

# Devers Elementary School

## "ENDEVERS"



Student's School day: 8:10 - 2:50 (M,T,Th,F)  
8:10 - 1:55 (W)

Teacher's duty day: 8:00 - 3:30  
Office hours: 7:30 - 4:00

December/January, 2017/2018

Proud to serve the children of the Fort Bragg Military Community

### Mark Your Calendar

#### December

- 06-08 – PTO Holiday Shop
- 06 – Quarter 2 Interim Report Period
- 07 – End of Pre-K Trimester 1
- 08 – NO SCHOOL (Pre-K ONLY) Teacher Workday
- 11 – NO SCHOOL - Teacher PD
- 12 – Session 1 Afternoon Clubs Ends
- 18-29 – NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

#### DoDEA Mission

Educate, Engage, and Empower each student to succeed in a dynamic world.

#### DoDEA Vision

To be among the world's leaders in education, enriching the lives of military-connected students and the communities in which they live.



### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Devers' Families,

When we return from our winter break the end of the first semester will be quickly approaching, as the staff and students of Devers Elementary School continue to strive for excellence. I am so proud of the Devers community for their partnership as an integral part of the academic growth and success of our students. I ask that you continue to volunteer in our school as often as possible. We provide a multiplicity of support opportunities designed to meet the needs of our students and staff. The second nine week period ends Thursday, January 25th. Report cards will go home on February 1st. There is not a scheduled Parent -Teacher Conference Day on the calendar for the second nine week grading period, but do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have concerns.

Attendance is very important for the success of your child's education. According to the New DoDEA Attendance Policy, students will be counted absent if they miss  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a school day. Students absent for any portion of the day will not receive a perfect attendance award during the Nine Week Period.

Thank You,

*Dr. McBroom*

**Principal**  
Devers Elementary School

## Calendar (Continued)

### January

- 01 – NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- 12 – Soldiers in our Schools Day
- 15 – NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Day Holiday
- 16 – Session II Afternoon Clubs Begins
- 25 – End Quarter 2 Report Period (42 Days)
- 26 – NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday

#### Our Goal:

All students will increase their math proficiency, which includes numbers and operations, measurement and data, geometry, and algebraic thinking.

#### Our Purpose

Devers Elementary School is committed to providing a safe & engaging environment where all students are successful learners.



## Media Center Memo

As you enjoy the winter break, do not forget to find time to read. First, find a time that is best for you. It may be in the morning, afternoon, evening or before bed. Second, challenge yourself to read in unfamiliar places. If you are taking a holiday road trip, take a good book and read while you are riding in the car, on the airplane, and/or train. At home, try reading while sitting on the staircase, outside on the patio or find a quiet room. In addition, go to a library you have never been to, whether on post or one of the many county libraries. Parents, please take time to encourage your child/children in being lifelong readers. Let them see you reading or read a book with them. Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing that you can do to help your child succeed academically. Third, use Devers online educational databases during the winter break, such as MackinVIA. MackinVIA offers tons of books, videos, and games. You can also use MackinVia on your iPad as well. Lastly, enjoy your winter break and take a trip with a good book!



Please share your thoughts or ideas relating to Devers Elementary School's Continuous School Improvement. We welcome any school-wide improvement suggestions which will assist us as we progress towards continuous student achievement.

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Feedback towards Continuous School Improvement  
(Give Feedback to your Child's Teacher)

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## Notes from the Music Room

*Students are continuing to hit high notes in Music this year! In class students have been learning all about where music notes are placed on a treble clef staff. Also, we have been studying rhythm and the value of notes and rests. By the end of the school year students will be able to read and compose music of their own!*

*This school year, the fourth and fifth graders will be able to take home recorders. Please help remind your child to bring the recorder to school on days that they attend Music so that we may practice while in class as well. Thank you for your assistance. If students have too much free time on their hand during their winter break please feel free to allow them to dive into some musical educational games available online at the following websites:*

[www.skskids.org](http://www.skskids.org)

<http://www.nyphilkids.org/>

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/music.html>



## Art Corner

In the art classroom all classes are working on a fibers unit. Each grade level is working on a fibers project using yarn. Kindergarten and first grade classes are sewing on burlap and learning how to sew the running stitch as well as the satin stitch. Second through fifth grade classes are weaving on cardboard looms. Second grades are weaving a 3 color pattern using yarn. Third grades are weaving a 5 color design. Fourth grades students are working with radial balance and weaving in a circle. Fifth grades students are weaving on larger looms and incorporating the basic, basket, and fringe techniques in their work. Please encourage your child to discuss with you what they are working on in the art classroom. As always it is a pleasure to work with your children.



## i Hola Amigos!

(Hello Friends)

i Bienvenidos al programa de Español ! (Welcome to DoDEA Elementary Spanish Program) During these past weeks we have been focusing on Me and My family unit in our Spanish classes. This unit introduces students to the Spanish vocabulary of the simple and extended family members, pets, and house. They identified and described their family unit using basic Spanish adjectives. They also used masculine and feminine forms of adjectives to describe people and pets. The students paired with a partner and drew the people and pets who live in their houses. They are currently working on a blueprint of their home to share with the class. "Language and communication are the heart of human experience."



## Notes from the Nurse

When you enter the Nurse's Office...



You Are  
**AMAZING.**

You are **smart.**

You are **strong.**

You are a **friend.**

You are **BRAVE.**

You are **TOUGH.**

You are **important.**

You are **listened to.**

You are **SPECIAL.**

You are **respected.**

You are a **good patient.**

You are **THE REASON**

I am here!

## School Nurses



Care for Kids

## Counselor's Corner

In conjunction with the implementation of the College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS), DoDEA is implementing the Comprehensive Assessment Program that includes all of the assessments that are administered system-wide within DoDEA. <http://www.dodea.edu/assessments/>

As part of the Comprehensive Assessment Program, Devers students in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be participating in an end of the year summative assessment in math only, which replaces the Terra Nova testing that is no longer being used by DoDEA. The new math assessment, called the PARCC, will be given at the end of April/beginning of May. The PARCC assessment will not be given in the traditional paper-and-pencil format, and instead will be administered on individual Chromebook computers in the classroom. We are very excited to participate in this new assessment program

In order to prepare the students for the math assessment, parents and students can visit the assessment website and take several practice tests. The website can be found at: <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/>

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Devers school counselors.

## The Devers Elementary School Goal for the 2017-2018 School Year

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# Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Rewarding & Inspiring Great Teaching Since 1983



## Call for Nominations

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States Government specifically for K-12 mathematics and science teaching. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. Since 1983, more than 4,700 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to mathematics and science education. Up to 108 teachers are recognized each year.

Presidential Awardees receive:

- A citation signed by the President of the United States
- A trip for two to Washington, D.C. to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities
- A \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation

## Who Can Nominate?

Anyone—principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public—may nominate exceptional mathematics and science (including computer science) teachers.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2018**

## Who Can Apply?

Elementary school mathematics and science teachers (K–6) can apply this year. Secondary school teachers (7–12) will be eligible to apply during a future cycle.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2018**



To nominate or apply, visit: [www.paemst.org](http://www.paemst.org)

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