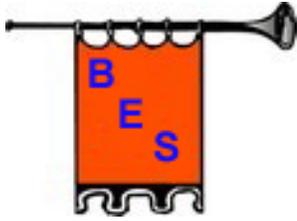


# ***Bolden Elementary School***



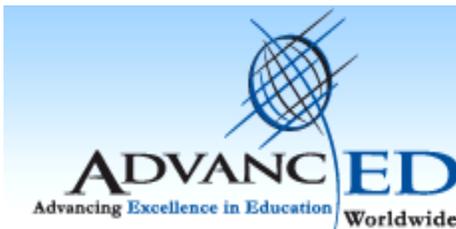
## **Bolden Bugle**



*April 2008*

### **Mission Statement**

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



### **Accreditation Recommendation Approved**

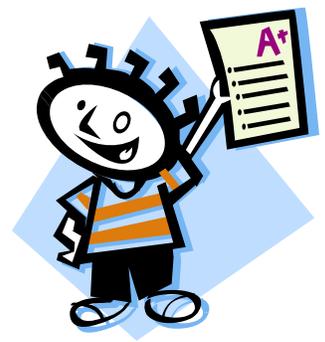
During two days in February, our school underwent the five year accreditation process which required a group of five educational leaders from across the nation to come into our school to look at our continuous School Improvement Program. We are delighted to share with you their views.

#### **Some Commendations were as follows:**

- The school climate fosters collaboration and encourages and empowers individuals to take an active leadership role in different aspects of the school.
- A school improvement plan that includes an extensive analysis of data with appropriate goals and strategies has been successfully developed.
- Many teachers were observed utilizing a teaching style that engaged students in hands-on activities and encouraged active learning and classroom participation.
- The staff effectively uses information from a variety of assessments to make data driven decisions and develop individual intervention plans for students.
- Communication is highly regarded: Grade Speed, newsletters, principal's tea, school website, phone calls, bulletin boards, etc.

## **Grade Speed Participation!!!**

In the February newsletter we informed our parents that our new grading system "Grade Speed" was up and running and is ready for you to log in and set up your account. We currently have less than half of our 4th-6th grade parents participating. I am hoping that through this reminder more parents will take advantage of the convenience of this program. Please remember that Bolden Elementary is currently the only elementary school within DDESS that is participating in this program. Once your account is set up, you will be given online access to your student's grades and attendance from anywhere in the world you have internet access. If you need additional information about this new and exciting program, please refer to the attached document for detailed instructions. Call the school if you need more assistance. I believe this is a great opportunity for parents and the school to work together, and it will help our students. Dr. T



### **STUDENT SAFETY**

Parents please remember that students are **NOT** to arrive at the school prior to 7:30 due to the lack of supervision on campus. The only exception to this rule would be for chorus students **ONLY** on the days the chorus meets.

**MATH MATTERS!!!**

# DODEA OBSERVES MONTH OF MILITARY CHILD

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) joins the Department of Defense and military communities worldwide in celebrating April as The Month of the Military Child.

Sponsored by the Department of Defense’s Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and challenges they overcome. The observance is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger who established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

“Military children assume some special responsibilities that deserve our understanding and recognition, said Dr. Joseph Tafoya, DoDEA Director. Tafoya is well-aware of the unique challenges military children face and wants families to know DoDEA will be a constant in their lives.

“We know that military children face many obstacles unique to their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and moving frequently,” he said. “Deployments and family separations can be stressful times for children. Our schools link deployed parents and students by email and other technologies.”



Throughout the month, DoDEA schools plan special events to honor military children and incorporate the themes of this month into our every day duties and responsibilities. These efforts and special events stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.

## Calendar Events

- 7 April — NO School (Staff Development)
- 7 April—Staff Appreciation (Theme Breakfast Items)
- 9 April—School Board Meeting @ Bolden (3:30PM)
- 10 April—Wax Museum (4:00PM - 6:00PM)
- 11 April—Group Class Photos
- 11 April—Report Cards Sent Home
- 14-18 April—Fifth Grade Science Testing
- 14 April—3rd grade Awards Ceremony
- 15 April — 5th & 6th grade Awards Ceremony
- 16 April —4th grade Awards Ceremony
- 21-25 April—3rd & 6th Grade Social Studies Testing
- 30 April—Volunteer Tea
- 9 May—NO School (Staff Development)

## NASA Seeds



Recently some of the sixth grade students went to most of the classrooms in our school to do an experiment which goes along with “Planting Seeds of Kindness”. Our teacher Ms. M. received cinnamon basil seeds from NASA, but these seeds were not just regular cinnamon basil seeds. Some of them were flown in outer space, and some of them stayed on earth. When we planted these seeds in every classroom, we had the students measure the soil in a beaker, and we taught them how to gently water the planted seeds. The reason why we did this experiment is because we wanted to see if there is any difference between the seeds flown in space and the ones that were not flown in space. Now all we can do is wait and see if we get any of the seeds to grow. By: Maty



6th grade students helping Bolden students plant the space seeds.

### School Motto

“Planting Seeds of Kindness”

## Volunteer Appreciation Month

**Have you hugged your child today?**



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. We will be having our Volunteer Tea on the 30th of April. If you have been volunteering at our school, please watch for an invitation. We are very happy this year to have so many SAMMY (Supporting and Mentoring Military Youth) volunteers and our unit of Marines that also volunteer. Volunteers are very special to our children. Thank you!

### Feel Free to Contact Us

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