

MC Perry Elementary

March 24, 2017



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:

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Reregistration for 2017-18 K-5th

*******If your child will be going to the 6th grade, you will need to do reregistration at the middle school/high school. Please check with Registrar at 253-5449 for their dates. *******

2nd Grade STEM Night @ 5pm in the School Cafeteria

Friday, March 31, 2017

Teacher Workday-NO SCHOOL

Monday- Friday, April 3-7, 2017

Spring Break –No School

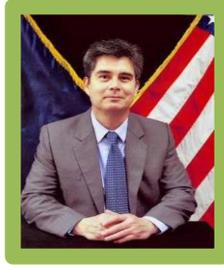
Monday, April 10, 2017

School Resumes

*****PTO meeting is on Tuesday, March 28 at 3 pm in the Computer Lab. *****

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Principal's Corner



Parents,

There have been many incidents reported to us regarding "near-hit" misses of students riding bikes, scooters, or walking to/from school. Most of these incidents are happening in areas where there is no crosswalk or crossing guard.

We would like for parents to please address safety with their students. Please remind your child/children that rules of the road apply to bicycle riders meaning that where there is a stop sign, they must stop, and that they must ride with the flow of traffic. Encourage your child/children to cross where there is a crossroad or crossing guard. Ask them to be vigilant of vehicles while riding to/from school.

If your children walk to school; remind them to only cross the street where there is a crosswalk or crossing guard and to look both ways before stepping onto the road.

The safety of all our students is important please help us keep them all safe.

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

Quick Reminder:

- Join us for the Second Grade STEM Night on the 29th of March from 1700 to 1800
- End of the grading quarter is Friday, March 31
- Spring Break starts April 3rd and ends April 7th
- Classes resume on April 10th



Nurse's Notes April 2017



Spring has arrived in Iwakuni and so has allergy season.

According to the CDC, allergies are the 6th leading cause of chronic illness in the United States, affecting over 50 million people each year. Allergies occur when the body overreacts to allergens. Some common allergens are pollen, dust mites, mold, and animal dander. Other environmental allergens include smoke, dust from construction sites and air pollution from automobiles or factories. We have all of these in Iwakuni!

Allergens produce a number of symptoms, such as coughing, sneezing, runny nose, itchy eyes and frequent throat clearing. Sometimes these symptoms in children can cause poor concentration at school and make asthma symptoms worse.

How can you control common allergens and reduce the symptoms? The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America suggest the following tips to minimize allergy symptoms:

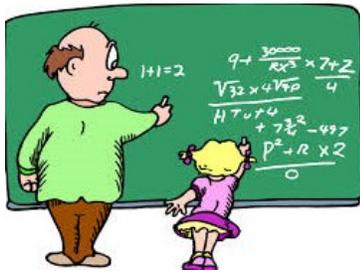
- Limit outdoor activities in the morning when pollen counts are the highest
- Avoid playing outside on freshly mowed lawns/fields
- To reduce exposure to pollen, dust or auto pollution, keep car windows closed
- Do a thorough spring cleaning of windows and air conditioning units that can collect dust and mold during the winter months
- Keep house windows closed and use air conditioning in the warm months to keep airborne allergens out of your home
- Rid your home of dust collectors, such as heavy drapes/stuffed animals.
- If you cannot reduce the number of stuffed animals in your home, wash them in hot water every 7-14 days
- Wash pets weekly to remove surface allergens. Keep pets out of your child's bedroom if he/she is allergic to pet dander
- If necessary, talk to your child's physician about allergy medications that are safe for children and do not cause drowsiness.

Enjoy the beauty of spring in Japan!

Nurse McCoy

Deborah E. McCoy RN CES
School Nurse MC Perry ES





Issue 2

Gifted Education News Corner

Based on Guidelines Put in Place by DoDEA
S. Eason/Gifted Resource Teacher

Welcome to the second issue of Gifted Education News Corner. In today's issue, I will share with you an overview of the identification process, and discuss the difference between a gifted child's behavior and characteristic from that of a bright child's.

In the April 7th issue I will discuss the guidelines for determining eligibility and describe the types of service offer here at M.C. Perry Elementary.

Identification Procedures

Purpose

To identify gifted program services for those students whose potential and/or performance is so extraordinary that they require differentiation in their instructional program.

Goal

- ◆ Identification of students in grades K-12 with extremely strong learning profiles in these areas:
 - Intellectual ability
 - Academic achievement (general or specific)
- ◆ Use of multiple criteria for eligibility
- ◆ Alignment of program services with student needs

Steps in the Identification Process

Referral, completed through the one of the following means:

Screening-Information from testing records (TerraNova, or other testing records)

Nomination- Recommended by professional staff members, parents/guardians, or through self-nomination

Transfer Records-Records from outside of or from a DoDEA school that indicate eligibility for a gifted program are recommended for immediate review.

Permission of the parent or guardian-Once a student is referred, a letter is send home to obtain permission to collect information and to complete assessments if needed.

Data gathering and/or assessment with development of student profile-The InView cognitive Abilities Test and the Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test (NNAT2) is used as part of the data collection phase of student profile development. The data is used to support data received from other measures such as rating scales, anecdotal information, observations, performance assessments and test of achievement.

Decision-Decisions are made through a committee review of the student's profile. Eligibility for gifted services is based on a documented need for modifications to a student's instructional program.

Determination of gifted program services for eligible students-The Gifted Review Committee determines eligibility based on a student's informational profile. Services are matched to the individual student's needs and the schools options for services.

Gifted students reveal themselves in many different ways and in a variety of settings. Their uniqueness is often observed through rich and telltale signs. Like all children, their diverse cultural, ethnic, economic, and environmental backgrounds play a unique role in their developmental differences, which is expressed through their standout characteristics. Certain traits appear to distinguish gifted children from those with average or bright abilities. General characteristics most often found in research studies on bright and gifted students are listed in the two tables below.

Bright Learner	
Learns with ease	6-8 repetitions for mastery
Understands ideas	Copies accurately
Enjoys school	Absorbs information
Technician	Good at memorizations
Enjoys straightforward	Is alert
Is pleased with own learning	Answers questions
Knows the answers	In the top groups
Listens with interest	Work hard
Has good ideas	Is attentive
Is interested	Enjoys peers
Completes assignments	Is receptive to instruction

Gifted Learner	
Already knows	1-2 repetitions for mastery
Constructs abstractions	Manipulates information and goes beyond top group
Strong problem-solving abilities	Extensive stores of information
Sensitivity-hard to understand, Perseverance	Wide range of interests and discusses with details
Preference for older companions	Well-developed sense of humor
Early reading; avid reading, Rapid learning, good at guessing, and draws inferences	Maturity in judgment, at times, strong feelings and opinions
Long attention span	Creates new designs
Thrives on complexity	Is keenly observant
Is intense	Is highly self-critical



Are you a Problem Solver? Do you love Math Games?

Then you should participate in
MC Perry's Monthly Math Challenge!

Challenge yourself to solve the
Monthly Math Fix math problem for
your grade level each month and you
can participate in the
monthly math games event!

Access the challenge from the school's webpage!

<http://www.dodea.edu/MCPerryES/Monthly-Math-Fix.cfm>





2nd Grade **STEM** Night

SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATH

When: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 5-6pm

Where: School cafeteria

FREE!!!

Build a wind propelled car!

An hour of fun, hands-on, activity integrating science, technology, engineering, (art) and mathematics geared toward 2nd grade students and their families!





Registrar's Corner

Kindergarten Round-up:

It's that time of the year again for Kindergarten Round-Up!!! It will be held on March 28th in the Old High School Gym. This will be a great opportunity to come in and register your Kindergarteners for the SY 17-18. The only requirement is that they are 5yrs old by September 1, 2017. Attached is the flyer for your convenience. Please spread the word, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please share with anyone who may not yet receive our emails or school newsletters.

Re-registration 2017:

Beginning March 29th, 2017, re-registration for returning students for SY 17-18 will begin. Families are required to update mandatory registration forms, make changes when necessary, provide an updated copy of your orders, if the sponsors tour has been altered. Even if no information has changed parents must come to the school and complete annually renewed forms.

1. The Re-Registration timeline for RETURNING students for School Year 2017-2018:

*March 29th- April 21st-(8am-12:00) (1:00pm-3:00pm)

I am aware that your schedule may not afford you the opportunity to fully meet the terms of this time schedule, so please feel free to contact me for an alternate time or date to re-register your child(ren).

If your child (ren) is not re-registered by April 28,2017 *COB they will be dropped from my system May 01,2017. *(Close of Business)

2. If your child WILL NOT BE RETURNING to MC Perry ES in August 2017, I am requesting an email to anita.clayton@pac.dodea.edu, so that I can properly prepare for your child's withdrawal.

Please see the attached Withdrawal Request form that will need to be completed and returned to the Main Office at least two weeks prior to your departure.

Please note that the approved Early withdrawal date is May 18, 2017. This date has been set to ensure that your child receives full academic credit for the school year. Please bring web orders, for early withdrawal.

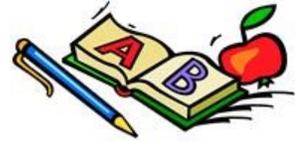
~ Ms. Anita Clayton, Registrar

Anita.Clayton@pac.dodea.edu

253-4160



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ROUND-UP



Date: Tuesday , March 28 , 2017

Time: 0800 -1130 AND 1230 -1430

Location: Old High School Gym



REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR KINDERGARTEN FOR SY 17-18
**CHILDREN MUST BE 5 ON OR
BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.**

Sponsors must bring a copy of their orders and area clearance,
immunization records, and child's passport for eligibility determination.

Registration packets will be provided by the school. Join us for a kindergarten
visit with the School Nurse, School Liaison Officer, PTO, and School Age Care.

Sponsors can pick up the registration packets in advance at the elementary school front office.

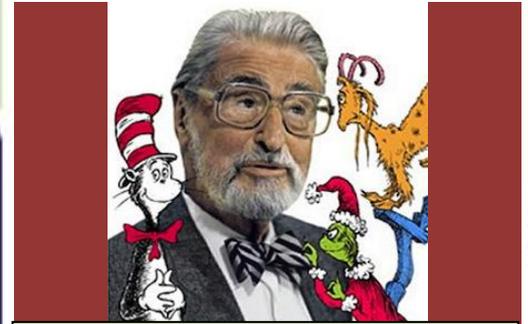


Contact person: Anita Clayton Registrar, MC Perry Elementary, DSN: 253-4160
Email: anita.clayton@pac.dodea.edu

MARCH



Special Announcements



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

Celebrating Dr Seuss on March 3rd with "Green Eggs and Ham"

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Good Eats At:



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

1
Beef Tacos
Cheese Quesadilla
Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich
Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Ranchero Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Fresh Bananas
Milk, Asst

2
Asian Chicken
w/ Seasoned Brown Rice
Grilled Cheese Sandwich (V)
Southwest Chicken Salad/ w/
Corn Chips/Combread
Seasoned Green Beans
Fresh Carrot/Celery Dippers
Apple Slices or Apple Crisp
Milk, Asst

3
NO SCHOOL

6
Spicy Beef Wrap
Cheese Breadsticks
w/ Marinara Sauce (V)
Chicken Caesar
Salad/Crouton/Croissant
Three-Bean Chili
Fresh Carrot/Broccoli Florets
Peach Slices or Peach Crisp
Milk, Asst

7
General Tso's Beef & Broccoli/Rice Bowl
Spicy Three Beans/Rice Bowl (V)
Tuna Salad Sandwich
Seasoned Broccoli Florets
Carrot/Celery Dippers
Rainbow Fruit Cup
Milk, Asst

8
Chicken Nuggets/ Cornbread
Spaghetti & Marinara/Cheese Breadstick
Mandarin Chicken Salad W/Crispy
Noodles/Combread
Cucumber Salad
Mashed Potatoes /
Farm Fresh Fruit
Milk, Asst

9
Grilled Chicken Burger
Three-Bean Chili/Combread (V)
Cranberry-Chicken Salad
W/Carrot Bread
Oven Baked Fries
Steamed Sugar Snap Peas
Fresh Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Mandarin Oranges/ Fresh
Banana
Milk, Asst

10
Fish/Cheese Po Boy
Macaroni & Cheese Pasta
Chef Salad/Zucchini Bread (V)
Honey Glazed Carrots
Coleslaw
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Mikan
Milk, Asst

SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

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

14 PIZZA DAY
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheese Veggie Pizza (V)
Cobb Salad/Carrot Bread
Fresh Garden Side Salad
Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn
Apple Slices/ Apple Pie Crisp
Milk, Asst

15
Beef/Cheese Nacho Bowl
Cheese Nacho Bowl (V)
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Fresh Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Ranchero Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Zucchini Bread (Treat)
Fresh Bananas
Milk, Asst

16
Chicken Nuggets/Combread
Grilled Cheese Sandwich (V)
Southwest Chicken Salad/Combread
Fresh Carrot/Celery Dippers
Seasoned Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Cinnamon Apple Slices
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Orange-Pineapple Cherry Swirl Cup
Milk, Asst

17 ST PATRICK'S DAY
LEPRECHAUN WRAP (FISH)
Hearty Pasta Bake
Greek Salad/Garlic Toast (V)
Irish Potatoes
Coleslaw
Green Gems (Grapes)
Milk, Asst

20
Chicken Nuggets/Combread
Cheese Breadsticks/
Marinara Sauce (V)
Chicken Caesar
Salad/Croutons/Combread
Fresh Carrot/Broccoli Florets
Mashed Potatoes
Peach Slices or Peach Crisp
Milk, Asst

21
Orange Chicken over Broccoli/Rice Bowl
Spicy Three Beans/Rice Bowl (V)
Tuna Salad Sub
Seasoned Broccoli Florets
Carrot/Celery Dippers
Rainbow Fruit Cup
Milk, Asst

22
Chicken Cordon Blue/ Cornbread
Spaghetti & Marinara/Cheese
Breadstick
Mandarin Chicken Salad W/Crispy
Noodles/Combread
Cucumber Salad
Sweet Potato Wedges
Farm Fresh Fruit, Asst
Milk, Asst

23
Cheese Hamburger
Three-Bean Chili/Combread (V)
Cranberry-Chicken Salad
W/Carrot Bread
Oven Baked Fries
Steamed Sugar Snap Peas
Fresh Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Peach/Grapes Cup
Milk, Asst

24
Citrus Peppercorn Fish/ w/
Macaroni & Cheese Side
Macaroni & Cheese Pasta (V)
Chef Salad/Zucchini Bread
Fresh Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Seasoned Peas/Carrots
Harvest Fruit Cup
Milk, Asst

27
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheese Veggie Pizza (V)
Cobb Salad/Carrot Bread
Garden Side Salad
Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn
Cinnamon Applesauce
Fresh Bananas
Milk, Asst

BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH
Egg & Beef Sausage Croissant
Beef Sausage Patty (2) & Blueberry Mini Pancakes
OR
Chef Salad/Zucchini Bread
Deli Roasters
Farm Fresh Fruit
Milk, Asst

29
Beef Tacos
Cheese Quesadilla
Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich
Ranchero Beans
Lettuce/Tomato Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Zucchini Bread (Treat)
Fresh Bananas
Milk, Asst

30
Asian Chicken
w/ Seasoned Brown Rice
Grilled Cheese Sandwich (V)
Southwest Chicken Salad/ w/
Corn Chips/Combread
Seasoned Green Beans
Fresh Carrot/Celery Dippers
Apple Slices or Apple Crisp
Orange/PA-Cherry Swirl Cup
Milk, Asst

31
NO SCHOOL

Field Peas

Field peas are edible legumes found in the pods of pea plants. They come in many different shapes and sizes depending on the variety. Legumes are a class of vegetables which include beans, peas and lentils. Most peas are used in soups, or as a side dish, but you can also make dips and even chili with them. In Texas, you may have heard the term, Southern field pea (cowpea). This term refers to many different types of field peas that we cook in the south. Varieties include blackeye, pinkeye, cream and crowder peas.

Growing Regions: High Plains and East Texas

Growing Months: April through November

Did You Know?



In the south, blackeye peas are cooked and eaten for New Year's Day because they are thought to bring prosperity and good luck.

Ants on a Log

A Fun and Healthy Treat: You can spread peanut butter inside the celery stalk and add raisins on top and call it "ants on a log." Ask an adult for help making this healthy snack!

Step 1:

Get some fresh Texas celery



Step 2:

Add some peanut butter



Step 3:

Lastly add fresh raisins. Enjoy!



Joke of the Month

Q. What vegetable might you find in your basement?
see answer below.



High Plains

East Texas

Rio Grande Valley

Growing Regions

Celery

Celery is a very versatile vegetable and both the stalks and the leaves are delicious. The long, crispy stalks can be washed and eaten and called a celery stick. Celery stalks can also be chopped and cooked in another dish like a soup or stew. Celery leaves are used less often but they are delicious when eaten raw in a salad or pesto sauce or cooked in stir fry or soup. The leaves can also be used like an herb to add flavor to foods. Celery is available year round and the celery bunch should be compact, crisp and shiny when you buy it.

Growing Region: Rio Grande Valley

Growing Months: September through April



Visit: SquareMeals.org/SeasonalityWheel