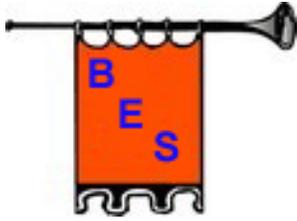


Bolden Elementary/Middle School



Bolden Bugle

September 2008

Mission Statement

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



Welcome Bolden Middle School

Exciting Opening of our Middle School

It has been a very exciting time as we changed to an Elementary/Middle School. Almost every day trucks arrive with our new materials. It is exciting to watch our teachers form a great team and our students work together to help build their school. Besides the core classes we are also offering Algebra, Geometry and Spanish. We have exploratory classes in Physical Education, Art, Pathways to Careers, Theater and Drama, and Computer Applications. All students are required to pass keyboarding with 95% accuracy.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for Middle School,



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.



Welcome Bolden's New Staff



Teresa M. - Ms M.is teaching 6th grade. She has taught at Bolden before but left to follow her husband in his career in the Marines. We are very happy to have her back.

Christine E. - Ms. E. is our Middle School Math teacher. She comes to us from Northern Arizona where she taught HS Math. She has a student in our school and her family is new to the "lowcountry" and loves it here.

Carol H. - Ms. H. is from North Carolina but has recently spent 4 years teaching Middle School in our DoDEA School in Okinawa. She is our new Language Arts teacher and will also be sponsoring the National Junior Honor Society.

Davina P. - Ms. P. comes to us from Bluffton High School and is our new Social Studies teacher in the middle school. She is also one of our parents and her husband recently deployed so by coming to us she can continue to work and be near her children during this deployment.

Tanya S. - Mrs. S is the new clerk in the main office and in the Information Center. You will often find her answering the phone in the main office. She is also a Bolden parent.



Bolden Volunteers

Our school is able to assist our students in so many ways because of the volunteers we have in our community. We are proud to have H & HS as our sponsoring military unit. We have some Marines every Thursday working with our students. On Monday and Tuesday we have SAMMY (Supporting and Mentoring Military Youth) volunteers working with our students. These are retirees and many of them were teachers before retirement. On top of this our PTO has a volunteer Coordinator that helps bring parents in for special projects. Having all these volunteers makes our school special and it is so beneficial for our students to get someone to just listen to them read or show special interest in them. Thank you volunteers!!!

2008-09 PTO Board Members

We are pleased to have a full board to help support BEMS. Please work with your PTO to support our students.

President – Aisha Holiday
VP – Christine Jackson
Treasurer – Amanda Carter
Secretary (and book clubs)– Sunie Reynolds
Volunteer Coordinator – Becca Long
Box Tops – Tanya Brostowski



Young Bolden Leaders

Two Bolden students, Luke E. and Georgina A. were nominated and successfully completed the Conference for Junior National Young Leaders. Over six days they explored Washington D.C. investigating leadership throughout our nation's history. Highlights included:

- Exploring hands-on-exhibits and up-to-the-second technology at the NEWseum.
- Hands-on exercises focusing on key leadership skills including: communication, problem solving, teamwork and goal setting
- The "Voices of Change" simulation which tasked the scholars with developing a project to solve an ongoing problem in our community or school.



Congratulations
Luke and Georgina!

Bolden Website

Please get in the habit of checking our website often. We keep it up to date and you will find the calendar of events, the lunch and breakfast menu, links to good educational sites, links to all the tests for Reading Counts, and ways to find all the standards the teachers are using to educate your children. You will also find photos and articles of the many activities happening in your school.

www.am.dodea.edu/Bolden

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Please watch for our Customer Satisfaction Survey. We were disappointed in the number of parents that responded last time so we will be working very hard to get close to 100% parent response. This will be your time to express your thoughts about our schools. The survey will be done on line and will be open starting November 1st. Please mark your calendars and we will send you more information later.

Upcoming Events

26 September—Staff Development (No School)
 2 October—Flu Mist given (with parent permission)
 5-11 October—Fire Prevention Week
 8 October—Fire Program
 13 October—Columbus Day (No School)
 22 October—End of 1st Quarter
 23 October—Photo Make-Ups (Individual)
 24 October—Staff Development (No School)
 27 October—Parent Conferences (No School)
 28 October—Early Dismissal 11:30AM (Conferences)
 29 October—Awards Assembly 5th & 6th
 30 October—Awards Assembly 3rd & 4th
 31 October—Awards Assembly 7th & 8th

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