

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

Sept, 2017

Proud to serve the children of the Fort Bragg Military Community

Mark Your Calendar

Sept

- 11 – Pre-K Orientation
- 12 – First Day for Pre-K Students
- 19 – PTO General Meeting
9:30 – 10:00
- 27 – Quarter 1 Interim Report
Period K-8
- 28 – Fall Picture 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,

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start, thanks to our stakeholder's efforts. I would like to invite you to become actively involved in our school by serving as a volunteer. Volunteer opportunities include:

- (1) Classroom volunteers
- (2) Special events and activities volunteers, and/or
- (3) Becoming a member of the Devers PTO

You are a vital member of our learning community. We welcome your input as we continually research and implement effective strategies to improve and increase student achievement. I encourage your comments and suggestions via e-mail or in person.

I look forward to your continued support and involvement with our school programs, as we strive to encourage our students to achieve at their maximum potential.

Thank You,

Dr. McBroom

Principal
Devers Elementary School

The Counselor's Corner

Hello and welcome back to school! We hope that your family had an enjoyable summer break. There are two counselors at Devers Elementary this year. We have a full time counselor and a part-time counselor. This is going to be a fun year filled with learning, growing, and lots of new adventures. We look forward to getting to know you, your family, and most importantly your child! Please feel free to contact either of our two counselors with any questions you may have about the counseling program or if there is anything we can do to assist you and your child.

Sincerely,
The Devers School Counselors
910-907-0204

Media Center Memo

Hello from the Media Information Specialist at Devers. I want to welcome everyone back to another inspiring school year. My goal is to inspire students to want to read and locate materials that can be used for personal, recreational, and educational purposes. Devers Information Center has several databases from which students may retrieve information at school and at home. The databases include PebbleGo, TumbleBooks, ebooks, Britannica, PowerKnowledge, etc. By using these resources, students may achieve success. In addition, I hope to develop life-long learning skills in each and every student. Lastly, parents are encouraged to stop by and check-out books as well as volunteer in the Information Center.



Gifted News

Hello Devers Family! This month finds us back in the full swing of school. I am currently busy scheduling for Gifted classes, checking who is still here, and welcoming any new students as well. If you have any concerns or questions regarding our Gifted Program please call or email me here at Devers Elementary and I would be happy to answer any questions, concerns, etc. regarding transfers, new placements, as well as existing kids in our program.

The guidelines for the Gifted Program can also be found on the DODEA website if you would like to read about our program. I am looking forward to working with our Gifted kids again this year. We do hope to start soon. Thanks and welcome back!



Notes from the Nurse

When to Keep Children at Home

- When your child has a contagious or communicable disease.
- When your child is exhibiting any of the signs or symptoms or has an illness for which temporary exclusion is recommended for the health and safety of your child as well as other children.
- When your child does not feel well enough to comfortably participate in their normal school activities

What can I do to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases in my home?

- Remind your children to wash their hands often.
- Reinforce the practice of coughing or sneezing into a sleeve or upper arm instead of hands.
- Throw away tissues immediately after each use and immediately wash hands.
- Remind your children not to drink or eat after others, including family members.
- Circulate fresh air through the house at least once a day.
- Provide your children with a balanced diet.
- Keep bed times regular. School aged children need 10-12 hours of sleep each night.
- Encourage your children to dress appropriately for the weather. Layering clothing so they may remove and add as their activity level warrants.
- Take your child to the doctor if the symptoms persist.
- If you use over the counter medications—use only those that are specific for your child's symptoms. NEVER give children aspirin, adult medications, someone else's medication or medication left over or outdated.
- Increase fluid intake (juices and water).
- Allow your child to rest and fully recover before sending him/her back to school. Encourage at least 60 minutes of daily exercise and daily trips out of doors.

DoDEA will be requiring the influenza(flu) vaccine when it becomes available at the medical facilities.

Wishing you a healthy and safe DOLPHIN school year!

This information is based upon guidelines from American Academy of Pediatrics, Centers for Disease Control, Clinical Guidelines for School Nurses (2007) and DoDEA DSM 2942.1, March 2004. For further information please view the following: <http://www.dodea.edu/attendance/upload/When-to-Keep-Children-at-home.pdf>

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.



School Hours of Operation

Please make a special effort to keep track of the hours of operation at our school. We ask this to help us make the most of the instructional day with your children & to provide the highest level of safety for your children as well. Dropping students off too late in the morning gives them a difficult transition from home to school. Dropping students off too early in the morning or picking them up too late in the afternoon causes a safety concern because we do not have staff in the building to provide adequate supervision. Please note the times listed below.

Student Times

8:00 Students may enter the building M-F

2:50 Dismissal of students on M,T,TH,F

1:55 Dismissal of students on Wed

Please be on time for both drop off & pick up times.

There are no checkouts for students after 2:00 (1:00 on Wednesday).

Breakfast Times

7:45-8:15

There is no supervision for students arriving before 8:00 unless they are going to breakfast.

Information Updates

Parents, please help us keep accurate & up-to-date records in our student data management system. When you change your phone numbers, street address, email address, or emergency contact information, contact the school & give the new information to the office staff. We routinely use this type of information to contact you concerning important matters. Accurate records become even more critical in emergency situations. Call 910-907-0204 to enter updates in our system.

Morning Car Drop-off & Afternoon Pickup

Parents, when you drop off your children in the morning at the car drop-off area, please have your children ready to exit on the passenger side of the car near the curb (including backpacks and lunch boxes ready). Please be aware that other cars behind you cannot pass to exit the line, so it is important that the children exit your car safely and quickly so that the line of cars can continue moving. There will be staff members standing in the hallways to help your children get to the correct classrooms once they enter the back door from the car drop-off area. Please help us maintain safety during afternoon pickup. If you have an infant in a child seat, please consider placing the child seat on the driver's side of the car. This will allow car riders to enter the car from the curb side. Curb side entry is much safer than having children walk through the traffic line.

ESL News

Welcome back for another exciting school year! I am the ESL teacher at Devers this year. ESL is a program that focuses on helping students who speak other languages become proficient English speakers. Proficiency in English is not only based on basic interpersonal communication skills, but cognitive academic language as well. Cognitive academic language includes content specific vocabulary, reasoning, and the ability to communicate higher order comprehension skills in a clear and concise way. Students are identified as possible candidates for the ESL program based on the information you provided on the Home Language Questionnaire when registering your child. If your child qualifies for the program, their level of proficiency will determine the type and frequency of services they will receive. If you have any questions about the program or would like more information, please feel free to contact me.