



LES MISSION STATEMENT –

"Increasing Reading Comprehension & Expressive Writing Across the Curriculum"

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Dates to Remember



- 15 May Annual PTSO Guide Dogs for the Blind Walk-a-thon
- 20 May Rocky's Café – 2nd & KG
- 21 May Rocky's Café – 1st & 3rd
- 25 May Memorial Day holiday – NO SCHOOL

LUNCH MENU

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



27 Apr: Orange Ginger Chicken w/ Veggies (or Teriyaki Chicken Dippers), Chicken Rice, Steamed Broccoli & Carrots, Chilled Pineapple, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

28 Apr: Cheese Pizza (or Baked Chicken Tenders), Green Beans, Chilled Peaches, Garden Side Salad, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

29 Apr: Chicken Alfredo w/ Pasta (or Ham & Cheese Sandwich) Cauliflower & Carrots, Chilled Pears, Bread Stick, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

30 Apr: Cheese Pizza Dippers (or Yogurt & ½ Grilled Cheese), Fresh Carrots w/Dip, Apple Quarters, Elf Grahams, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

01 May: Cheeseburger Mac (or Chef Salad), Garden 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

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS



The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) recently announced the results of its 2008-2009 Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS).

The survey is administered every other year to sponsors with children in pre-kindergarten – 12th grade and students in 4th – 12th grade. For the 2008-2009 survey more than 18,000 sponsors and more than 35,000 students responded. That represents a response rate of 25% of eligible sponsors and 75% of eligible students. Lakenheath Elementary School (LES) students were not eligible to participate in the survey, but 219 of our sponsors did, or 36% of our eligible participates, an 11% higher rate than the DoDEA average.

The DoDEA Director, stated, "The information we received through this survey is critical to DoDEA's efforts toward continuous improvement. We want to thank everyone who participated – the opinions of our students and families are important and they provide insight into the education we provide. This survey helps us know what's working and how we can improve what we do for children to ensure highest

achievement for all our students".

Overall, 74% of the responding sponsors throughout the DoDEA system were satisfied with the schools, while 79% of the sponsors at LES rated our school as satisfactory or above. That's a 1% increase over the 2006-2007 LES survey, and 17% higher than the current national average.

LES parents felt that we do the best job of preparing our students in foreign language with 83% giving us an "A" or "B" score. Over three-fourths of the sponsors, or 77%, gave our staff high marks in preparing students in reading and writing. Survey participants felt we faced our greatest challenge in preparing students in social studies and science. However, it should be noted here that social studies and science were our two strongest academic areas on the spring 2008 Terra Nova standardized test.

When asked to rank the top two actions with the most potential to improve LES, the actions most frequently selected by sponsors were reducing class size and raising academic standards. In contrast, improving administrative qualifications and competence as well as consistent discipline policies were the least frequently selected responses by DoDEA and the LES sponsors.

We're delighted that 89% of our sponsors felt that their child feels safe at school. That's 7% higher than the DoDEA average.

Our school newsletter received one of the highest marks when compared to other DoDEA schools, a full 10%

higher when rating for effectiveness in communicating to parents.

There are areas that we will need to take a closer look at as a result of the survey findings including our after school programs, facilities, use of technology as a learning tool, and specific areas in pupil support services. More information about the results from student support and counseling-related questions is available in the Customer Satisfaction Survey Executive Summary and the results are posted on the DoDEA website at www.dodea.edu.

DoDEA will administer the next Customer Satisfaction Survey beginning in November 2010.

Overall, we are very satisfied with the survey results and will continue our very best to provide the highest quality education for our students. We believe that continuous improvement is the key to DoDEA's mission success and highest student achievement.

ATTENDANCE REPORTING PROCEDURES



If you need to report your child absent or late, please contact the school by email at

les.attendance@eu.dodea.edu or on 01638-523721 / 226-3721. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we do not have a service where you can leave a message at this time. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

"UNITED WE STAND" MUSICAL PRODUCTION



Third grade gifted and talented students, along with students in two other third grade classes performed a musical play on Friday, April 17th, at Lakenheath Elementary School, called "United We Stand".

The play is a simplified version of the events of the Constitutional Convention in 1783, and included some solo singing for the characters General George Washington and

Representative Roger Sherman of Connecticut.



The students learned the songs in music classes and worked on their dialogue in classrooms with their teachers. The students created their own hats and wigs in art classes with our two art teachers, who also created the remaining props and set.



Altogether, this was a very "United" project. The students really enjoyed performing as well as learning about the difference between "states rights" and "confederation", as well as the meaning of "compromise".



PTSO BOARD ELECTIONS

Leann Allman, PTSO President



It's that time of year again to elect new PTSO executive board officers of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. If you would like to be

nominated for a position on the board please email

lakenheathES.ptso@eu.dodea.edu indicating which position you would like to be considered for.

Elections will be held at our general membership meeting on April 30th. At this time we are only taking nominations and more information on the meeting will follow in the near future.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Publicity and Communications Committee

A SPRING TRADITION



One of our kindergarten teachers, kept to her tradition once again this year by creating a beautiful formal spring luncheon for the students. The luncheon took place on April 17, and was a resounding success!



The tables were beautifully set with fine china, tablecloths and pretty flower arrangements for centerpieces. The children dressed up in their best clothes and enjoyed a well-presented gourmet menu of chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, broccoli and apple juice served in coffee cups.



Several parent volunteers set up the tables, prepared the food and “waited” the tables. The five- and six-year olds enjoyed the moment. Parents deviated from their roles in order to remind them about the rules of etiquette and

to put their napkins in their laps. The “waiters” of course took lots of pictures! This dining experience was once again both fun and educational for all participants.

