

Devers Elementary School

"ENDEVERS"



Dr. Kim McBroom, Principal

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

October, 2017

Proud to serve the children of the Fort Bragg Military Community

Mark Your Calendar

Oct

06 – No School - CSI Teacher PD Day

08-15 – Fire Prevention Week

09 – No School - Columbus Day Holiday

16-20 – Book Fair

17 – Read for the Record

19 – Curriculum Night

20 – No School - CCR Teacher PD Day

23-31 – Red Ribbon Week

25 – Unity Day

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

Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Devers' Families,

I would like to invite you to attend Devers' Curriculum/Family Night on October 19th. This will be a wonderful opportunity for staff members to share activities that relate to our college and career ready standards for mathematics and the implementation of the interrelated and integrated model.

As we culminate an exciting first quarter grading period, Parent-Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. Conference times are wonderful opportunities for you and your child's teacher(s) to communicate with one another, while building positive and trusting relationships. Your involvement and participation are critical components to the success of your child's learning experiences. I look forward to seeing you at the conferences on November 9th for Pre-K – 5th grades and November 8th for Pre- K.

Thank You,

Dr. McBroom

Principal

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Calendar (Continued)

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

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.



Art Corner

In the art classroom we have been working on many exciting lessons. We have looked at several different artists over the last several weeks. Our fifth graders have been working on a collage after viewing art by Henri Matisse. In fourth grade we are currently working on tessellations and talking about the artist M.C. Escher. In third grade we have just finished a collage inspired by the artist Henri Matisse. In second grade we are currently working on a self-portrait collage. Our first grade just completed their ocean collage and looked at paintings by Winslow Homer. In the kindergarten classroom we have been working on cutting shapes and scissor safety. Please encourage your child to talk about and share with you what they are doing in the art classroom.



Correspondence From School

Throughout the school year, most of our correspondences (newsletters, flyers, letters to parents, & etc.) will be via e-mail instead of hard copies. Please check the box below and return the portion of this page below the dotted line to your child's teacher if you would like to receive your correspondence by hard copy.

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Please provide a hard copy of all correspondences.

Parent signature: _____

Please print your name: _____

Date: _____

From the Music Studio

Hello, I am the substitute music teacher and it is a pleasure to be at Devers Elementary School this year. The new music standards are all about creating, responding and performing and there are plans to ensure that these standards are met. One plan includes the use of Quaver's Marvelous World of Music. Quavermusic.com is an educational music website with an interactive technology based music program that the children will become very familiar with in Music class. I look forward to the musical possibilities and tapping into the talent in each of the children. This school year is going to be an exciting and productive one and we are ready to dive into learning in Music!

Go Devers Dolphins!



Media Center Memo

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

In addition, parents are welcome to check out books from the Information Center and we are always in need of volunteers to help us better serve our students and staff.



¡ Hola !

Welcome to the Elementary Spanish Program. This year we have a second Spanish Teacher at Devers. We welcome our new language specialist who is teaching at Hampton Primary School as well. Our students have been learning calendar skills in Spanish, for example the days of the week, months, and seasons. We also have been learning the colors, shapes, numbers, and the alphabet. We continue practicing greetings and introductions as part of our daily Spanish routine.



Notes from the Nurse

Flu shots are recommended for everyone 6 months and older, and are now an annual requirement for all DoDEA students. A flu shot is the first and most important step in preventing the flu each year. Proof of vaccination is due no later than December 1, 2017.

Vaccination is especially important for protecting those at high risk for serious flu complications, including: young children, pregnant women, adults 65 years and older, and anyone with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, and heart disease.

For further information please visit the following site:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>

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.

Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions.



The Devers Primary School Goals for the 2017-2018 Year

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From the School Counselor

Media and your child

Our children's connection to media is everywhere, coming from more sources than we probably remember when we were kids: TV, movies, video games, handheld games, computers, cell phones, iPads, watches, etc. There are many wonderful uses for media that provide conveniences and education for us and our families. There are also dangers in media use that as parents and educators, we are tasked to protect our children from. With all the amazing advances in technology, we cannot forget to make advances in how we protect our children from media that is not age-appropriate. It's important to remember that children's brains are not fully developed, specifically the part of the brain (pre-frontal cortex) responsible for critical thinking, judgement, problem-solving, and impulse control. When a child or adolescent views media showing violence, sexual content, or harmful stereotypes, their own ideas, feelings, and behaviors are impacted. Without some guidance from a trusted grown-up, repeated exposure to these kinds of media may lead to an increase in aggression and a decrease in empathy.

For more information and research about media use and children, please visit:
<https://www.common sense media.org/research>.

Quick tips for setting media guidelines:

- Limit the amount of screen time to 1-2 hours a day (or less if you notice it is negatively impacting your child).
- Model screen-free times/activities (like dinner time, for example).
- Keep children's bedrooms free of screen media (no TV, game systems, laptops, iPads, cell phones, etc).
- Preview media that your child is interested in before you allow them to view/play it.
- Co-view media (if appropriate) with your child and discuss the content - this will help them develop critical thinking skills.
- Do your research about social media websites (like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) and closely monitor their usage. Remember, these sites are typically for ages 13 and up.
- Stick to rating recommendations. They exist for a reason.
- Use your parental judgement. Your children are counting on you to set their limits!



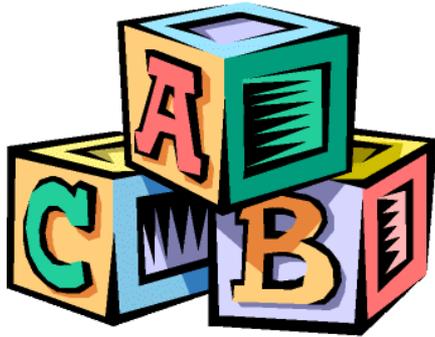
DID YOU KNOW? Children of parents who talk to their kids regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of kids report having these conversations.

Red Ribbon Week® (October 23-31), is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started.

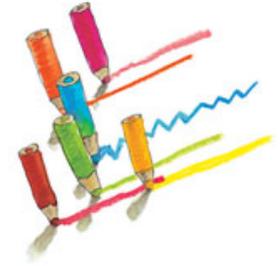
This year's theme is Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free.® Visit www.redribbon.org to learn more about Red Ribbon Week® and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend.

Tuesday, November 14
Casablanca Community Center
625 S. Lucas
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15
The Clubhouse at Linden Oaks
2 Duplin Ct
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Schedule Your Child for a
***FREE DEVELOPMENTAL
SCREENING***



Do you have a child between 0-5 years
old?

Do you have concerns that your child is
not walking, talking, playing or
interacting like other children his or her
age?



Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) and Fort Bragg Schools will be providing free developmental screenings for all military family members from birth through 5 years of age. The purpose of the screening is to determine if your child's development is appropriate for her/his age. You and your child will meet with a developmental specialist who will conduct the screening and be available to answer any questions you may have about your child's development. The results will be discussed at the end of the screening.

Screenings are done by appointment only. They will take approximately 30-45 minutes and require at least one parent to be present. To make an appointment for a screening, please call the EDIS clinic at 907-7048 or 907-7227.