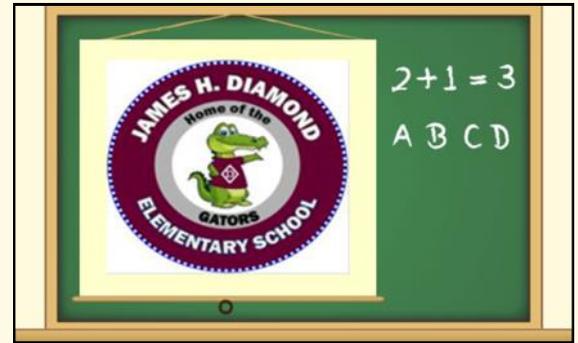


Diamond Elementary School

Volume 1, Issue 5/6 SY17-18 February 8, 2018

Ms. Rachel Brumbaugh
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Dr. Deborah Williams
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Principal's Message

Dear Diamond Family,

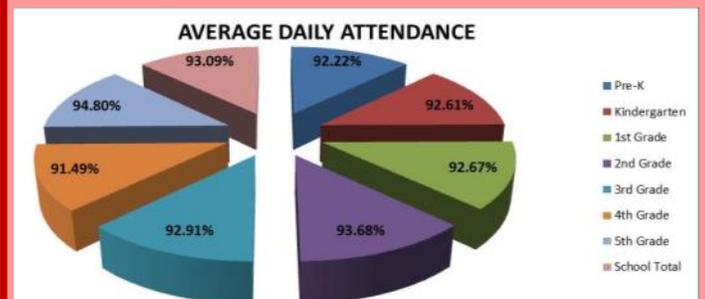
For many students, tests can cause anxiety and restless nights. Tests do not have to be a source of anxiety for students. With the help of resources like practice tests, students in grades 3-5 can better prepare themselves for the DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment scheduled for April 2018. Studies have shown that assessment practice helps students relax and gain confidence, study more effectively, perform better on tests, and increase learning. DoDEA now has practice tests available. Parents and students are encouraged to use the CCRS Summative Assessment Resources and Student Practice Tests available on the Resources tab of the DoDEA Assessment Web page at <http://www.dodea.edu/assessments>. These resources include the following: links to practice tests and tutorials, FAQs, test blueprints, evidence tables, and performance level descriptors. The practice tests provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with the kinds of items and format used for the summative assessments. The tutorials demonstrate the navigation and tools that are available for the summative assessments. The link to the practice site is <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/> and the link to the tutorial site is <https://parcc.pearson.com/tutorial/>. Students may use any computer and other electronic device to access these sites.

Sincerely,
Ms. Brumbaugh

Dates to Remember

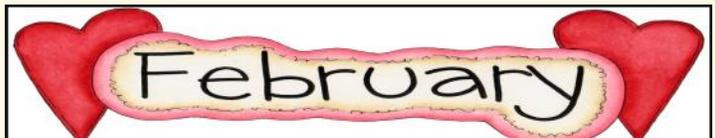
Feb. 9	No School - Teacher Training
Feb. 12	Coffee with the Principals - 9:00a
Feb. 16	SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!!
Feb. 19	No School - Presidents' Day
Feb. 20	No School (Pre-K ONLY) - Trimester 2 Prep
Feb. 21	Pre-K Trimester 2 Report Cards Issued
Feb. 23	Star Student Ceremony - 9:00a
Feb. 26	Spring Book Fair (goes through March 2nd)

Attendance: We must work together to ensure that our students are attending school each day and receiving a quality education. The graph below shows that our average daily attendance for January (as of 1/25/18) was **92.61%**. We did **NOT** meet our goal of **95%**. Please ensure that your students are present at school and arrive on time. When students are not in school, they are missing valuable instructional time. You can review the attendance policy on our [website](#). Specific requirements for attendance are addressed including what time of the day is considered tardy, full day, half day, etc.



Gator Trait

"Study/Test Taking Skills"





GATOR NEWS YOU CAN USE!!!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Kiss & Ride parents, please **DO NOT** abandon your car at any time while waiting for school dismissal!!



- Diamond ES is a 100% tobacco-free school. There is **NO SMOKING** allowed in or around the school, which includes the pick-up/drop off areas and the parking lot. We thank you for your complying.



LUNCH & LEARN INVITATION

What: Lunch & Learn (lunch provided to all attendees during learning session)



Session Topic: CCRS Summative Assessment (PARCC Assessment)

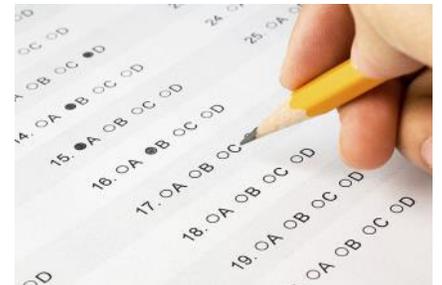
Who: Parents and family members of 3rd-5th grade students

Cost: FREE

When: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Time: 11:30 A.M.-12:30 A.M.

Where: Diamond Elementary



RSVP: Please RSVP by emailing LaQuita.Cox-King@am.dodea.edu with the total number of attendees; Children under 5 are welcome to attend!

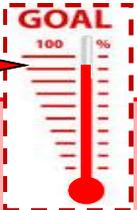




Nurse Notes

Flu Vaccine Update: We currently have a compliance rate of 96%. **We are ALMOST there!!!!** Winn ACH Immunization Clinic continues to have the required flu vaccine available for students, so it's not too late! **If your student has NOT received his/her vaccine or has received it but you have not provided a copy to the nurse, please get it in ASAP!** For your convenience, you may take a **CLEAR** photo or scan showing the date of the flu vaccine and your student's name and email the information (with 'flu' in the subject box) to sherri.jones@am.dodea.edu. Waivers are also available at the school's Health Office.

96%



BEAT the **Flu** BUG

 Get your **Shot!**

UUGGGG!!!! That bug is back! Have you had the stomach and headache symptoms? Did you know that the single **most effective** way to keep your family healthy and prevent sickness is a **GOOD HANDWASHING**? Keep in mind that not all hand washings are created equal... Are you doing it **RIGHT**?!! Chances are that you are not. Here are the guidelines from the CDC:

- **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- **Scrub** your hands for **at least 20 seconds**. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
- **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Teach your entire family how to wash their hands the right way and stay healthy!!



DENTAC SCHOOL VISIT

DENTAC will be visiting the school on Monday, **February 12, 2018** to speak to students in grades PK through 3rd on the importance of dental health and other dental-related information. Literature about the visit was sent home on **Tuesday, February 6th**.



Sherri Jones, BSN, RN
 DES School Nurse
 912-369-1457

School Counselors' Spotlight



Our February Gator Trait is **Study/Test Taking Skills!**



Our February Gator Trait is Study Skills & Test Taking Skills! Student in the primary grades are learning how to be better learners by "Being the Boss of Their Bodies" and by "Listening With Their Whole Bodies!" Students in the upper grades are learning test taking strategies and good study skills.

2018 DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment System

As part of DoDEA's Comprehensive Assessment Program, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment system is used to measure student mastery of the

College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS).

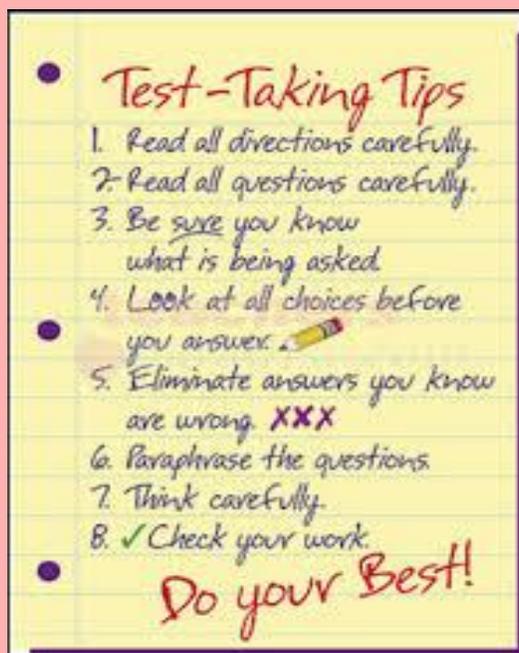


The PARCC assessments serve as an "educational GPS system," assessing students' current performance, and pointing the way to what students need to learn to be ready for the next grade level and, by high school graduation, for college and/or a career. The PARCC assessments are designed to give schools and teachers more information to improve instruction. Moreover, PARCC is designed to let parents know how their child is progressing academically. This more detailed information can lead to strong engagement between parents and teachers. More information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.dodea.edu/assessments/programDetails.cfm>

Important Upcoming Dates:

- ◆ **April 30-May 14, 2018 - PARCC Testing for Grades 3-6.** Please use website notated above to review more information about the test.
- ◆ **More information will be coming soon!**



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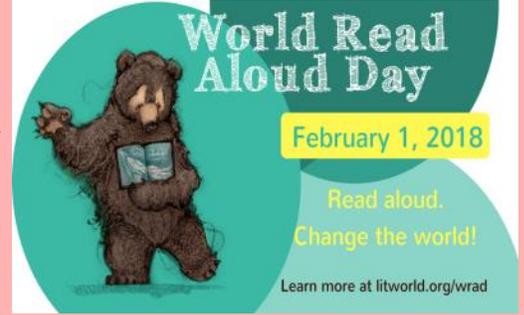
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**FROM THE DESK OF
THE LIBRARIAN**
~ Dr. Roberts ~



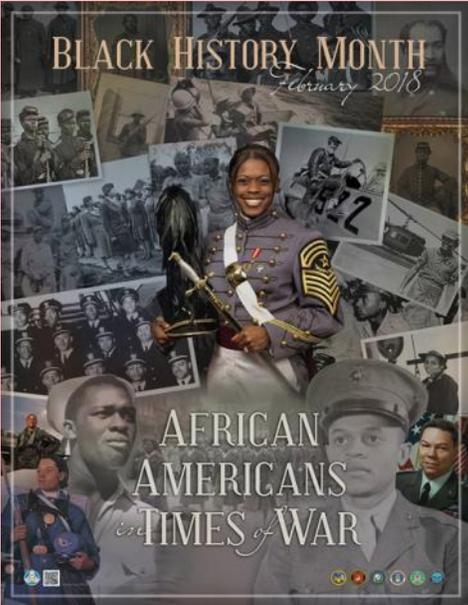
Love is in the air! The LOVE of Reading, that is!!!

This month we jumpstarted World Read Aloud Day with the theme of “Read Aloud, Change the World!” Parents, please find time to read aloud to your child and have your child read aloud to you. Only a few short passages a day helps us think about the written word as it is expressed orally. World Read Aloud Day was February 1, 2018; however, Diamond wants to take it up a notch by encouraging our families to continue the love of reading “aloud” until the end of the school year! Don’t forget to log your books on the Reading Logs or by using the digital reading log provided earlier in the school year.



National African American History Month Poster Contest

National African American History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role they have played in the history of the United States. In honor of National African American History Month and out Nation's Military Members, Diamond students are encouraged to participate in creating a poster highlighting a African- American Military Hero.



GUIDELINES

Design and decorate a poster 24" x 36" or smaller. Posters will be judged on content, creativity, and originality.

DEADLINE

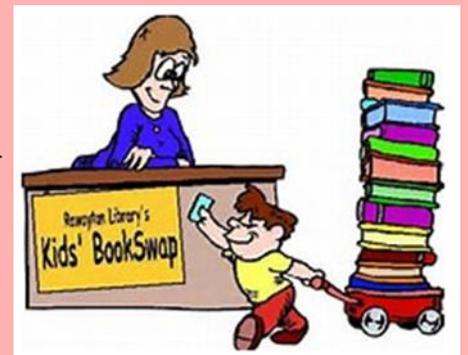
Posters must be submitted **by 3:00p.m. on February 18th** to Ms. King in the Main Office. Posters will be displayed throughout the remainder of February. The grand prize winner will receive a **\$25 gift card**.
For more information contact Ms. Cox King

BOOK SWAP!!!

Bored of your kid's books? Are your book shelves filled to bursting? Has your family outgrown those easy readers? On March 1, 2018, bring those children's books to Family Literacy Night at Diamond Elementary and exchange them for someone else's gently used books.

What is a gently used book? Gently used books are clean, free of marks, have all their pages, and are generally in desirable or good condition. Gently used books may show a little wear on the edges from being read and loved, but they are never sticky with food stuff, chewed by younger siblings, or covered in dog drool.

Get a jump on the swap and bring your books in early! Drop books off in the Front Office and you will receive an exchange coupon documenting your donation and the number of books you can pick up the night of the swap. You can also bring your books directly to the reading event, **Literacy Night**, on **March 1, 2018**. More information about this event is forthcoming!



Gator Family Spotlight

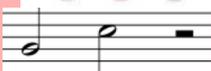


MUSIC ~ Ms. Foster ~

This is an exciting time in music. The fifth graders have started the "Kidstix" program and are doing an excellent job. The fourth graders have formally started recorders. They are working on the fundamentals of playing a woodwind



instrument. The third grade is moving along in understanding notation of sounds. The second graders have started reading quarter notes and half notes and quarter rests. The first graders and Kindergarten are studying instrument families. They are learning to distinguish between woodwinds and brass not only by sight but by



Sound sound. They are learning why certain instruments belong to certain families. All students are getting hands on time on classroom instruments. They are doing an excellent job at following the rules for playing instruments in the music room. I am very proud of them!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~ Coach Marcus ~

February Activities:

- Basic Basketball Skills (continuation)
 - ⇒ Dribbling and learning different types of basketball passes.



Students will continue to work on their Basic Basketball Skills, which includes dribbling and learning different types of basketball passes. These skills will help them develop fundamental basketball knowledge required for successful game play. Please remember to have your child wear gym shoes on their gym day.

Upcoming Activities:

- **Friday, March 23, 2018** - Field Day (Rain date is Wednesday, March 28, 2018)

More information coming soon!!



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

— **Stay Fit!**

ART ~ Ms. Wheatley ~

Our Gator Artists of all grades have created colorful works of art!

Kindergarten and First grade have reviewed the colors of the rainbow and have applied them to paintings of the ocean. We discovered new ways to use and make art supplies while creating coral and tropical fish.



Second grade has been busy photographing LEGO models that they have built to create digital stories. They will learn how to use a computer to create stories using the photos they have taken.



Third grader artists are beginning to draw chameleons after learning a little about them. We will be choosing harmonious colors to blend with oil pastels while coloring in our drawn chameleons. Each chameleon will be as unique as the artists who drew them.



With the help of YouTube, Fourth and Fifth grade artists have travelled to Iceland to see the northern lights so they can illustrate the beautiful colors in a drawing of their own using dry chalk pastels. They also learned how the northern lights are created by the sun and some fun facts about Iceland.



Semester 2 of Art Club has begun and students have created sun catchers and slime!



Gator Family Spotlight



FLES ~ Ms. Stewart ~

During the month of January, second grade students began Unit 1 “Mi escuela y yo/Me and my School.” Students learned the calendar and weather, days of the week, months, numbers 1-30, telling my name, age, and the country I am from. Use of *tengo/I have* and *necesito/I need* with classroom objects; The articles and telling how I am feeling.



Students in third grade reviewed Unit 1 “Mi escuela y yo/Me and my School,” Unit 2 “Mi familia/My family,” and Unit 3 “Mi comunidad/My Community.” Once they have mastered the material, they will continue with Unit 4.

Advanced students in Kindergarten will continue with Unit 4 “El Mundo a mi alrededor/The World around me.” In this unit students will learn seasons, weather, clothing, learn how to put together basic sentences using articles of clothing with colors.



Beginner students in first grade will study Unit 1 “Mi escuela y yo/Me and my School.” Students will learn routines and procedures, greetings, colors, classroom objects, people and places in school, polite expressions, and numbers 1-30.



Advanced students in first grade will study Unit 4 “El Mundo a mi alrededor/The World around me.” In this unit students will learn the seasons, weather, clothing, and learn how to put together basic sentences using articles of clothing with colors.



FLES ~ Ms. Trias ~

Ms. Fehring's Kindergarten class and I would like to thank SPC Christopher Diak for his presentation about DOG HANDLERS as we learned about places and jobs on post. Students had fun with "el perro" that works "en la base militar". This was a wonderful home/community/school partnership experience.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

“Oh, the Places You’ll Go When You Read!” Diamond Elementary School Salutes The Many Places That Our Army Families Have Served



www.nea.org/readacross



In recognition of **Read Across America** and **Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2**, Diamond Elementary School will be “Recognizing All of the Places The Army Has Taken Our Military Families.” We would like for each military sponsor to write down all of the places the Army has taken your family on the attached *Flyer*. Please write your family’s name on the line at the bottom (Ex. The Smith Family). *If possible, please use a black marker so the information can be easily read. We would also like a photo of the military sponsor (**if available in uniform**) **with his or her family**. The photo will be placed in the “Oh, The Places You’ll Go” display in the school building. List the name of your oldest child and teacher on the back so that the photo may be returned. **The deadline for submitting the “Oh, The Places You’ll Go” information and military photos is Wednesday, February 21.** We would like to have the display completed by March 2 for Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Celebration.

If you have any questions, please contact **Ms. Marilyn Carter at 912-876-6094.**



The Great Vocabulary Parade

On March 2, 2018, DES students will make words walk and talk. PreK-5th grade students at Diamond School will have the opportunity to participate in a vocabulary parade on **March 2, 2018, at 2:30p** as part of **Read Across America**.

Come laugh, applaud, and be amazed by our students' ingenuity. Be surprised by our celebrity guests and their costumed words. The Vocabulary Parade is part of Diamond Elementary School's ongoing effort to increase word recognition among our students. The parade concept is based on Debra Frasier's book, *Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster*, where a student confuses the word "miscellaneous" for the person, Miss Alaineus. In this hilarious story, great embarrassment is assuaged by turning this mortifying mistake into a winning costume at the Vocabulary Parade. Please help your child create a vocabulary costume to wear in the parade! Use classroom vocabulary words, sight words, etcetera! Encourage your child to expand his/her vocabulary and bring the words to life!

PreK-5th grade DES Contestants will be judged by grade level in the following categories:

- ⇒ Best Adjective, Noun, Verb
- ⇒ Saddest Word
- ⇒ Happiest Word
- ⇒ Longest Word
- ⇒ Most Unique Military Word
- ⇒ Most Ingenious Costume
- ⇒ Most Amazing Word
- ⇒ The Word that Made Us Think
- ⇒ Bravest Word

For vocabulary ideas please visit the following site:

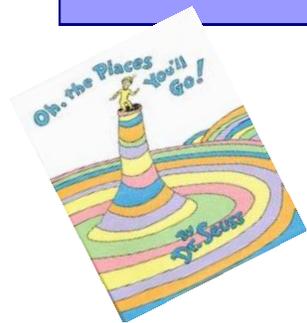
<https://www.debrafrasier.com/docs/miss-alaineus/vocab-parade-full.pdf>

VOCABULARY
Words Are
Important!





“Oh, the Places the Army Has Taken Our Family”



The _____ Family



School Calendar

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR – PARENTS & STUDENTS (Fort Stewart)

2 NO SCHOOL - Sneak a Peek 3:00 – 4:00

3 First Day of School (Gr K-6)

17 First Day of School for PreK

30 Q1 Progress Reports Issued

AUGUST 2017						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

1 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Training

4 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday

5 Open House 3:30 – 5:30

6 Open House Kessler 6th Grade Only 3:30 – 4:40

4 End of Quarter 1 – 43 days

5 NO SCHOOL- Teacher Work Day

6 NO SCHOOL- Teacher Training

9 NO SCHOOL-Columbus Day Holiday

16-17 NO SCHOOL- Parent Conferences

OCTOBER 2017						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

8 NO SCHOOL(PreK ONLY) - Trimester 1 Prep

8 Q2 Progress Reports Issued

9 NO SCHOOL-Teacher Training

10 NO SCHOOL-Veterans' Day Holiday

13 PreK Trimester 1 Report Cards Issued

20-24 NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break

15 End of Quarter 2 – 42 days

18-29 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

DECEMBER 2017						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1 NO SCHOOL-New Year's Day Holiday

2 NO SCHOOL- Teacher Work Day

3 Students Report Back to School

10 Report Cards Issued – Quarter 2

15 NO SCHOOL-MLK Holiday

7 Q3 Progress Reports Issued

9 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Training

19 NO SCHOOL-President's Day Holiday

20 NO SCHOOL (PreK ONLY) -Trimester 2 Prep

21 PreK Trimester 2 Report Cards Issued

FEBRUARY 2018						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

13 End of Quarter 3 – 47 days

16 NO SCHOOL -Teacher Work Day

23 Report Cards Issued – Quarter 3

2-6 NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

18 Q4 Progress Reports Issued

24 1st Day for Accelerated Withdrawal

27 NO SCHOOL-Teacher Training

APRIL 2018						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

11 NO SCHOOL- Teacher Training

22 Last Day of School (PreK ONLY)

23 Last Day of School (Gr K-6) 11:50 Dismissal

23 End of Quarter 4 - 43 days

(Inclement Weather Makeup Days – 24, 25, 29 May)

1 Report Cards Mailed Home

JUNE 2018						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Schools

Murray 912-369-1576

Kessler 912-368-3598

Diamond 912-876-6094

District Office 912-369-6691

Kathleen Reiss
Community Superintendent

Report Card Issue Dates:

Quarter 1: October 16-17, 2017
Parent Conferences

Quarter 2: January 10, 2018

Quarter 3: March 23, 2018

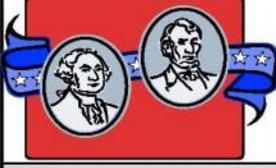
Quarter 4: June 1, 2018
Report Cards Mailed Home

No School for Students
 First/Last Day of School (Gr K-6)
 Situational Awareness



Cafeteria's Monthly Menu

Fort Stewart Schools - Breakfast and Lunch Menu - February 2018

			1	2
Barack Obama 44th President 1st African American President 1st A. A. President of the Harvard Law Review Gen Colin Powell U.S. Secretary of State/ Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff	Dr. Charles Drew inventor of the Blood Bank Daniel Hale Williams Heart Surgery Pioneer Bessie Coleman License Pilot W.E.B Dubois 1st A. A. to receive Doctoral Degree at Harvard	Madame C. J. Walker 1st African American Millionaire / Hair Care Products Robert Johnson 1st African American Billionaire owner BET (Black Entertainment Television)	Turkey Sausage Biscuit W/Jelly Or Honey Scooter Cereal W/Cracker Chili con Carne - Seasoned Mixed Vegetables - Bread Stick - Sidekick	Pancake On A Stick W/Syrup Or Blueberry Muffin W/Cracker Chicken Nuggets W/Honey Mustard Sauce - Garden Salad - Italian Dressing - Roll - Fresh Fruit
5	6	7	8	9
WG Mini Bluberry Muffin Pancakes Or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal W/Cracker	Egg and Cheese WG Biscuit Or Matey Cereal W/Cracker	Homemade Banana Bread Or Apple Muffin W/ Cracker	Poptart W/Cracker Or Coco Puff Cereal W/Cracker	No School Teacher Training
Hot Dog on a Bun W/Chili - Baked Beans - Steamed Broccoli - Orange Mango Applesauce Cup	Salisbury Steak - Brown Rice Pilaf - Brown Gravy - Cinnamon Roll - Seasoned Green Beans - Orange Wedges	Tomato Soup- Mozzarella Cheese Sticks - Bread Stick - Pear Half - Vanilla Ice Cream	Chicken Salad On A Bed Of Lettuce - Seasoned W.K.Corn - Cucumber Sticks - Apple Shape Pretzel - Apple Wedges	All Meals Are Subject To Change Without Notice
12	13	14	15	16
Sausage and Pancake W/ Syrup or Honey Cinnamon Roll	Turkey Sausage Biscuit W/ Jelly Or Trix Cereal Bar W/ Cracker	Coco Puff Cereal W/ Cracker or Marshmallow Matey Cereal W/ Cracker	Blueberry Muffin W/ Cracker Or Frosted Flake Cereal W/Cracker	Chicken Cheese Biscuit W/Jelly Or WG Sweet Potato Roll
Taco Salad - Salsa - Seasoned Pinto Beans - Cinnamon Roll - Tangerine	Sausage Patty- Egg Patty - Apple Muffin - Baked Potato W/Margarine - Orange/Kiwi	Meat Ball Sub - Seasoned W.K.Corn - Seasoned Green Beans - Valentine Pretzel - Orange Mango Apple Cup	BBQ Pork On A Bun - Orange Glazed Carrots - Seasoned Broccoli - Banana	Chicken A La King - Seasoned Peas & Carrots - Corn Bread - Pear Half
19	20	21	22	23
President's Day Holiday 	Breakfast Pizza or Mozzarella Cheese Stick W/ Cracker Corn Dog - Baked Beans - Fresh Baby Carrots W/ Broccoli - Ranch Dressing - Apple Wedges - Ketchup	Mini Banana Pancake or Super Donut W/Cracker Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce - Garden Salad - Seasoned Green Beans - Orange Wedges - Ranch Dressing	Danimal Yogurt W/Cracker Or Cinnamon Roll Sausage Pizza - Seasoned Broccoli - Corn On Cob - SideKick	Honey Graham Cereal W/Cracker Or Sausage Biscuit W/ Jelly Hamburger On A Bun - Lettuce & Tomato Wedges - Seasoned California Normandy - Banana - Ketchup
26	27	28	<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>	
Mini Maple Pancakes Or Poptart W/Cracker Sloppy Joe On A Bun - Season Corn - Seasoned Green Beans - Orange Mango Applesauce Cup -	Banana Muffin W/ Cracker or Cinnamon Roll Chicken Noodle Soup - Seasoned Capri Vegetables - Cinnamon Rolls - Cantaloupe	<p>Manager's Choice All Breakfast Meals Are Served W/Assorted Fruit and or Assorted</p> <p>Assorted Juice . Milk Is Optional. All Lunch Meal Are Served W/Milk. All Grains Served Are Whole Grain</p>		

Printed: 2/1/2018

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.

