Parenting is not easy—it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTSA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.

**Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your PTSA, you gain valuable experiences. It is an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause—your child and all children in the community.

**Speak Up.** This PTSA is a forum for exchanging ideas; you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to effectively suggest change at your child's school.

**Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school, you'll be a part of the solution, helping make positive changes. PTSA plays an important role in fundraising to provide curriculum-based programs and social events—all vital to a school's success.

Your membership and involvement makes this happen at Grafenwoehr Elementary

## PTSA Membership Form

**Be a role model.** By becoming a PTSA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education. Silver Membership benefit, a free chance to win at our monthly opportunities at the local PTSA Meetings. Gold/Family Membership benefit is good for the whole family and a free chance to win at our monthly opportunities at the local PTSA Meetings.

Please circle: **Dues: \$5 Bronze Single \$10 Silver \$25 Gold/Family**

**Help the PTSA Support the school and give a one-time donation of \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CMR Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name, Grade, & Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Grafenwoehr Elementary PTSA**

**GRAFENWOEHR PTSA SCHOOL VOLUNTEER FORM**  
**WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENHANCE YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL?**

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child (ran) Names Grade, & Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark your areas of interest and if needed, specify the grade levels with which you would most like to work:**

PTSA Support: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
Publicity/Events \_\_\_\_\_ Book Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Help with Bulletin Boards \_\_\_\_\_ Box Top Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Picture Day Chair and Assistant (in September and March) \_\_\_\_\_ Field Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Appreciation Week (1<sup>st</sup> full week in May) \_\_\_\_\_

**On-Call Volunteer** - If you are not sure right now how you can help, but would like to be involved in the future, please mark here: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your name will go on our "On-Call" Volunteer list. If we find we're short-handed for an activity or event, we'll go to our On-Call list and check with you to see if you can help.

I'm Flexible: Call me anytime to work at school

I'm Flexible: Call me anytime to work at home

Grafenwoehr Elementary PTSA coordinates volunteer efforts for school activities and raises funds to support school programs that further enrich the experience of all students. Parent volunteers help with all types of school programs, class events, class parties, field trips and learning activities.