



# GRIZZLY GROWLER

December 19, 2008

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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 am finding it hard to believe that we are at our winter break. The year is going by very quickly. A lot of great things have happened at Grafenwoehr Elementary School with many more to come. We always appreciate your help with any of the activities going on here at school.

We still need your help with the customer satisfaction survey. All of our 4th and 5th grade students have participated. We still need parents to participate. Currently we have 75 (33%) of our parents who have participated. While I know the holidays are busy our school and DoDEA would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the survey. If you need access to a computer we will be glad to help you here at school. We really want to hear from all of our parents. Thank you for your support.

Thursday at our STAR assembly we recognized those students "caught being a star". Our students are working very hard to make sure they are Safe, Try their best, Act responsibly and Respect others and things. A complete list of our December STARS is listed in the Grizzly Growler. Please recognize and encourage our children for being STARS.

Our student council also presented the pet items they collected to the representatives from the Weiden Tierheim. Our students collected over 300 items. The Tierheims in our community desperately need our help. The donations were very much appreciated.

Our office will be open over the holidays. However, we will have different hours. Our office will be open from 8:00-11:30 and 1:00-3:00 daily. We will be closed on December 25th and 26th and January 1st. You may call us at 475-7133 or 09641-83 7133 if we may assist you.

Have a Safe and wonderful holiday!

## Dates to Remember

22 December - 4 January  
Winter Break

5 January  
School Resumes

15 January  
PTSA Meeting

22 January  
Bedtime stories 6-7 p.m.



## Special points of interest:

- *PCSing? We need 5 days notice to process paper-work.*
- *Fridays are Spirit Days - Wear your Grizzly shirt or blue and gold colors.*

## A note from the Nurse

Many of us do not want to think about an emergency, but emergencies and disasters can happen to anyone and anytime in life. It is always better to be prepared, than not. I have enclosed a flyer in the Grizzly this week for parents, so that they may teach their children the correct phone numbers and procedures in case of an emergency. The flyer is also enclosed for the parents whom have not had these numbers in the past. Please post them so they can be easily accessible in your home. It is always good to have emergency contact numbers and personal contact information in your vehicle in case of an accident. Putting a list in the glove compartment is a very nice idea. On another note of safety it is the law in Germany that a child under age 12 or 4 foot 9 inches must ride in the back seat and must be in a booster seat. Please be ready and prepared for a emergency in the event that one should arise. Have a safe holiday season.



## Fractions

The teacher assigned homework.  
How the kids disliked the work.  
The homework was fractions.  
As you could see by their reactions.  
That fractions are hard work.



### Bedtime Stories on Jan. 22 from 6 – 7



Math Matters - During the Holiday Season students can keep their skills sharp using the following website:

[www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com)

This site provides great learning for all grades.



## ESL NEWS

This is the last week of school before Winter Break. The students have worked hard on their writing. It is exciting to see some of the younger ones attach letters to sounds and then to words. We have displayed our work on a bulletin board outside the classroom. When we return from our Holiday we will begin a unit on Math. Happy Holidays and thank you for your support.



## **Volleyball Club The Parents vs. The Kids**



I would like to thank everyone who came to play in The Parents vs. The Kids. It was a great way to end our volleyball season. Thank you so much for playing. I had a great time and I hope you did too.

Sincerely,  
Volleyball Coach

Our weekly newsletter goes to you electronically every Friday. After this document was sent out last Friday many came back as undeliverable. If your email has changed or you need it to go to a different email, please let our office know. You can call us at 09641-83-7133 to give us updated information. This is our only formal means of communication and we want to ensure you are receiving this in a timely manner. Please let us know if any of your information changes during the year.



Please return this portion to your child's teacher

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I receive the Grizzly Growler each week electronically.

No I have not been receiving the Grizzly Growler each week. Please add my email to your mailing list.

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to change my email address: Old address \_\_\_\_\_

New email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Parent



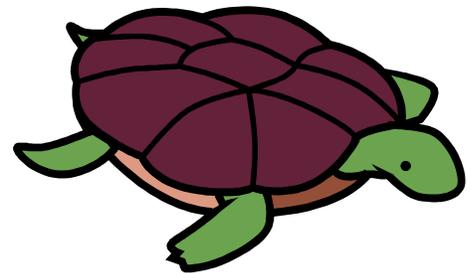
# Volunteers needed in the Music Room.

Starting in January volunteers are needed to put together a Recorder Karate Book for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade music classes. If you are willing to volunteer please see the music teacher.

## ALERT TO PARENTS!

Pet turtles may be harmful to your child's health. Please click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.fda.gov/cvm/Documents/TurtlesFlier.pdf>



Congratulations to 4th grade class 4A for winning the latest label contest! The students turned in over 930 box tops, Campbell labels, and Tysons labels. The class received a gift certificate to the Spring book fair, and each student received a special treat. Our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and children who made the extra effort to bring their box tops and labels into school. We have already earned nearly \$500 for the school. Please continue to bring in your labels - a new contest will start when school starts again in January.

