



## LES MISSION STATEMENT –

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### Dates to Remember



10 Nov – Parent Conferences – NO SCHOOL  
11 Nov – Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL  
19 Nov – Rocky's Café, 2<sup>nd</sup> & KG  
20 Nov – Rocky's Café, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

### LUNCH MENU

(Optional choice is for 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)



10 Nov: PARENT CONF – NO SCHOOL  
11 Nov: VETERAN'S DAY – NO SCHOOL  
12 Nov: Chicken Alfredo w/Pasta (or Ham & Cheese Sandwich), Cauliflower & Carrots, Chilled Pears, Cinnamon Toast, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk  
13 Nov: Cheese Pizza Dippers (or Yogurt & ½ Grilled Cheese), Fresh Carrot Sticks w/FF Dip, Apple Quarters, Goldfish Pretzels, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk  
14 Nov: Popcorn Chicken (or Chef Salad), Mac & Cheese, Garden Side Salad, Soft Wheat Pretzel, Fruit Cup/Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

Check out the month's menu at:  
<http://odin.aafes.com/nutrition/08/index.html>

### The Principal's Column

Charles Yahres, Principal



#### FLAG POLE CARE

Parents – Are you or your unit interested in taking on a patriotic task for the benefit of our school and new housing community? We have two flagpoles in the front of the school that need to be restrung with ropes and new flag clips. The pulleys at the top could probably use a good greasing as well. New lights have been installed recently to allow the flags to be displayed both day and night. Let me know if you or your organization would be willing to tackle this project at [charles.yahres@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:charles.yahres@eu.dodea.edu) or call me at 226-3721. Thank you!

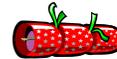
#### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week 2008 is scheduled for November 16-22, 2008. The theme this year is *Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*. The annual American Education Week (AEW) spotlights the importance of providing every child in the United States with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do their part in making public schools great. This is an excellent time to let your child's teacher know how much you appreciate them and the important role they play in the future of our great nation.



### CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

DeDe Brown-Johnson, Spirit Team Leader



It's that time of year again when we start making Christmas Crackers! Please collect and send in your *empty* paper towel, aluminum foil, and toilet tissue cardboard tubes from now until December 14.

During Host Nation class, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will stuff the empty rolls with special treats, wrap them, and then sell them to the student body at the end of every lunch period during the week of Dec 14-19<sup>th</sup> to raise money to purchase a new guide dog for a blind person!

Donations of wrapping paper and/or pre-wrapped candy for this school-wide charity project will also be greatly appreciated.

Please send all of the above items to either Mrs. Brown-Johnson (room 225-main building) or to Mrs. Marks (room 252-back building).

Thank you for supporting our school-wide We CARE charity "Guide Dogs for the Blind"!

### WORD OF THE MONTH

**cit-i-zen-ship** – <sup>1</sup>the state of being vested with the rights, privileges, and duties of a citizen; <sup>2</sup>the character of an individual viewed as a member of society; <sup>3</sup>behavior in terms of the duties, obligations, and functions of a citizen

## VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Veteran's Day program was held on Wednesday in the cafeteria. Before the program started, Ms. Lucy Reser, art teacher, explained the artwork that the children had made for the lyrics of *America the Beautiful*. These illustrations made a wonderful display throughout the cafeteria.

Our play, "A Visit By Our Victorious Veterans of Valor", was written and directed by Ms. DeDe Brown-Johnson. It featured the Lakenheath 3rd Grade Spirit Team, who acted as leaders for the program and the songs. They also introduced the guest speakers.



The program was dedicated to SrA Jason D. Nathan, a member of Detachment 6 of the 732<sup>nd</sup> Expeditionary Security Forces, who lost his life in June 2007 while on deployment in Iraq.

Guest speakers included Squadron Leader Neild, RAF Lakenheath Commander; TSgt Richard Blackstone, 48<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron; Mrs. Judy Williams, a veteran of Her Majesty's Royal Air Force; and Mr. Bruce Rutterford, of Her Majesty's Army Service Corps.

Community and staff members spoke as representatives of the various military branches on the meaning and history of Veterans Day. The Lakenheath Elementary School Spirit Team introduced the speakers and led the students in singing patriotic songs using American Sign Language.



Following the speeches, Mr. Rutterford recited the Exhortation, which is spoken at Remembrance services in the UK immediately after the wreaths have been laid and the Last Post has been sounded.

### Exhortation:

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning,*

*We will remember them.*



Memorial wreaths were laid and a two-minute silence was observed. After the two minutes silence, Reveille was sounded, and the Kohima Epitaph read. The Kohima Epitaph remembers those who fought against the Japanese in Burma.

### Kohima Epitaph:

*When you go home, tell them of us, and say,*

*For your tomorrow, we gave our today.*

The final selection performed by the student body featured a small group of 1<sup>st</sup> grade solo singers, who sang and signed the song, "Thank a Vet". It was a touching final tribute to the veterans of both countries.



As the children left the cafeteria, they were able to shake hands and personally thank the guest veterans.

