

Principal's Perspective

Maxwell Elementary-Middle School

Issue 3, December 2020

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Dear MEMS family,

Every year, we are amazed to find that we have already arrived at the holiday season again. We expect that the next three weeks will pass by very quickly. This has been a crazy and atypical school year, to say the least. We want to thank you for a wonderful first semester and for your ongoing support of your children and the school. We sincerely hope that everyone will enjoy some quality time with loved ones and create some lasting memories.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

~ Paul D. Hernandez & Jamie Pittman

Dates to Remember

Dec 4- Mid-term Progress Reports

Dec 21-Jan 3- No School - Holiday Recess

Jan 4 – Return to school

Jan 14- End of 2nd Quarter

Jan 15 -Teacher Workday – no school

Upcoming Assessments

As we near mid-year, grades 3-8 students will begin their DoDEA Interim Assessments. These assessments are intended to provide data on student progress towards the end of the year goals. Our students haven't had to do these types of assessments in quite some time so please ensure that they get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast. Interim testing will begin at 8:30 am. If students arrive late they will have to take a make-up test.

PSAT will be given to 8th graders on December 9th. This test is a precursor to the SAT and is also used to identify National Merit Scholars.

Test dates:

Grade 3	December 7
Grade 4 & 5	December 8
Grade 8	December 9 - PSAT
Grade 6-8	December 14



MEMS to begin offering a la carte items

Our Cafeteria will begin offering the following a la carte items:

Ice cream: \$1.00
Scooby Graham Cracker sticks: \$0.75
Trix Cereal Bar: \$1.00
Chips/Doritos: \$0.75

Not all choices may be offered each day. Items rotate based on availability. For questions, please contact Abbey Fletcher at abbey.fletcher@dodea.edu or 334-223-2908.

Flu Shot

The delivery of the flu vaccine on Maxwell AFB will be later than expected at the Immunization Clinic. We have reached out to DoDEA leadership and have received permission to extend the due date for obtaining flu shots. The new due date is Friday January 8, 2020. Notices will be sent out to any students with delinquent shots that week and hopefully disenrollment will not be needed. We understand this has been a challenging year and hope the extra time will be helpful in obtaining the required immunizations. If you need a waiver, you must meet with Nurse Baker in person to complete the required paperwork. If you have signed a waiver in the past, please note that you need to renew waivers every school year.