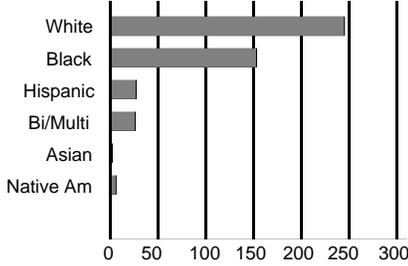


**Department of Defense Education Activity
Murray Elementary School (PK-4)
1995/96 School Profile
Robert Richardson, Principal**

School Characteristics

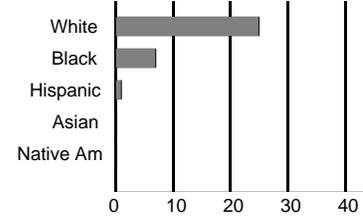
Student Enrollment - 475



Grade	#
PreK	15
K	92
1	104
2	82
3	101
4	81
Total	475

Sponsor's Affiliation	%
Marine	0%
Army	100
Navy	0%
Air Force	<.5%
Coast Guard	0%
Non-US Military	0%
US Civilians	0%
Non-US Civilians	0%

Professional Staffing



Special Programs			
Grade Offered	Program	#	%
PK-12	Special Education	54	11%
PK-12	TAG	20	4%
PK-12	ESL	0	0%
AP Courses Offered		N/A	
Students Taking AP Courses		N/A	N/A

Teacher Experience	
Years	Teachers
New	1
1-3	4
4-6	4
7-10	5
> 10	19

Mobility Rate
25% Per Year

School Staff	
Category	FTE
Administrators	1
Classroom Teachers	33
Special Education	3
Other Professionals	2

Teacher Education	
Degree	% Teachers
BA/BS	57%
MA/MS	43%
Doctorate	0%

Principal's Highlights

Murray School has firmly embraced the School Improvement Process. Our staff consistently challenges students and themselves to reach their maximum potential. We constantly strive to improve the instructional program using high quality staff development. Topics emphasized include interfacing technology throughout curriculums, activities integrating mathematics and science (AIMS) and serving special needs students in the least restrictive environment.

Our staff provides a comprehensively high quality instructional program. Developmentally appropriate activities are utilized across grade levels and curriculums. Thematic training is accomplished at each grade level. The CAT5 was administered to our 3rd and 4th graders, yielding "significantly higher than the national average" scores in reading, language, mathematics, science and social studies. Murray's CAT5 scores have consistently improved over the past 3 years.

Murray's home-school partnerships are thriving. Parent volunteers contributed more than 12,000 hours of service during 1995-96. The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) sponsored numerous activities, providing additional funding for curricular and extra-curricular programs. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 35th Signal Battalion became Murray's Military Partner Unit, providing manpower and logistical support.

**DoDEA Strategic Plan: School Improvement Implementation
School Year 95/96 Priorities**

Goal 3: Student Achievement And Citizenship

Benchmark 3.10: Demonstrate student technological proficiency.....
Staff development has been provided on computers, laser disc, internet, color printers and integration of software. Accessibility of computers and other technology has been increased significantly. All students at Murray School work on computers daily. Teachers are managing instruction better through the use of technology. All students maintain writing portfolios.

Goal 4: Math And Science Achievement

Benchmark 4.3: Increase student proficiency in math and science.....
CAT-5 scores have increased. Murray School has after school clubs that focus on science and math (Young Astronauts & Math Club). We have established a math/science lab and are in the process of ordering materials for the lab. AIMS training will be provided for all teachers in the fall. Hands on experiences are provided on a consistent basis.

Goal 7: Teacher Education and Professional Development

Benchmark 7.1: Provide professional development structure for educators.....
Activities Integrating Math & Science are scheduled for the fall. Grade level representatives will be trained this summer. Computer staff development is ongoing in trouble shooting and software integration. Writing in-service has been offered on a system level with school plans for the upcoming year.

Goal 8: Parental Participation

Benchmark 8.1: Implement/Evaluate Multi-Tiered School-Home Partnership.....
Murray School has a total of 11,953 volunteer hours. This is the highest volunteer rate in the Fort Bragg Schools. We have parents in our classrooms consistently. Parents serve on the SIT and other school committees. We have developed a video portfolio to highlight Murray School's Home School Partnership.

