

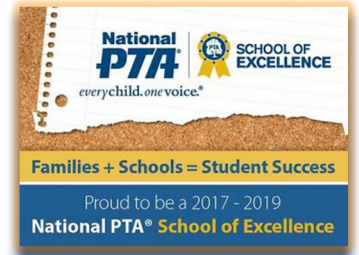


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Mission: Educate, Engage, and Empower each student to succeed in a dynamic world

Vision: To be among the world's leaders in education, enriching the lives of military-connected students and the communities in which they live.

Priority 1: College and Career Ready (CCR) - The development and implementation of a standards-based education system that effectively aligns DoDEA's curriculum, instructional framework, and assessment system to DoDEA's more rigorous, College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS).

Priority 2: Restructuring for Student Achievement (RSA) - The establishment of an organizational structure with the capacity to effectively manage, operate, and sustain a high-quality, worldwide, unified Pre-K-12 school system.

End-of-Year Library Dates

May 31: Last Day to check out books

June 6: All library books due

Please contact Margaret Russo at margaret.russo@dodea.edu if you have any questions about your child's library account.

School Advisory Committee Elections

Congratulations to Courtney Blackston who was elected as our new parent representative for the School Advisory Committee this year.

Help Your Child Cope with Your Upcoming Move

PCS (Permanent Change of Station) is a pretty popular abbreviation this time of year as summer is when many military moves occur. Moving is both exciting and challenging for children, so as you are busy preparing, keep the following possibilities in mind to help ease the transition for your child(ren):

- Alert your kids to the move ASAP. Just like you, they need time to prepare and time to adjust to the idea of moving and saying goodbye to their friends.
- Listen to your kids and provide answers. Your children may have lots of questions or may need some space during this transition. Answer their questions as best you can.
- Let your kids help. Get them involved. Let them help pack, organize their things etc.
- Reassure your children. Tell them that you love them, and that together the family will adjust. Stay upbeat and tell them new adventures await.
- Celebrate your kids' favorite things. Before the move, make sure you get some good family time in going to their favorite parks, restaurants, recreation spots and other places. Have them take something to their new home.
- Look ahead. Spend time with your children researching their new school, area parks and base activities. Make it fun. It's an adventure.
- Create a social story. This type of story is built around your child and created in the first person. Keep the story positive and focus on the new places your child gets to explore and the new people they will meet.
- Start a calendar or a picture schedule. Children often find it difficult to understand the concept of time, so dedicate a large calendar just for your child's use. Use pictures or words (depending on your child's level of understanding) to place on the dates for major events, such as the last visit with a friend, the last day of school, moving day, and travel day. Have your child cross off each day and count down how many days are left until each event.

Transition Resources for Your PCS Move:

The Great Moving Adventure DVD by Trevor Romain can be purchased on the following websites:

<http://www.worldclasscoaches.com/greatmoving-PAR.php>

<https://www.trevorromain.com/store/p70/TheGreatMovingAdventure.html>

Sesame Street has several free apps regarding moving which can be found at:

<https://sesamestreetformilitaryfamilies.org/topic/relocation/?ytid=ZGeVkCUyazo>

The DoD also has several apps regarding moving:

<http://www.dodlive.mil/2015/04/19/help-military-kids-cope-with-deployment-relocation/>

Military Kids Connect has a website for older children:

<https://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/>

The movie ***Inside Out*** can be watched together as a family and then discussed together from a parent and child's perspective.

Upcoming Events

June 13	Last Day of School – 11:00 Dismissal
August 19	Teachers Report to Duty
August 26	First Day of School - Grades 1 - 5
September 3	First Day of School - Kindergarten
September 12	First Day of School – Sure Start
<i>September 20</i>	<i>On-Line Teacher Training / Collaboration - 11:00 Dismissal</i>
<i>October 11</i>	<i>CCRS-L Training – no school for students – note date change</i>
October 14	Columbus Day – Federal Holiday
October 31	End of First Quarter
November 1	Teacher Record Keeping Day – no school for students
November 4	Begin Second Quarter
November 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences – no school for students
November 8	Parent-Teacher Conferences – no school for students
November 11	Veteran's Day – Federal Holiday
November 12	CCRS-L Training – no school for students
November 28	Thanksgiving –Federal Holiday
November 29	Recess Day
December 23	Begin Winter Recess
December 25	Christmas – Federal Holiday
January 1	New Year's Day – Federal Holiday
January 6	Instruction Resumes

SIGONELLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

The Sigonella ES Parent Teacher Association needs you! Volunteer for an ongoing PTA program or lend a few hours of your time at an upcoming event. Follow Sigonella Elementary School PTA on Facebook for updated events: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/138871099589056/>

UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

-Popcorn Fridays: 0800-1000 on Fridays - 3 volunteers needed to help make popcorn and deliver to classrooms. Volunteer for just one Friday or more.



Gentle reminder: Please keep a positive balance on your child's school lunch account. The goal of the Student Meal Program (SMP) is to provide a nutritious, quality school lunch to students. The SMP relies on payments from sponsors and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) subsidies for program success. To ensure your child receives a nutritious school lunch, sponsors should keep a positive balance in their child's account at all times.

The success of the SMP relies on maintaining a positive cash flow throughout the school year. Student accounts with a negative balance severely affect the ability of the SMP to be self-sustaining. The DoD schools and DoDEA cannot fund program losses. The NEX, your food service provider, prefers to perform its mission of providing student lunches, but does not have the financial resources to provide student meals without reimbursement.

For your convenience, payments are accepted at NEX Customer Service. You can also set up a free account at www.mypaymentsplus.com to keep track of your child's account balance and set up low balance alerts. For a small fee, you can add money to your child's balance from your home or office computer, tablet, smart phone, or other mobile device.

Thank you for your cooperation.