



November 26, 2008

Grizzly Growler

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OUR MISSION

Grafenwoehr Elementary School is to maintain a partnership with the community through which physical well being, cognitive 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,

Winter has arrived in Grafenwoehr. The snow was so pretty this weekend. As it was coming down it made me wonder if we would have a delay or a closure for school. You can get this information at the following web site <http://g3operations.hqusareur.army.mil/Divisions/OPS/ASGConditions/default.asp> or by watching/listening to AFN. The decision to delay or close school is made by the Garrison. Therefore, I ask that you do not call the school for this information. Please use one of the sources listed. Please do continue to call the office to let us know if your child will not be attending school that day.

This also brings me to snowballs. As much fun as the snow is to play in, it can hurt in the form of a snowball. Therefore, we do not allow throwing of snowballs. Please remind your child/ren that snowballs are not to be thrown. This is part of the "S" in STAR-Safety. Thanks for your help in keeping our students safe. We want children to enjoy the snow but to be careful.

Monday night was Math night. It was very exciting to see many of our families working through the stations to increase their awareness of Math. We certainly appreciate all of the hard work the Math club put into Math night. A special thank you goes to our math club sponsor for coordinating this event. I also want to thank the parents and teachers for running the stations. What a great night! Math Matters!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Special points of interest:

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

Dates to Remember

27-28 November
Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

1 December
SAC Meeting 1600 hours

2 December
Tree Lighting in Grafenwoehr

11 December
Acceleration for PCS or Block Leave (Please put the request in writing and send to Mrs. Bailey and your child's

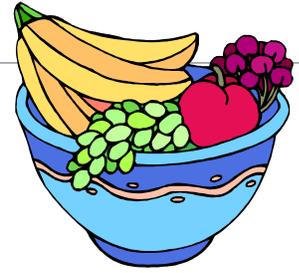
18 December
STAR Assembly

22 December
Begin Winter Break

5 January
School Resumes

From our Nurse

Obesity or being overweight is now seen as the number one health issue for U.S. children. More than half of all American adults are overweight or obese and it is trickling down to our children. Studies are showing that 35% of all school age children are obese, do not eat healthy, and do not get enough exercise each day. It is very important that we teach our children how important it is to lead a healthy lifestyle. This is one trend in American society that with a little effort and change we can correct in the near future. As parents we need to set the example for change and encourage our children to continue making good choices about their own health.



Class 4B - Three Word Phrases about Thanksgiving

Potatoes with butter
We give thanks
Honey crisp ham
Mushy mashed potatoes
I give thanks
Yummy cranberry sauce
Lots of food
Smell of turkey
Pass the food
We celebrate Thanksgiving
Spend time together
We watch football
Thanksgiving's about family
Be very thankful
We love Thanksgiving
We enjoy company
Bread's being baked
We make memories



From our First Grade

Can you smell something delicious in Davidson Hall but you just can't put your finger on it? It is Stone Soup! The first grade classes walked to the commissary to choose the very best ingredients to make this delicious soup. Did you know that many countries and cultures have their own version of this story? We have read several and we each have our own favorite. In preparation for shopping and cooking we have been studying the food pyramid and now we know how to sort food into the six food groups. Learning is fun and tasty at GES!



ESL NEWS

Parents, Thank you to those who contributed to our ESL "Soup Lovers" basket. Your involvement with your child and school make a difference in their academic progress. The message that you are sending is that "School is important." Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your support.

My Beliefs

I believe that the clouds are looking down at us all, even when we can't see them. Sometimes I think that when it is raining they are sad because they can't eat pizza. I also think that they are really mad when there's a thunderstorm and they are so mad that lightning strikes and knocks over a boulder and makes it fall off a cliff.

I always wondered if the clouds were ever people and that they were so good that that's why they became clouds. I hope someday, very far away from now that the clouds think I am so good that they will let me be a cloud too!

I can't wait till that day...but at the same time I can!

December PTSA Concert

Class 5B and Class 4B along with our wonderful two kindergarten classes will perform for the December PTSA program on December 11. The program will start at 6 pm. We hope to see you there!



Customer Satisfaction Survey

As of this writing we have had 55 (24%) of sponsors and 71 (82%) of 4th and 5th grade students complete the Customer Satisfaction Survey. Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback. We would like to hear what we are doing well and how we can improve. You can find the survey at <http://www.dodea.edu/datacenter/cssCertificateInfo.cfm> or at the Grafenwoehr Elementary School Web page <http://www.graf-es.eu.dodea.edu/>. Thank you for taking the time to let us know what you think.

From our Kindergarten

Kindergarten classes have been learning about Pilgrims, Native Americans, and the first Thanksgiving. The children learned a choral reading with several songs. This was performed at the PTSA meeting in November. We learned some phrases in sign language, earned three feathers for being brave or helpful to put on our headbands, and made special cards for our parents. On our headbands, we wrote our Indian names and then used Indian symbols for decorations.

