

Perry Press



MC Perry Elementary School Purpose Statement

The purpose of our school is to empower students to achieve excellence in scholarship, character, and citizenship through collaborative and independent lifelong learning in a global community.



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Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, April 26, 2016 – 1st grade STEM night

Friday, April 28, 2017 – MOMC Picnic

Friday May 5, 2017 – No School
Friendship Day

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Principal's Corner



Dear Parents,

Mathew C. Perry Elementary School joins the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), the Department of Defense (DoD) and military communities worldwide in celebrating April as *Month of the Military Child*.

April is a month to honor the sacrifices that children in military families make every day. We appreciate the strength and courage and compassion military children display as they navigate growing up in a military family. We acknowledge that our children often experience with one or sometimes both of their parents away from home and unable to attend academic celebrations, sporting events, field trips and many other activities.

Our students accept these sacrifices as a part of the life their family has chosen. We realize military children transition more frequently than their civilian counterparts. They may assume special responsibilities within the family when a parent is deployed accompany your family to assignments around the globe and endure hardships of separation and deployment. We also know they reap the rewards of a military lifestyle – experiencing new cultures and travel that make them and their role unique in our society. They are wonderful ambassadors in many countries around the world.

DoDEA strives to provide support to students and their families in all areas of development – academic, athletic and social and emotional. We are proud and fortunate to serve you and especially your children. We are grateful for your selfless dedication to our nation. We truly believe military children are the greatest and we are committed to helping all our students achieve their highest academic potential.

Throughout April, our school will sponsor a variety of activities in observance of the *Month of the Military Child*. This year's theme is *The Anatomy of a Military Child*. We will celebrate this year's theme with a week of student centered spirit week activities.

**The Anatomy of a Military Child's MCPES SPIRIT WEEK ACTIVITIES
(Strength, Endurance, Preparedness, Adaptability, and Colorful)**

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April 24-Monday

Crazy Sock Day

(Recognizing that at times life challenges for military children can get a little crazy)

April 25-Tuesday

Rockin' Shoes of Comfort Day

(Recognizing the travels of military children is inclusive of a comfortable shoe)

April 26-Wednesday

Healthy Snack Pack Day!

(Recognizing that military children are packed and ready)

April 27-Thursday

No "Sweat" Day! Wear light Sweat Pants or Light Active Wear

(Celebrating that the move to Japan, was no sweat)

April 28-Friday

Picnic Purple Up Day

(Wear purple at our Month of the Military Child Picnic)

We invite you to join our celebrations or volunteer wherever you can so we can make this celebration a family and community occasion.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us the privilege of educating your children.

Re-Registration and Registration

Registration -- We are conducting registration for next school year. Please register your child/children for school year 2017-2018 no later than 28 April 2017. All students must register/re-register.

Re-registration - For students currently in 5th and 6th grade moving up to the middle school- we apologize for the confusion. We have discussed with the administration in the Middle/High School about the procedures and we have agreed that re-registration for these students will be through the elementary school at this time to help out with the transition. If you have not already done so, please re-register your student through Ms. Clayton. As for the course selection for middle school, please send your child's course selection to Dr. Binyard (MC Perry ES, Counselor). Dr. Binyard will compile all course selection sheets and will turn them in to the Middle School/High School Counselor.

We are currently working with Mr. Brown (High School Principal) to organize a tour of the middle school for all students moving up next school year. We will also organize a tour for parents of students moving up. We will update you on the date in future newsletters. These tours will take place during the month of May.

Arturo Rivera Jr.
Principal
M.C. Perry Elementary School
DSN 253-4673

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE *MILITARY CHILD*

BRING YOUR PICNIC BASKETS & BLANKETS, WE WILL SUPPLY THE KIDS AND THE MUSIC

Dear Parents,

On **April 28, 2017**, we will have our **Month of the Military Child Picnic**. Please join us during your child's lunch period to honor our extraordinary kids. This week, your child will bring home a sack lunch form. On the day of the picnic, the cafeteria will be closed. If you would like the cafeteria to provide a sack lunch for your child, please complete the picnic sack lunch form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by **April 14, 2017**.

Respectfully,

Dr. Nakeam Binyard
MCPES, Guidance Counselor

PICNIC TIMES

SURE START: 11:00-11:25 [Lunch]

KINDERGARTEN: 11:00-11:25 [Lunch] 11:25-11:45 [Recess]

SECOND GRADE: 11:20-11:45 [Lunch] 11:45-12:05 [Recess]

FIRST GRADE: 11:10-11:35 [Lunch] 11:35-11:55 [Recess]

THIRD GRADE: 11:30-11:55 [Lunch] 11:55-12:15 [Recess]

FOURTH GRADE: 10:50-11:15 [Lunch] 11:15-11:35 [Recess]

FIFTH GRADE: 10:40-11:05 [Lunch] 11:05-11:25 [Recess]

SIXTH GRADE: 10:30-10:55 [Lunch] 10:55-11:15 [Recess]



Nurse's Notes **May, 2017** SCREEN-FREE WEEK MAY 1 - 7, 2017

May 1-7, 2017, has been designated SCREEN-FREE WEEK. Research shows that excessive screen time (time spent on TV, computers, tablets, e-readers, hand-held games, cell phones, etc.) interferes with activities that are good for children, such as creative play, interacting with caring adults, and exercising. Children who spend less time on screens fall asleep faster and sleep longer, eat healthier and get more exercise.* In addition, this week is also Children's Book Week, a great time to turn off the screen and open a book!

CCFC or Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood has compiled a list of parent-tested tips to help your family "unplug" from screens and play. Some tips are geared toward very young children but many are geared towards the family.

Tip #1: Rearrange the furniture

Turn your living room into a place for family interaction and play by arranging the furniture so the TV is not the focus of the room.

Tip #2: Start the day screen-free Create a morning routine that doesn't involve screens.

Tip #3: Enjoy screen-free meals

Make meals a time for your family to talk about the day without distraction from TV, smartphones, and other screens.

Tip #4: Encourage sensory play Provide easy play options, like sensory play, which gives children the chance to explore using sight, touch, and other senses.

Tip #5: Explore the outdoors Make memories by planning outdoor activities that the entire family can enjoy together.

Tip #6: Limit your own screen time Take a break from your smartphone and other screens during the day to give your children your uninterrupted attention.

For more information on Screen-Free Week and other topics, visit CCFC at <http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/>

For 101 ideas for a screen free week, go to <http://www.screenfree.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/101-Screen-Free-Activities.pdf>

*For citations related to these tips and statements, visit <http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/unplug-preschool-citations>

For information on Children's Book Week, "Every Child a Reader," please visit: <http://everychildareader.net/index.php>

Nurse McCoy



Gifted Education News Corner

Based on Guidelines Put in Place by DoDEA

S. Eason/Gifted Resource Teacher

DoDEA

Issue 3

Welcome to another issue of *Gifted Education News Corner*. In this issue the guidelines for determining eligibility for services is the topic for today.

Which students should be considered for gifted program services?

Students who are recognized as demonstrating intellectual strengths that are highly unusual for their age or grade are referred to the school's Gifted Review committee. Referrals can be made by parents, teachers, other school professionals, or the students themselves. The school Gifted Review committee looks for students with high potential and unusual performance.

What things are considered when committee members review a student's potential and achievement?

The Gifted Review Committee considers all available information on students who are referred. Assessment data includes rating scales, observations, portfolio of student work, grades, test scores, and anecdotal information. Parents/guardians are asked to give permission for the review of information about their son or daughter as a potential candidate for gifted education services.

How do school personnel determine that a student is eligible for gifted program services?

Students who are found eligible for gifted program services have profiles that indicate potential and/or performance at the highest levels. A general guideline is performance and/or potential within the top 3 to 5 percent of our student population for any particular facet or intelligence. This means that a student's potential and/or performances are rather remarkable for that age or grade. The school committee members review all available information on each student and

recommend eligibility for those students who present extreme profiles of strength in intellectual/academic areas. No specific score or set of scores can validate eligibility for gifted program services. Students demonstrate their abilities in a wide variety of ways. It is the quality, intensity, and pattern of strengths that a student displays that provide the identification committee with the information necessary to significantly modify the regular education program for a child.

What if my child was in a gifted program in another school?

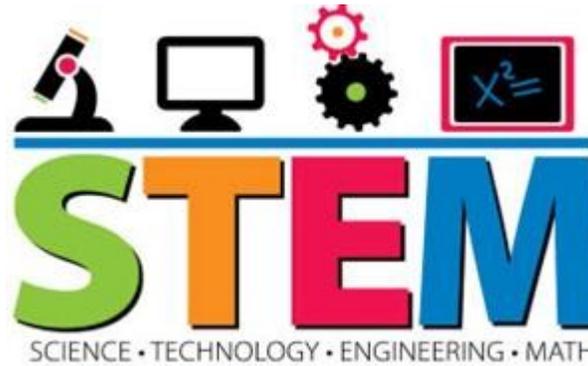
Students coming from another DoDEA school are automatically found eligible for gifted program services if they were eligible at their previous school. Students coming from a public or private school outside DoDEA are referred to the Gifted Review committee for determination of eligibility. Parents should provide information related to the gifted services their child received and the child's profile of strengths used for identification at their previous school.

What if my child is not found eligible for gifted services? Does this mean that they are not gifted?

Intelligence is multifaceted, and every child is quite remarkable in certain ways. All students benefit from enriching activities and educational experiences that recognize their strengths. When a student is found ineligible for gifted program services, it means that the student's strengths can be accommodated within the regular school program without extraordinary measures of differentiation.

- * Students found eligible should demonstrate more than one indicator of exceptional performance or have the capability of attaining high performance with the support of gifted program services. No single instrument or score is used to determine eligibility for gifted program services. The committee will look at all available data to reach a professional decision on each student.

When each gifted boy is free to create his unique masculinity, and each gifted girl is free to create her unique femininity, they will also be liberated to fulfill their dreams (Kerr & Nicpon, 2003).



1st Grade STEM Night

When: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 5-6pm

Where: school cafeteria

FREE!!!

Build a "junk" boat to carry the greatest load possible without sinking!



An hour of fun, hands-on, activity integrating science, technology, engineering, (art) and mathematics **geared toward 1st grade students and their families!**

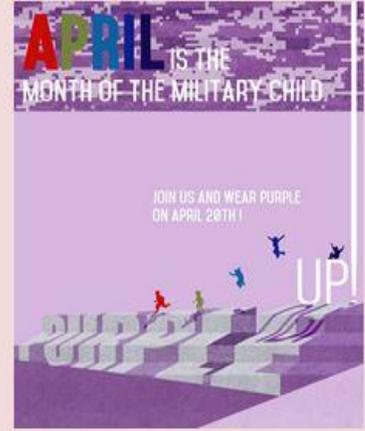


APRIL



Special Announcements

JAPAN - ELEMENTARY (K-6)
SURE-START (Bold & underlined)



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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SPRING RECESS (April 3-7)

Month of the Military Child

10

Pepperoni Pizza
 Cheese Veggie Pizza (V)
 Cobb Salad/Carrot Bread
Garden Side Salad
Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn
Cinnamon Applesauce/
Lemmon-Berry (Treat)
 Milk, Asst

11

Egg Sausage on a Bun
 Beef Sausage Patties (2)
 French Cinnamon Toast
 Chef Salad/Zucchini Bread
Deli Roasters
Fresh Oranges
 Milk, Asst

12

Beef Tacos
 Cheese Quesadilla
 Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich
Ranchero Beans
Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
 Zucchini Bread (Treat)
 Milk, Asst

13

Asian Chicken
 w/ Seasoned Brown Rice
Grilled Cheese Sandwich (V)
 Southwest Chicken Salad/ w/
 Corn Chips/Combread
Seasoned Green Beans
 Fresh Carrot/Celery Dippers
Cinnamon Apple Slices/
Froz (Treat)
 Milk, Asst

14

Crunchy Fish Fillet on Bun
 Philly Cheese Stk on Sub Bun
 Greek Salad W/Garlic Toast (V)
Sweet Potato Wedge
Coleslaw
Peach/Banana Cup
 Milk, Asst

17

Chicken Tenders
 Cheese Breadsticks
 w/ Marinara Sauce (V)
 Chicken Caesar
 Salad/Crouton/Combread
Three Bean Chili
 Fresh Carrot/Broccoli Florets
Cinnamon Apple Slices
 Milk, Asst

18

Hunan Pork & Broccoli/Rice Bowl
 Spicy Three Beans/Rice Bowl (V)
 Tuna Salad Sandwich
 Seasoned Broccoli Florets
Carrot/Celery Dippers
Rainbow Fruit Cup
 Milk, Asst

19

Chicken Fryz/ Garlic Toast
 Spaghetti & Marinara/Cheese
 Breadstick
 Mandarin Chicken Salad W/Crispy
 Noodles
Cucumber Salad
Deli-Roasters
Farm Fresh Fruit
 Milk, Asst

20

Asian Chicken
 w/ Seasoned Brown Rice
Grilled Cheese Croissant (V)
 Southwest Chicken Salad/ w/
 Corn Chips/Combread
Seasoned Green Beans
 Fresh Carrot/Celery Dippers
Cinnamon Apple Slices/
Froz (Treat)
 Milk, Asst

21

NO SCHOOL

24

Pepperoni Pizza
 Cheese Veggie Pizza (V)
 Cobb Salad/Carrot Bread
 Fresh Garden Side Salad
Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn
Cinnamon Applesauce
 Milk, Asst

25

Sunny Thai Chicken & Veg
Veggie Eggrolls
W/ Sunflower SC (V)
 Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Steamed Kyoto Vegetables
 Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Mandarin Oranges
 Milk, Asst

26

Beef/Cheese Nacho Bowl
 Cheese Nacho Bowl (V)
 Chicken Salad Sandwich
Fresh Lettuce/Tomato Salad
 Ranchero Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Zucchini Bread (Treat)
 Milk, Asst

27

Chicken Nuggets/Combread
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich (V)
 Southwest Chicken Salad/
 Combread
 Fresh Carrot/Celery Dippers
Seasoned Green Beans
Cinnamon Apple Slices/
Froz Chocolate (Treat)
 Milk, Asst

28

Philly Cheese Stk on Sub Bun
 Fish/Cheese Po Boy
 Greek Salad (V) Garlic Toast
Seasoned Green Beans
Coleslaw
Peach/Banana Cup/ Zucchini
Bread (Treat)
 Milk, Asst



ANNUAL STUDENT ART CONTEST CONTINUES!
 SEND US YOUR MOST CREATIVE
 DRAWINGS AND CREATIONS!
 VISIT SQUAREMEALS.ORG/ARTCONTEST FOR MORE DETAILS.

Good Eats At:



- Daily Fresh Fruit & Choice of non-fat milk
- Menus subject to change based on product

Beets

Listen to the Beet! Beets are another root vegetable with dark green leaves. The most common beets are red, but they also come in white, yellow, and even striped colors! Beets grow well during spring and fall because they like cool temperatures. They are great for small gardens because they do not need a lot of space to grow.

In South Texas areas beets can grow all throughout the winter months. Pacemaker III is a beet variety grown in Texas, but other names include Red Ace, Red Cloud and Warrior.

Potassium: Beets are rich in potassium, which helps your muscles and heart stay healthy.

Growing Regions: High Plains, Rio Grande Valley and Winter Garden

Pomegranates

A pomegranate is a larger fruit about the size of a grapefruit and is similar in color to a red apple. The word pomegranate comes from French and Latin words that when read together mean "apple with many seeds." Every pomegranate is filled with hundreds of edible seeds surrounded by covers called arils. The seeds and arils are the edible parts of the fruit and can be red, pink, purplish, or white.



Pomegranate plants can be shrubs or small trees, and once planted take three to four year to start producing fruit. Once the plant matures it can start producing upwards of 200 pomegranates annually.

Growing Regions: East Texas, Rio Grande Valley and Winter Garden

Visit: SquareMeals.org/SeasonalityWheel

MESSAGE DECODER

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B - 2	G - 7	L - 12	Q - 17	V - 22
C - 3	H - 8	M - 13	R - 18	W - 23
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				Z - 26

Did You Know?

According to the Guinness World Records the heaviest beet in the world...

23 5 9 7 8 5 4 15 22 5 18

6 9 6 20 25 15 14 5

16 15 21 14 4 19 !



Joke of the Month

Q. Why couldn't the kid finish the race?
see answer below.



Growing Regions



John Krewer. He was just a little beet. It escaped, weighed over 145 one pound!