

From the Principals Desk

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Dear Devers' Parents,

Thank you for helping your child be "ready to learn" on a daily basis. We appreciate all that you are doing at home to encourage your child to be an active participant in his or her learning by completing homework daily, reading every night, staying organized for daily work, talking with your child about what he or she is learning each day, and getting plenty of sleep each night.

We are excited about the many activities and events that are being coordinated for our students through the PTO Board. Please see calendar for events.

Devers will go through a reevaluation for AdvancED accreditation this school year. In order to earn and maintain accreditation, schools must meet the AdvancED standards and engage in a process of continuous school improvement. Through Devers' Continuous School Improvement Process we identify data, information, evidence, and documented results that we use to pinpoint areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. This serves as the foundation of the accreditation process.

Our data has shown us two areas: vocabulary and math problem solving that need attention.

Goal # 1: All students will increase word knowledge.

Essence of the Goal: Word knowledge is a student's ability to apply visual and auditory recognition, phonemic awareness and word meaning.

Goal # 2: All students will improve problem solving skills.

Essence of the Goal: Students will gather, organize, analyze, evaluate and reflect upon information to solve problems in math.

Yours in Education,
Miriam Breece

Have a Great Idea?????

Please share your thoughts and great ideas with our Continuous School Improvement Team. We welcome any school wide improvement ideas that move us toward continued student achievement.



Devers Welcomes Dr. Ferguson

I am honored and super excited to have the opportunity to serve at Devers Elementary School as Assistant Principal! Since arriving at Fort Bragg from Alabama, I have been truly inspired and motivated by the commitment I've seen by everyone.

I received my doctorate in Leadership, Policy, & Law and have 23 years experience in many capacities including assistant principal, reading coach/interventionist, curriculum specialist and classroom teacher. My husband retired from the Air Force after 26 years so I am delighted to have the opportunity to develop another strong military partnership, especially within the DoDEA Fort Bragg community. I look forward to nurturing children and helping improve their academic achievement.



Guidance Spot

Devers' guidance program started the year by talking about school expectations and issues related to deployment. DODEA asks guidance counselors to regularly include deployment in their lessons, as it is a challenge faced by our students and their families on a regular basis. October and November guidance topics will focus on bullying awareness and making safe choices, both in and outside of school. Please talk to your child about these lessons over the next few months as they bring home materials that relate to the guidance topics. As part of the curriculum we will use Trevor Romain resources, as well as Stop Bullying Now, DODEA's anti-bullying campaign.

Good self-care and time management skills are imperative to your child's learning. Please support your child in doing regular homework, sleeping/eating well, reading every night, and showing their best and most focused mind during school. We are here to support where we can, and make efforts to do so with classroom guidance, small groups, problem solving and other small groups, as well as as-needed one-on-one student interaction.

We will be having the first awards assembly of the year the first week of November to display students' achievements. We look forward to seeing you there as we recognize your students together. We will recognize Terrific Kids for grades 3-5 at the awards assembly. Pre-kindergarten through second grade Terrific Kids will be recognized in the classroom. The program, sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club, encourages good citizenship, good attendance and peer interactions, and positive character traits.

Guidance support for students is supplemented by Susan Anderson, the Military and Family Life Consultant (MFLC) for Devers Elementary. She may assist in class lessons, student groups, and general family support/teaching. The local YMCA branch also supports the guidance program through Operation Hero, a program for students to promote character development, teamwork, and academic achievement.

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Read to Me Club 2:45-4:00 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day No School	11 Reading Festival All Day Garden Club 2:45 pm	12	13 Fall Pictures	14	15
16	17	18 Young Authors Program 2:45-4:00 pm Garden Club 2:45 pm	19 K-2 Puppet Show	20	21	22
Spirit Week						
23	24	25 Family Reading Counts 3:00-5:00 pm Garden Club 2:45 pm	26	27 Fall Carnival	28	29
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FALL CARNIVAL

Come and enjoy some old fashioned fun and support Devers PTO. There will be games for all ages.

EVERYONE in the community is invited.

DATE: October 27th, 2011

TIME: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

WHERE: Devers Elementary (Bldg 9-5536, 1 Varsity Dr)

RAIN OR SHINE! We will have events inside and out. All inside if needed!

For \$5 your ENTIRE family can get into the carnival and play every game.

PARENT MUST ATTEND WITH CHILD!

There will also be cotton candy (.50 cents), popcorn (.50 cents) and hotdog & drink combos (1.00 dollar).

Wear your Ghostly Best! Costumes are welcome and encouraged. Please NO scary masks! Also, bring a bag to fill with treats.

Volunteers are needed if you can help please contact us at devers.elementary.pto@gmail.com, and help make this a GREAT community event.

Learn Today-Lead Tomorrow!

▼ Spirit Week-2011

OCTOBER 17th – 21st, 2011

This week will kick off **DEVERS DOLPHINS FRIDAYS.**

 **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17th,** will be **HAT DAY.** Show us your favorite hat.

 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18th,** will be **BOOK CHARACTER DAY.** Dress as your favorite book character. Everyone that signs the Pledge to Read in the library will receive a **FREE** book.

 **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th,** will be **JERSEY DAY.** Show your team spirit by wearing your favorite sports shirt or jersey.

 **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th,** will be **CRAZY SOCK DAY.** Show us your craziest socks.

 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st,** will be **DEVERS DOLPHINS DAY.** On this day wear your school shirt, or one that is school colors (blue or orange). **SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL! THEN EVERY FRIDAY WILL BE DEVERS DOLPHINS DAY!**

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