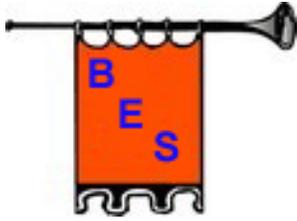


Bolden Elementary/Middle School



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Mission Statement

The mission of Bolden Elementary/Middle School is to empower all students with the knowledge to succeed in a dynamic global environment.



Parents Can Protect Children from Cyberbullying

As kids discover new ways to share information, they have unfortunately also found more ways to harm each other. According to [Common Sense Media](#), a resource to help families teach kids how to be safe and smart with today's media, cyberbullying has affected 43% of kids between the ages of 13 and 17. As holiday breaks approach and time online is likely to increase, parents can use tips from Common Sense to prevent cyberbullying or limit its damage.

Common Sense suggests giving children a code of conduct. Parents should tell their child that if they would not say something to somebody's face, they should not text it, instant message it, or post it. Also, parents can ask their kids if they know someone who has been cyberbullied. They might open up about others' pain before admitting their own. Other age-appropriate tips:

For Middle-School Kids

- Monitor their use. See what they're posting. Check their mobile messages.
- Tell your kids what to do if they're harassed. They shouldn't respond or retaliate. They should block bullies immediately and tell you or an adult they trust. They shouldn't delete the messages in case the harasser needs to be reported to a cell or Internet service provider.
- If your child is doing the bullying, establish strict consequences and stick to them. That goes for mean or sexual comments about teachers, friends, and relatives.
- Remind them that all private information can be made public. Posts on friends' walls, private IMs, intimate photos, etc., can all be cut, pasted, and delivered.
- Don't start what you don't want to finish. Game chat can get ugly fast. Make sure your kids are respectful.

PTA Magazine

Laurel Bay Tree Lighting Ceremony



We would like to thank Dr. U. and the Bolden Choir for an excellent performance at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. It was a fun way to kick start the holiday season. Family's enjoyed the warm hot chocolate and cookies while waiting to sit on Santa's lap to tell him their holiday wish. Thanks to all the Marines that made this event such a success.



Students at Bolden Elementary/Middle School will participate in a food drive. The class that collects the most will receive a pizza party. Our goal is to collect 1500 nonperishable items. If every class collected 100 cans we would reach way beyond our goal. PTO and the leadership students thank you for your community spirit in helping those in need. Have a wonderful holiday



MCAS Beaufort Federal Credit Union

Supports the Beach Bucks Program



MCAS Beaufort Federal Credit Union has been partnering with Bolden Elementary/Middle School, on Laurel bay, for eleven years; helping support the **Beach Bucks** program, developed by Mrs. B., sixth grade teacher. **Beach Bucks Program** is a learning aid to teach children the importance of having good organizational skills, proper money management, following specific rules, and accepting responsibility for their actions.

Mrs. B. invited Ms. Linda Kreiser, Director of Marketing and Business Development at the credit union, to speak to the sixth graders about credit cards and loans, to show a connection between the **Beach Bucks** program and other financial services.

Ms. Kreiser commented that, "Educating the community, and giving them the tools to be financially responsible, is a big part of the credit union movement. There is an overall philosophy of 'people helping people', and what better way than to start with the children?"

6th Grade Leadership



Guess what 6th grade leadership students did in November? During Children's Book Week at Elliott Elementary we read to students in Pre-k through 2nd grade. Most of the children enjoyed our reading so much they

did not even want us to leave. Many of them asked us questions about the books, leadership, if we do math in our BIG school and if we could stay and play. It was so much fun reading to the students at Elliott. We hope that we will have a chance to read to them again!

Keep Reading,

Justan and the 6th Grade Leadership Students



Sign up for Grade Speed

We are working very hard to get 100% of our parents with students in grades 4th-8th enrolled in GradeSpeed. This allows you to view the teachers gradebook, see your child's scores, look at their absences and tardies and send and receive notes to/from your child's teacher. There is no reason to be surprised when report card time comes.

Go to <https://dodea.gradespeed.net>

Click on Parent - choose a user name and password to use when you log onto GradeSpeed. We have sent flyers home showing you just how to do this. If you need another flyer call the school. If you have any difficulty getting signed up, please call the school so we can assist you. Since this is done on the internet, you can watch your child's grades even if you are deployed.

Upcoming Events

- 6 December—Pancake Breakfast (Applebee's) CANCELED
- 10 December—School Board Meeting @ Bolden (3:30pm)
- 12 December—6th Grade Recycle Rally
- 16 December—Winter Program (6:00 pm)
- 22 Dec- 5 Jan—Winter Break



Cafeteria News

LEAVING??? Please stop by the cafeteria to settle your student's cafeteria account. Each child's account must be settled at that child's school. The points of contact are: Bolden Elementary and Middle School, Ashley Tabisz, 846-4849 and the Food Service Director, David Foppe, 846-6105 x113. The cafeteria email address is lb_food.service@am.dodea.edu. The best times are 0800-1030 and 1200-1300. That is when we are staffed to serve you and have funds available if you are due a refund.

DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey

Completing our parents survey will assist us in identifying and addressing areas that need attention. At this time only 26% of our parents have responded. **Please show our Headquarters that Bolden Elementary Middle School is important to you by taking the few minutes to respond to the survey.** You can access it from our school website: <http://www.am.dodea.edu/Bolden>

There is no one in the world who can influence the life and future of your children like you can.

THE POSITIVE PARENT by Dr. Kerby T. Alvy

You, the parent, are your child's first teacher and guidance counselor. How you treat your children, and the examples you set in your behavior, educates them about life. No matter how old your children, there is real power in being a parent! If you do not use this power, or if you misuse it, children can feel worthless, insecure and not able to learn and achieve their full potential. Then their attitudes and behaviors will work against their education and their success in dealing with life.

Yes, it's true-you are not the only force that shapes your children's lives. Their own biology has a lot to do with how they grow and react, and they are under other influences all the time. But you can have a say about how these other forces affect your children. You can help them understand and evaluate the people they meet. You can guide them in analyzing what they see and hear on television, the movies, in songs, and on the Internet.

You can also manage their exposure to such forces in such a way that it supports rather than detracts from the quality of life you want in your family. You can also help your children with the second most important influence in their lives-their school. You can prepare your children to take advantage of what schools have to offer. You can work in partnership with their schools so your children get the best possible education - which gives them the best preparation for life.

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