

MC Perry Elementary



MC Perry Elementary School Purpose Statement

I will pursue excellence
I am responsible for my actions
I am a lifelong learner
Success begins with ME!



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Upcoming Events:

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017
THRU
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
NO SCHOOL**

Principal's Corner



It is hard to believe that 2017 is almost over. As we start our Winter Break, we at M.C. Perry Elementary School would like to wish you a safe and Happy Holiday Season. We look forward to everyone's safe return on January 3, 2018.

Arturo Rivera Jr.

Principal

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS
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M. C. PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear M.C. Perry ES Parents,

The safety and security of students and school employees are our school's most important responsibilities. In many public schools today, parents can receive messages from school leadership during an emergency event, or for changes to daily school operations (such as weather related changes), or for other important information, quickly and conveniently through a messaging system. DoDEA is essentially replacing existing or establishing a new emergency notification system throughout DoDEA. The DoDEA Emergency Alert Notification System will ensure our school's ability to communicate to you using email, voice, and text messaging.

The DoDEA Emergency Alert Notification System establishes a very important communications capability for our community and I highly encourage you to ensure your contact information is current so you can fully benefit from this new capability. Our successful use of the system largely depends on having current contact information for our parents and employees; therefore, I ask that if you are unsure whether the contact information you provided at the start of the school year is still current (in terms of phone numbers and email addresses), please visit our front office or call the school Registrar at DSN 253-4160 or email the Registrar at Anita.Clayton@pac.dodea.edu to review and update your contact information. I ask that you do so by January 19, 2018. Please note that if you do not want to receive messages you may elect to 'opt out' of our new alert notification system, please inform our Registrar of this preference.

In late January 2018, we will begin testing the system to ensure parents are able to receive messages (via phone, email, text messages). I will provide guidance to you before we perform these system tests.

The DoDEA Emergency Alert Notification System commercial name is "AtHoc." This system is currently the crisis communication "system of choice" of many Federal agencies to include a number of DoD agencies and secretariats. For a more information concerning the system (to include a demonstration), please go to www.athoc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arturo Rivera Jr", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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Looking for a **GREAT** stocking stuffer?



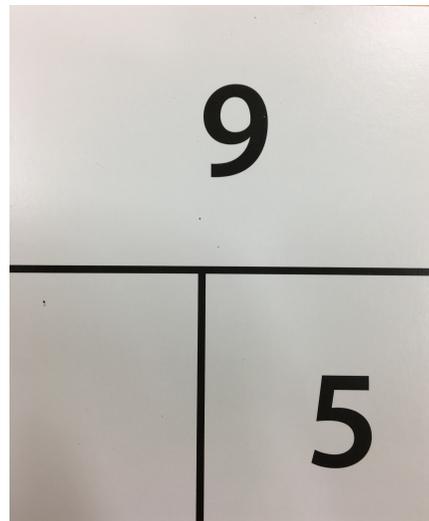
Here's a gift that keeps on giving...

PART-PART-WHOLE CARDS

See the difference between part-part-whole cards and basic addition/subtraction cards below. Part-part-whole cards help students build a deeper understanding of the addition/subtraction relationship. These cards help students go beyond memorization of basic facts. The cards can be purchased online, printed from online, or try making your own set!



standard addition flash card



part-part-whole flash card

*recommended by math teachers everywhere



Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



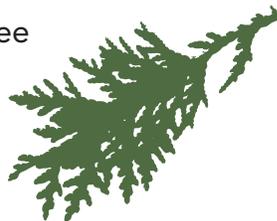
PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **One quarter** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.



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Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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