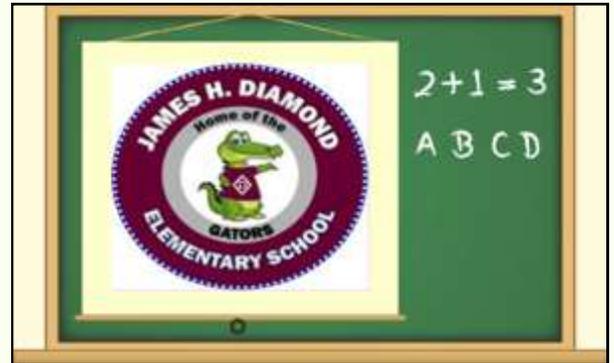


# Diamond Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I continue to be proud of our dedicated, experienced staff and enthusiastic learners and parents at our school-sponsored events.

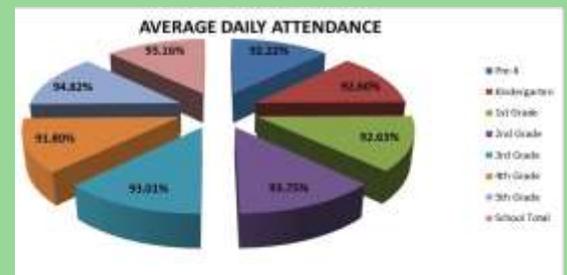
We have many exciting events planned for students of Diamond Elementary in the upcoming weeks. I encourage you to visit Diamond Elementary during our special events, programs, and happenings. After attending a school-sponsored event, we would like your feedback regarding the program. Your feedback will help us improve and strengthen our family partnerships. You can find feedback links on the school webpage. If you attended Literacy Night, please provide feedback using the link. The anonymous feedback will help support continuous improvement to the programs offered. With that said, I look forward to seeing you at the next Diamond event.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Rachel Brumbaugh

## Dates to Remember

Mar. 5	Gator Night//Literacy Night - 5:00p
Mar. 2	Vocabulary Parade - 2:30p
Mar. 13	End of Qtr. 3
Mar 14	Spring Pictures
Mar 16	No School - Report Card Preparation
Mar. 20	Math Nigh - 4:30p-5:30p
Mar. 23	Report Cards go home
Mar. 23	Field Day
Mar. 30	Star Student Assembly - 9a

**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 February (as of 2/28/18) was **93.16%**. 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, halfday, etc.



Gator Trait

"Career Explorer"



MARCH

# Nurse Notes



**Flu Vaccine Update:** Congratulations on meeting our goal of **100%** compliance for our flu vaccine!! If your student is new to Diamond, you may have received a notice. This is a **REQUIREMENT** for all Diamond students. Please take care of this ASAP so that we continue to meet our goal!!!



**WHAT??!!** Daylight Saving Time is almost here again! We know what that means....We are losing an hour of sleep when we set our clocks forward on March 11!! This is a great time to discuss good sleep habits.

Sleep is important for people of all ages to stay in good health; sufficient sleep is increasingly being recognized as an essential aspect of disease prevention and health promotion.

So.... Just how much sleep is enough? Sleep needs vary from person to person and change as people age.

Consider these sleep guidelines for different age groups:

Newborns = 16-18 hours

Preschool-aged Children = 11-12 hours

School-aged Children = At least 10 hours

Teens = 9-10 hours

Adults (including older adults) = 7-8 hours

Here are some healthy sleep habits to help you be your best each and every day:

- ⇒ Go to bed at the same time each night, establish a bedtime routine (especially for children), and rise at the same time each morning.
- ⇒ Sleep in a quiet, dark, and relaxing environment, which is neither too hot nor too cold.
- ⇒ Make your bed comfortable and use it only for sleeping and not for other activities, such as reading, watching TV, or listening to music.
- ⇒ Remove all TVs, computers, and other "gadgets" from the bedroom- Many sources recommend cutting off electronics 30-60 minutes before bedtime.
- ⇒ Avoid large meals before bedtime.

Other benefits of getting a good night's sleep include improved attention, behavior, learning, memory, emotional regulation, quality of life, and mental and physical health.

A lack of sleep can have serious side effects. According to Dr. Brooks, attending pulmonologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, "You might see poor school performance, you might see kids labeled as troublemakers when in reality, they just don't get enough sleep." Additionally, not getting enough sleep each night can also be associated with an increase in injuries, obesity and depression, especially for teens who may experience increased risk of self-harm or suicidal thoughts.

Take an inventory of your student's sleep habits and help them come to school well-rested and prepared to do their best!

Sources: <https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/pages/American-Academy-of-Pediatrics-Supports-Childhood-Sleep-Guidelines.aspx>  
<http://www.aappublications.org/news/2016/06/13/Sleep061316>      <https://www.cdc.gov/Features/Sleep/>





# GATOR NEWS YOU CAN USE!!!

## DoDEA Comprehensive Assessment Program

Please view this video to parents from Director Tom Brady: <https://youtu.be/Vgji2X5xu9c>

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, we will be utilizing the computerized PARC assessment which is aligned with the newly adopted College and Career Ready Standards. With the implementation of the College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS) in literacy and mathematics, DoDEA has adopted new CCRS-aligned summative assessments to measure student mastery of content standards taught for the grade level and/or course. The first administration of these CCRS-aligned measures, which will be called CCRS summative assessments, will occur during the Spring 2018 administration window (April 30- May 16, 2018). For school year 2017-18, DoDEA students will take CCRS summative assessments in mathematics for students in grades 3-5. Features on the CCRS summative assessment include multiple choice (selected response) items, open-ended (constructed response) items, and technology enhanced items. Student Practice tests are available for students and teachers to become familiar with the kinds of items and format used for the tests. Accommodated versions of the practice tests are also available. All of the computer-based practice tests have scoring capability built into the tool. 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/>.

**CCRS Summative Assessment FAQs** lists commonly asked questions and responses related to the implementation of the CCRS summative assessments.

[https://www.dodea.edu/assessments/resources/upload/CCRS\\_FAQs\\_Jan2018.pdf](https://www.dodea.edu/assessments/resources/upload/CCRS_FAQs_Jan2018.pdf)

The test schedule for grades 3-5 is as follows:

### **Summative Assess- ment**

<u><b>Dates</b></u>	<u><b>Time</b></u>	<u><b>Location</b></u>	
All 5th Grade Unit 1	4/30/2018	9:30 AM	Arctic Neighborhood
All 5th Grade Unit 2	5/1/2018	9:30 AM	Arctic Neighborhood
All 5th Grade Unit 3	5/2/2018	9:30 AM	Arctic Neighborhood
All 5th Grade Unit 4	5/2/2018	12:30 PM	Arctic Neighborhood
All 4th Grade Unit 1	5/4/2018	9:30 AM	Mountains Neighborhood
All 4th Grade Unit 2	5/7/2018	9:30 AM	Mountains Neighborhood
All 4th Grade Unit 3	5/8/2018	9:30 AM	Mountains Neighborhood
All 4th Grade Unit 4	5/8/2018	12:00 PM	Mountains Neighborhood
All 3rd Grade Unit 1	5/9/2018	8:30 AM	River Neighborhood
All 3rd Grade Unit 2	5/10/2018	8:30 AM	River Neighborhood
All 3rd Grade Unit 3	5/14/2018	8:30 AM	River Neighborhood
All 3rd Grade Unit 4	5/14/2018	11:30 PM	River Neighborhood

Please plan to have your student(s) present on testing days. Make sure they get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast as well, so they come to school every day prepared to do their very best.



# GATOR NEWS YOU CAN USE!!!

## LUNCH & LEARN INVITATION

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

**Session Topic:** “The Importance of Sight Words”

**Who:** Parents and family members of Pre-K through 1st grade students

**Cost:** FREE

**When:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018

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

**Where:** Diamond Elementary

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



**Save The Date!!!**

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

**More Information Coming Home Soon!**

**Save The Date!!!**

**Math Night**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

**More Information  
Coming Home Soon!**



## School Counselors' Spotlight

### March's Gator Trait: Career Exploration

Students will begin to explore the World of Work! They will use computer software programs and websites to find jobs that match their skills and interests. Students as young as Kindergarten will begin to learn about these jobs by visiting Paws in Jobland, while other students will be learning about jobs through other career websites and lessons.

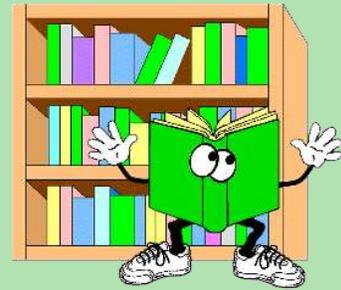
On March 30, 2018, we will celebrate with a **Career Dress Up** day. Students can come to school dressed as the career they have been researching or a career they are interested in. Students could also design or wear a hat required for this job, for example, mine worker, chef, policeman/woman, fire fighter, etc.



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## From The Desk of The Librarian



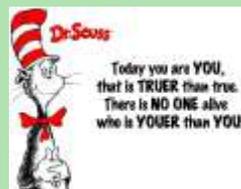
### READ ACROSS AMERICA POEM

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
To pick up a book and read with a child.  
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,  
To pick up a book and share what you've got.  
In schools and communities,  
Let's gather around, Let's pick up a book,  
Let's pass it around.  
There are kids all around you,  
Kids will need someone to hug,  
Someone to read to!  
Pick a book, pick a time and read to a child!!  
(Author, unknown)

### Parents, I need your HELP!

Please remind your child to always keep their library book in their backpack when they are not reading! It helps your child keep up with their library books.

—Thank You



**Dr. Jean Roberts**  
Media Specialist

# Gator Family Spotlight



## FLES ~ Ms. Stewart ~

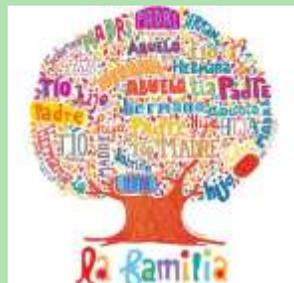
During the month of March, beginner students in Ms. Stewart's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class will finish Unit 1 Mi escuela y yo/Me and my School. Students will learn Numbers 1-30; Telling my name, age, and the country they are from. Use of *tengo/I have* and *necesito/I need* with classroom objects and telling how I am feeling.

Students in 3rd grade will review 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 Kinder will begin Unit 5 Tengo hambre/I am hungry. In this unit students will learn Healthy vs. Unhealthy foods, Fruits, Vegetables, and Sweets. The use of *Me gusta* and *No me gusta/I like it* and *I don't like it*. They will also read La Oruga Hambrienta/The Hungry Caterpillar. They will review colors and the numbers 1-10.

Beginners students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade will finish Unit 1 Mi escuela y yo/Me and my School. Students will finish Unit 1 with People and Places in School. They will start Unit 2 Mi familia/My family. In this unit the students will learn basic family members; they will learn to describe a family as big or small and the use of *Tengo* to describe their family.

Advanced students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade will begin Unit 5 Tengo hambre/I am hungry. In this unit students will learn Healthy vs. Unhealthy foods, Fruits, Vegetables, and sweets. The use of *Me gusta* and *No me gusta/I like it* and *I don't like it*. They will also read La Oruga Hambrienta/The Hungry Caterpillar. They will review colors and the numbers 1-10.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~ Coach Marcus ~

### March Activities:

- Basic Basketball Skills (continuation from February)
  - ⇒ Lay-ups and jump shots
- Track & Field Skills
  - ⇒ How to start and finish a relay

Students will finish up their Basic Basketball skills, which includes lay-ups and jump shots. During the remaining month of March, students will enjoy developing their Track & Field skills, focusing on how to start and finish a relay. Please remember to have your child wear gym shoes on their gym day.

### Upcoming Activities:

- March 23, 2018 - Field Day

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



## MUSIC ~ Ms. Foster ~

Primary grades are completely immersed in Quaver Music. Our fifth graders are doing great in the "Stix" Curriculum. Fourth graders are wowing Ms. Foster on their recorders.





# Cafeteria's Monthly Menu

## Fort Stewart Schools - Breakfast and Lunch Menu - March 2018

<p>USDA is again celebrating National School Breakfast Week (March 3-7).</p> 	<p><b>All Sponsors need to complete a lunch application for their children enrolled in Fort Stewart Schools.</b></p> <p><b>Fort Stewart Schools have a Provision 2 Certified Breakfast Program. This allows us to offer breakfast at no cost to all enrolled students.</b></p>			<p>1</p> <p>Turkey Sausage Biscuit W/ Jelly or Honey Scooter Cereal W/ W. G. Cracker</p> <p>Oven Roasted Chicken - Orange Glazed Carrots - Pinto Beans - Breadstick - Staleck</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pancake on a Stick W/ Syrup or Blueberry Muffin W/ W. G. Cracker</p> <p>Roast Beef - Who Math - Grinch Green - Truffula Fruit - Dr Seuss' Birthday</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Mini Blueberry Pancakes or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal W/ W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Egg and Cheese Biscuit or Maisey Cereal W/ W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Homemade Banana Bread or Apple Muffin W/ W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pop-tart or Cocoa Puff Cereal W/ W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Cheesy Grits W/Sausage or Assorted Cereal W/W.G. Cracker</p>	
<p>Turkey Sandwich - Lettuce /Tomato - Baked Beans - Apple Wedges - Mayonnaise</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Chili con Carne - Mixed Vegetables - Bread Stick -Orange Halves</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs - Turkey Deli Meat - Wheat Toast - Hash Brown - Banana - Ketchup</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Chicken A La King - Pear &amp; Carrots - Corn Bread - Pear Half</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tony's Sausage Pizza - Seasoned Broccoli - Seasoned Corn - Shamrock Pretzel - Orange Mango Applesauce</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>Sausage and Pancake W/ Syrup or Honey Cinnamon Roll</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Turkey and Cheese Biscuit W/Jelly or Trix Cereal Bar W /W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Cocoa Puff or Marshmallow Maisey Cereal W/ W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Chicken and Cheese Biscuit W/Jelly or W.G. Sweet Potato Cinnamon Roll</p>	<p>No School</p> <p>Teacher Work Day</p>	
<p>16</p> <p>Hamburger on A Bun - Lettuce / Tomato - Blackeye Peas - Pear Halves</p>	<p>17</p> <p>BBQ Pork - Steamed Cabbage W/ Bok Choy - Corn On A Cob - Brown Rice - Orange Wedges</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce - Garden Salad - Ranch Dressing - Seasoned Green Beans - Sliced Peaches - Bread Sticks</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Corn Dog - Season Capri - Baby Carrots W/ Broccoli - Ranch Dressing - Sliced Peaches</p>		
<p>19</p> <p>Blueberry Muffin or Frosted Flake Cereal W/W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza or Mozzarella Cheese Stick W/ W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mini Banana Pancakes or Super Donut W/W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Danish Yogurt W/ W.G. Cracker or W.G.Cinnamon Roll</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Honey Graham Cereal W/ Cheese Stick or Sausage and Cheese Biscuit W/ Jelly</p>	
<p>24</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Nuggets - Creamy Cole Slaw - Blackeye Peas - Cinnamon Roll - Sidekick</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Taco Salad - Salsa - Corn on Cob - Pear Half</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Roasted Turkey Deli - Brown Rice Pilaf - W/Gravy - Seasoned Green Peas - Yam Patty - Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Chicken Quesadilla - Seasoned Broccoli - Seasoned Peas &amp; Carrots - Pretzel - Orange Mango Applesauce</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Sloppy Joe On A Bun - Seasoned Green Beans - Potato Wedges - Fritos Jello - Ketchup</p>	
<p>26</p> <p>Mini Maple Pancakes or Pop-Tart W/ W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Banana Muffin W/ W.G. Cracker or Chicken and Waffle W Syrup</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Cereal Bar or Assorted Cereal W/ W.G. Cracker</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Manager's Choice</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Manager's Choice</p> 	
<p>29</p> <p>Chicken Salad - Seasoned Corn - Seasoned Green Collards - Bread Stick - Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lasagna W/Ground Beef - Italian Bread - Pear &amp; Carrots - Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs - Turkey Deli Meat - Wheat Toast - Hash Browns - Cantaloupe - Ketchup</p>			

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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.