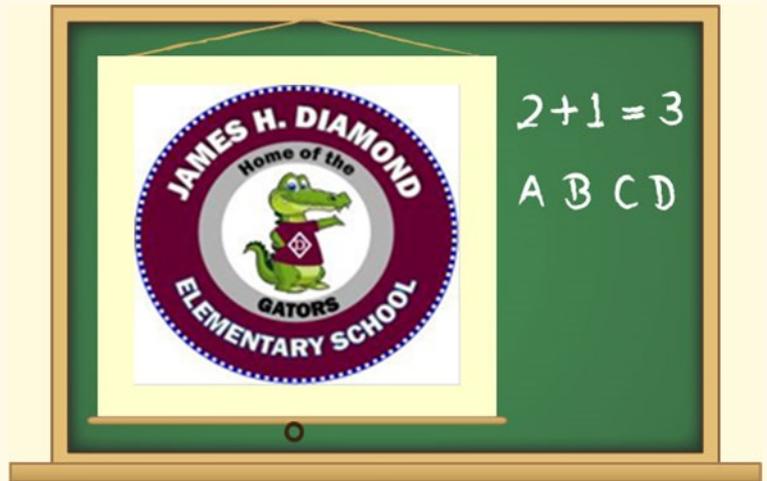


Diamond Elementary School

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Ms. Rachel Brumbaugh
Interim Principal

Dr. Deborah Williams
Assistant Principal



Principal's Message

Dear Diamond Parents,

My name is Rachel Brumbaugh, and I am excited to introduce myself as the Interim Principal of Diamond Elementary. I am truly honored to serve our military-connected students and families here at Diamond and truly feel that I am living the dream!

Over the past 18 years, I have worked as a teacher, instructional coach, adjunct instructor, and instructional support specialist, but I consider my most important job to be that of a child advocate with a focus on student learning. My goal is to ensure that all our military-connected children are healthy, happy and safe, so they will learn. This has been my viewpoint since I began my career teaching as a high school teacher in 1998.

Along with the Diamond staff, I will continue to work hard to continue to build strong relationships with students, parents, and all stakeholders and ensure our Diamond team continues to be strong and “dynamic.” We will continue to foster a nurturing, safe, and orderly learning environment for all children; use data to drive instructional decisions; guarantee consistent implementation of College and Career Readiness Standards to increase students’ growth and achievement; and provide exciting and challenging enrichment opportunities for all students.

My doors are open, and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make Diamond the greatest DoDEA school!

Sincerely,

Rachel Brumbaugh

November 2017

Dates to Remember

02	Popcorn Thursday
05	Daylight Savings-Time to “Fall Back”!!!!
08	Pre-K Only: No School
08	Q2 Progress Reports Issued
09	No School-Teacher Training
10	No School-Veterans Day
13	Coffee with DES Administrators-8:30a, Multi-Purpose Rm.
15	DES Spirit Night-Cold Stone Creamery, 5:00p
16	Popcorn Thursday
17	Star Student Assembly -9:00a
20-24	No School-Thanksgiving Break
28	Fall Picture Make-up Day
28	Spirit Night-Chick-Fil-A, 5:00p



Nurse Notes

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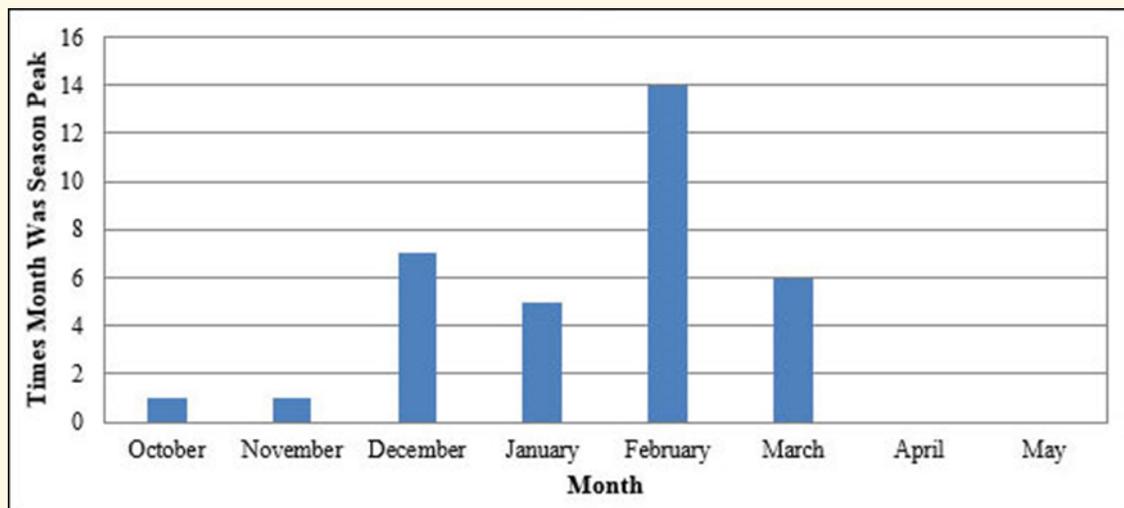


AAH-CHOO!! *FLU SEASON* is here! It's time to think about protecting you and your family against the flu. As you can see from the chart below, the sooner your student gets their flu vaccine, the better. Here are some interesting flu facts:

- Did you know that you cannot get the flu from the vaccine? The most common side effects from a shot are a sore arm or possible achiness / mild increased temperature.
- "Wait a minute! I got the flu vaccine once and got sick..." You may have been exposed before you go the vaccine. It takes up to 2 weeks to become fully protected.
- Even healthy people should be immunized for the flu. Kids and adults who are active and healthy can still get the flu, and the symptoms are much more severe than a cold.
- Antibiotics will not cure the flu. The flu is a virus, not bacteria, so antibiotics are not useful in treating the symptoms.
- Children with other health conditions, such as asthma, are more at risk of getting the flu.
- Prevention is the key. This is accomplished through receiving the flu vaccine and also preventing the spread of germs with good handwashing.
- Each year, between 3,000 and 50,000 people die from the flu or its complications, and over 200,000 are hospitalized.
- The flu vaccine is required this year for ALL DoDEA students by December 1st. This year's annual flu shot will offer protection against the H1N1 flu virus, in addition to three other influenza viruses that are expected to be in circulation this flu season.

Sources: www.flu.gov, www.cdc.gov, DoDEA immunization requirements SY2017/2018

Peak Month of Flu Activity 1982-1983 through 2015-2016



Source: www.CDC.gov/flu

Upcoming opportunities for getting your students protected this season (no appointment needed):

***The WACH Pediatric Clinic is sponsoring an afterhours flu clinic for patients 6-months of age through 17-years-old Nov. 15 and 28th from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

***WACH Immunization Walk-In clinic is open M-F (except holidays) from 7:30 to 4pm.

School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

The Gator Trait for November is “**Trustworthiness.**”

Students are learning about being Trustworthy. Counselors are teaching students about earning trusty by being *Honest* and *Dependable*!

- Being *Honest* means telling the truth, not hiding the truth, not cheating, and not stealing.
- Being *Dependable* means people can count on you to do the right things!



**I can BEE
HONEST**

by showing I am truthful
and trustworthy, and not
lying, cheating, or stealing.



**I can BEE
DEPENDABLE**

by showing others
they can rely on me.

School Counselors Make a
World of Difference

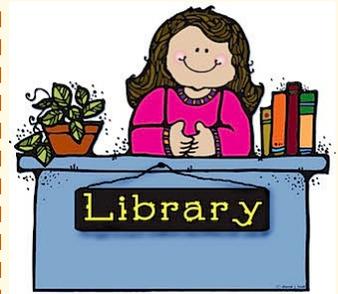


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FROM THE DESK OF THE LIBRARIAN ~ Dr. Roberts ~



Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Diamond Elementary Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest!!!** We had an **AWESOME** turn out and a **PHENOMENAL** display of talented and very creative submissions! Everyone did a **FANTASTIC** job!! It was very difficult to judge; however, the following students were selected:

- **Pre-K/KG**
 - 1st Place** - Constantine Martinez, "Peppa's Pumpkin Party" (Pre-K, Ms. Padgett)
 - 2nd Place** - Mia Picon, "If You Take a Mouse to School" (KG, Dr. Allison)
 - 3rd Place** - Kahla Ertley, "Alice in Wonderland" (KG, Ms. Perkins)
- **1st/2nd Grade**
 - 1st Place** - Jordan Thorne, "Pete The Cat/Bedtime Blues" (1st, Ms. Baker)
 - 2nd Place** - Brittin Dummar, "Fancy Nancy" (2nd, Ms. Rogers)
 - 3rd Place** - Claire Martinez, "Cinderella" (1st, Ms. Cothran)
- **3rd/4th Grade**
 - 1st Place** - Alondra Ortiz, "The Adventures of Captain Underpants" (3rd, Ms. DeLoach)
 - 2nd Place** - Dominique Moore, "Monsters University" (3rd, Ms. Myers)
 - 3rd Place** - Lilly Davis, "Ghosts" (4th, Ms. Taylor)
- **5th Grade**
 - 1st Place** - Alaina Motes, "Tsunami" (Mr. Enoch)
 - 2nd Place** - Epiphany Aguilar, "Dear Dumb Diary" (Mr. Romero)
 - 3rd Place** - Karah Sepulveda, "The Wide Window" (Mr. Enoch)
- **Teacher/Staff**
 - Special Recognition** - Ms. Amber Johnson, "A House for Hermit Crab" (S.T.E.A.M.)



Gator Family Spotlight



ART ~ Ms. Wheatley ~

Gator Artists CAN Create!

Our Gator Artists are creating unique projects that combine self-expression with the traditional artistic elements and principles! We learned how the process is just as important as the end result.

Kindergarten and Grade 1- Our young artists identified all kinds of lines and learned how to draw them. They were able to see how a two-dimensional drawing can be the sketch for a three-dimensional model. Kindergarten created three dimensional lines in small models of roller-coasters using pipe cleaners. First grade identified how lines can be printed and formed through the process of printmaking while making a stamp.

Grade 2- After a lot of practice folding and cutting on lines, students created three dimensional cube forms from paper. Their paper cube characters then became the main subject of some of our famous historical paintings like, *The Scream* and *Starry Night*. Inside shadow boxes, students incorporated elements from the historical paintings and their chosen cube character demonstrating how they can individually express an idea through the use of their art.

Grade 3- Students worked in collaborative groups to learn the process of building three dimensional mazes built from LEGO brick. Students began by drawing concept blueprints of maze designs and worked together to research and create a complete theme based on an animal. After finalizing and agreeing on ideas groups were then challenged to add two obstacles inside of each maze. Students surprised me with many brilliant design ideas! I had a lot of fun trying out their mazes!

Grades 4 and 5- These student artists really showed off their drawing skills while illustrating a dragon's eye! They were tasked with following a mathematical grid and the creative liberty of designing the scaly texture of a dragon. Each artist used a sketchbook to track their progress and experiment with individual ideas. As a result, they were successful at drawing lines, shapes and patterns that illustrated the eye of a dragon.

All grades will begin building on the concepts covered in these projects by learning about color and form in the next lessons. Please visit our Media Center where our *Feathers Of Unity* Mural is on display and take a photo with our giant set of wings! Students in grades K-5 painted feathers to symbolize their united effort in supporting a bully free environment in our school. Students were also inspired by International street artist Kelsey Montague who is famous for painting large scale wing murals that invite us to step into them and become part of her art and share it with the world #whatliftsyou. Kelsey's murals remind you to consider what inspires you and to always keep the answers close to your heart.

Art Club students are busy putting together their Gator Boxes! The Gators on Parade event will be taking place after completion- More information to come.

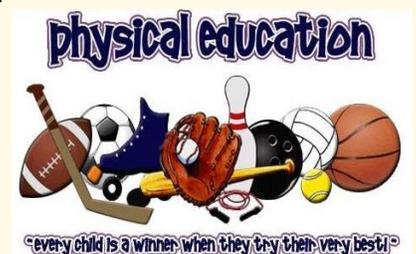


Physical Education ~ Coach Marcus ~

Monthly Activities: Completing Fitness Gram; Basketball Skills

During the month of November, students will be using their basic catching and throwing skills as they are introduced to basketball. These skills will help them develop fundamental basketball knowledge required for successful game play. Students will be taught basketball skills that may be practiced individually, in pairs, or with groups.

Please remember to have your child wear gym shoes on their gym day!
— Stay Fit!



Gator Family Spotlight



FLES

~ Ms. Stewart ~



During the month of November, 2nd and 3rd grade students will continue Unit 1 “*Mi escuela y yo/Me and my School.*” The students will learn to say their name, age, and the country they reside in Spanish. Students will learn about 22 Spanish-speaking countries, how to use and differentiate between the verbs *tengo/to have* and *necesito/I need* with classroom objects. Students will also learn to tell how they feel in Spanish.

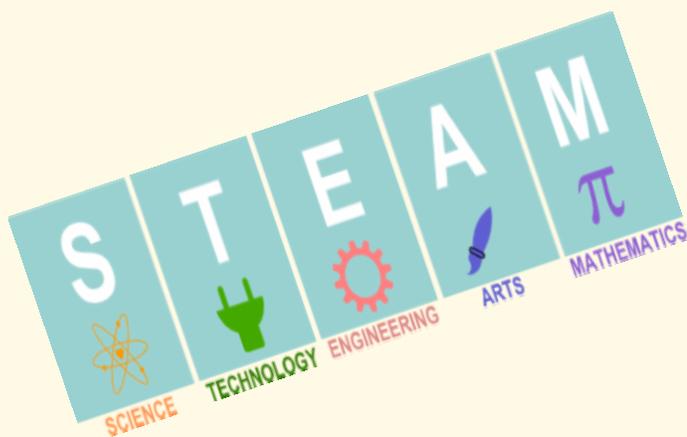
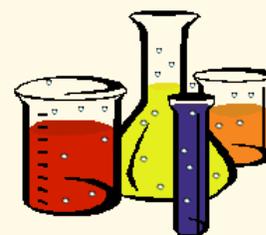
Kinder and 1st grade classes will finish Unit 1 “*Mi escuela y yo/Me and my School.*” They will review the objects in the classroom and learn *Personas y lugares en la escuela/People and places at school* in Spanish. Students will also take the Unit 1 test and begin Unit 2 “*Mi familia/My family.*”



S.T.E.A.M.

~ Ms. A. Johnson ~

During the month of November, Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be working on different types of experiments. Students will be observing chemical reactions by creating rain and snow. Students will also be figuring out why a paper flower will float instead of sink! Our 4th and 5th graders will continue to work very hard on creating forms of different animals for paper mache. Some students have already begun using paper mache and found out the paper mache process can be very messy and time consuming! I am very proud of all my students and how hard they are working on using the engineering process. Keep up the good work!





PTO & Other Gator News

Parent Teacher Organization

Diamond Elementary's PTO is looking for volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Karolyn O'Cull at (912)876-5797 or via email at desptopresident@gmail.com.



Picture retakes (make-up day) will occur at the school on **Tuesday, 28-NOV**. Only students who were absent during first photo session, enrolled since the last picture day, or those who bring in the proof/package from the previous pictures will be photographed. Students who are retaking their pictures **MUST** have their previous pictures from the first picture day **AND** a note from parents stating that they would like to retake pictures. Questions can be directed to the PTO Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/diamondpto>



Attention Diamond Gators! The school will be open on the following days during Thanksgiving Break:

- Monday, November 20
- Tuesday, November 21
- Wednesday, November 22

The hours of operation will be from 8:00a-4:00p.



Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) recently administered its Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) to teachers, students, and families. The survey is part of DoDEA's continual efforts to improve the quality of education delivered to Department of Defense military and civilian students.

Please examine the Customer Satisfaction Survey results using the following link:

<https://surv.dodea.edu/CSS/report/css1617/>





Cafeteria's Monthly Menu

Fort Stewart Schools - Breakfast and Lunch Menu - November 2017

<p>All Sponsors need to complete a lunch application for their children enrolled in Fort Stewart Schools.</p> <p>Fort Stewart Schools have a Provision 2 Certified Breakfast Program. This allows us to offer breakfast at no cost to all enrolled students.</p>		1	2	3
		Honey Graham Cereal and or Graham Cracker and or Breakfast Donut Bourbon Chicken - Brown Rice Pilaf - Steamed Cabbage W/Bok Choy - Corn Bread - Cantaloupe	Pancake on Stick or Sweet Potato Cinnamon Roll Sloppy Joe On a Bun - Seasoned Corn Seasoned Green Beans - Watermelon	Coco Puff Cereal and or Graham Cracker and or Matey Cereal Chili Con Carne W/Beans - Seasoned California Normandy - Red Delicious Apple Wedges - Sugar Cookie
6	7	8	9	10
French Toast W/ Syrup and or Graham Cracker and or Blueberry Muffin Sausage Pizza - Baked Beans - Celery Sticks W/Dressing - Apple Crisp	Danimal Yogurt and or Graham Cracker or Mini Pancakes Honey BBQ Chicken Drumettes - Brown Rice Pilaf - Orange Glazed Carrots - Seasoned Greens - Sidekick	Banana Muffin and or Graham Cracker and or Fruity Cheerio Bar Baked Pork Roast W/Gravy - Seasoned Green Beans - Mashed Potatoes - Cinnamon Roll - Orange Wedges	Sausage Biscuit W/ Jelly or Poptart and or Graham Cracker Grilled Cheese Sandwich - Vegetable Soup - Potato Tots - Oatmeal Cookie - Fresh Fruit	
13	14	15	16	17
Cinnamon Toast Cereal and or Graham Cracker and or Strawberry Cereal Bar Taco Salad W/Salsa - Corn on Cob - Sliced Pear - Graham Cracker	Homemade Banana Bread Or Oatmeal Raisin Comdgos - Creamy Cole Slaw - Baked Beans - Frozen Fruit Fiesta	Cheese Stick and or Graham Cracker and or Marshmallow Matey Cereal Hamburger on a Bun - Seasoned Broccoli - Lettuce/Tomato Wedges - Cantaloupe	Apple Muffin and or Graham Cracker and or Trix Cereal Bar Roasted Turkey - Corn Bread Dressing W/Gravy - Seasoned Peas & Pearl Onions - Baked Sweet Potatoes and Apples - Fruit	Manager's Choice
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	
Honey Scooter Cereal and or Graham Cracker and or Poptart Honey BBQ Chicken Drumettes - Sweet Potato Nuggets - Seasoned Broccoli - Fresh Pear - Ketchup	Waffle W/Syrup and or Graham Cracker and or Blueberry Muffin Lasagna W/Ground Beef - Italian Bread - Seasoned Peas & Carrots - Sliced Peaches	Sausage Biscuit W/Jelly or Sweet Potato Cinnamon Roll Chicken A La King - Pinto Beans - Cinnamon Roll - Applesauce Orange Cup	Manager's Choice 	

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School Breakfast and Lunch Menu SY 2017-2018

Important Reminders for Parents and Students:

- School starts at 8:20. Students are considered tardy at 8:21 and must receive a tardy slip from the front office.
- It is a DoDEA requirement that we do a **100% ID check** when coming into the school and checking out children.
- The PTO is **ALWAYS** seeking volunteers to help with school activities! Stop by the Office to pick up a volunteer form to fill out. For further information, please contact Karolyn O'Cull at (912) 876-5797 or desptopresident@gmail.com.
- Want to stay updated with all the news, events, and information going on with the school? Well, join us on the Diamond Elementary PTO Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/diamondpto>