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A world of limitless opportunity, a
future of boundless promise, the
tomorrows for which we prepare our
children are created in the lessons
we teach them today.

message *from* the director

Schools are the center of any community. Perhaps nowhere is that more true than in the military communities served by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). Throughout the world, DoDEA's teachers and principals create exemplary learning environments with the support of record numbers of parents and military service members. We are proud of our success in providing the best in educational opportunities to the children of America's peacekeepers. And, we invite our readers to review the accomplishments made during school year 1997-98 by DoDEA schools - the heart of our communities.

- School year 1997-98 was notable in that DoDEA students surpassed established benchmarks for academic performance, graduation rates, and scholarships earned. It was also a year in which demands for world class schools led to the creation of a new DoDEA district on Guam. In an extraordinary example of determination, cooperation and hard work, classrooms for more than three thousand students were constructed, staffed and fully supplied in only seventy-nine days. We welcome the Guam District to the DoDEA family.
- We continue to direct our efforts and resources toward the achievement of the goals outlined in the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan. Our mission, and the focus of the Strategic Plan, is to provide all students with the educational programs that will challenge them to realize their full academic potential. With the support and assistance of our military partners, DoDEA will continue to raise the standards and enhance the instructional programs for every student in our schools.

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