

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

November, 2017

Proud to serve the children of the Fort Bragg Military Community

Mark Your Calendar

Nov

- 02 – End of Quarter 1 Report Period (45 Days)
- 03 – **No School** - Teacher Workday
- 08 – Pre-K Parent-Teacher Conferences
Flu Clinic in Cafeteria
- 09 – Pre-K – 8th grade Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 09 – 1st Quarter Report Cards Go Home
- 10 – **No School** – Veteran's Day (Honor Veterans all week)
- 13 – Soldiers in our School Day
- 22-24 – **No School** - Thanksgiving

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.

Our Purpose

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



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Devers' Families,

It's the beginning of November and Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. We have so many things to be thankful for here at Devers Elementary School! I am thankful for Devers' wonderful staff, our students, and parents. All of you work countless hours in support of the success of our school. I would also like to thank all of our students, parents, community members, and staff members who participated in our Red Ribbon Week Activities. This event was a huge success because of your continuous support.

Throughout the school year, staff and students will participate in scheduled emergency drills which are essential components of our Safety Education Program. We have already participated in weekly and monthly fire drills and a lockdown drill. Please continue to speak with your child about the importance of safety at school and at home. Together we can promote a safe and nurturing environment for our students. Thank you for your support.

Thank You,

Dr. McBroom

Principal

Devers Elementary School

Calendar (Continued)

Dec

- 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
- 18-29 – NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

School Goals:

Goal 1: All students will increase reading comprehension through using word knowledge and word meaning skills, as measured by selected school-wide and system-based assessments.

Goal 2: All students will improve math problem-solving by applying the steps of gathering, organizing, analyzing, evaluating, and reflecting as measured by selected school-wide and system-based assessments.



Media Center Memo

Students are preparing to use OPAC Encore to locate books in the Information Center (IC). This program can be utilized by going to Devers home page. Click Library Services on the left, then OPAC Encore on the right. Enter the book you are looking for, and the information regarding it will be displayed.

Next, parents thanks for all you do, when it comes to reminding your child/children of the importance of taking care of library books and returning them on time. In addition, you also are welcome to check out books from the Information Center. Lastly, we are always in need of volunteers to help us to better serve our students and staff.

Enjoy the word search!

B M B P G P T S V C K I N R L
X K S F G E M N N B E O K H I
B M D Z A T O O J O R C P R B
S D X C O E X I O Q Y V W G R
K A H D K L K U R N N A Z P A
E E M C P U G E O U C B R S R *Word List*
R W D H F M T W D Q Z A R C Y AMULET
B O O K S A C F W R V E K A Y BOOKS
K E T N E D U T S K V O J E A CLASS
Z T C Y Y T O O S E G E R P S CRAYONS
Y L G B G C N Z D Z L I P E U DEVERS
P G I D H D L A Q O H Y V K X LIBRARY
T U M B L E T A L E S S T C Q MOONCAKES
N S L E G U S G S V Z J R V O STUDENT
J U E J Q F K R V S K V J B F TEACHER
TUMBLETALES

A Message from the Front Office

The safety of our students is one of the highest priorities we have at Fort Bragg Schools. To ensure student safety we must request that:

- Parents have ID with them 100% of the time when they drop off & pick up children.
- All unloading and loading of students must occur from the passenger side of the vehicle for safety reasons.

What's the Plan for the Report Card?

It is important to use your child's report card as a component to plan their next steps. Make a plan for future growth. You can do a lot of good by planning for success in the future. Get set for the new semester by setting a schedule for homework, having a location for work at home to be completed, & having needed supplies on hand. Make sure that the student's "home office" is in a place that is easily monitored by you. Also let your child know you plan to monitor their work & progress.

ESL News

Teaching English Language Learners the "Hidden Curriculum"

"Hidden Curriculum" refers to the social skills, values, and beliefs of a school community that is not directly taught, but students are expected to know. Many of our English Language Learners (ELLs) represent different languages and cultures. In order to be successful socially and academically in school, ELLs must learn behavioral customs, language in context, and special group occasions that may differ in an English-setting. To assist your child with mastering these strategies, role-play and model the following:

- How to greet people
- How to thank someone for something
- How to ask directions
- How to say, "Excuse me"
- How to give and receive compliments
- How to make small talk.



From the Gym

Our Dolphins have been working on movement in various stations. Our stations include:

- Basketball shooting
- Basketball dribbling
- Hula hoops
- Bat & ball
- Jump rope
- Fitness

The skills practiced in these stations will help our students work on both their gross & fine motor control as they grow & develop.

We are also working on our Fitness Gram skills in preparation for Fitness Gram testing.



Gifted News

In the world of Gifted and Enrichment we have been busy. Fifth graders are working on Science projects regarding chemical reactions. Fourth graders are focusing on becoming proficient readers learning to analyze and formulate specific responses in written paragraph form. Third graders just finished a nonfiction book study and have been determining fact from opinions. Our second graders are voyaging around the world learning about ocean life, maps, and weather. My first graders are awesome readers learning about predictions and conclusions in a story.

If parents have any questions regarding enrichment or our gifted program, information can be found on the DODEA site, also feel free to call me at your convenience. I am doing Chess club for the next five weeks for our 3rd grade club members as another form of enrichment. Please encourage your child to play chess at home as well, if possible. Thanks!

Notes from the Nurse

Too sick for school?



Regular school attendance is crucial for school success, but there are times when students need to stay home due to illness. The following list from DODEA may guide you as you decide when your child should stay home:

- Fever of $\geq 100^{\circ}$
- Uncontrollable coughing
- Vomiting and/or Diarrhea
- Rash with Fever
- Symptoms of Conjunctivitis or Impetigo

Healthy Children Learn Better!

Please visit the following DODEA website for more information:

<http://www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/Health/sickChild.cfm>

Reminder-Influenza Annual Vaccination due by 1 December 2017. In support of the flu vaccination requirement for DoDEA students, we have worked with Womack to provide a Flu Clinic onsite at Devers on November 8th from 2:00 until 5:00.



The Devers Primary School Goals for the 2017-2018 Year

Goal 1: All students will increase reading comprehension through using word knowledge and word meaning skills, as measured by selected school-wide and system-based assessments.



Goal 2: All students will improve math problem-solving by applying the steps of gathering, organizing, analyzing, evaluating, and reflecting as measured by selected school-wide and system-based assessments.



Counselor's Corner

School attendance is important and in order to receive the best education, students need to Be Here! DoDEA's system-wide attendance policy for students is consistent with those found in many public schools throughout the United States.

Here are a few of the highlights of the policy:

- All students are required to attend school for 180 instructional days per school year.
- Academic penalties will not be imposed for excused absences.
- Whenever a student needs to be out for more than five days, the teacher will provide a Student Educational Monitoring Plan to lessen the impact of a student missing instruction in class.
- Excused absences can include:
 - Personal illness
 - Medical, dental, or mental health appointment
 - Serious illness in the student's immediate family
 - A death in the student's immediate family or of a relative
 - Religious holiday
 - Emergency conditions such as fire, flood, or storm
 - Unique family circumstances warranting absence and coordinated with school administration.
- College visits that cannot be scheduled on non-school days
- Reasonable amounts of time surrounding deployments and reintegration providing missed schoolwork is obtained in advance and completed upon return.

Procedures for monitoring daily student attendance and communicating with families are established in this policy. Academic penalties will not be imposed for excused absences. Students at-risk will be monitored by the Student Support Team and school administration to include the identification of supports and interventions. There are times when a student needs to miss school - everyone understands that. But attendance is important. To have a quality education experience, you need to Be Here.

Many families—both military and non-military—underestimate the importance of regular school attendance for young children (kindergarten and first grade) but even missing just 5% of kindergarten—that's just nine days—can be an indicator that a child will fall behind by the fifth grade.

What parents should know:

- Parents can team up with teachers to make sure students are in school and ready to learn.
- How parents can help:
 - Schedule medical and dental appointments outside of school hours.
 - Schedule vacations during school breaks.
 - If possible, schedule Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves to coincide with summer breaks or other scheduled school breaks.
 - When moving, check school calendars to be aware of important school dates (beginning/ending of school year; testing dates, breaks, etc.).
 - Make it a habit to contact their child's teachers/principals to arrange to pick up missed school work, either in advance if the absence is known, or the same day their child is absent.

