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From the Principals Desk

Dear Devers' Parents,

We've had a wonderful start to the 2008-2009 school year. Thank you for helping your child be "ready to learn" on a daily basis. Our teachers will tell you that our students have been so focused and engaged that we are able to accomplish a lot of instruction during the few hours that we have our students. 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.

The Devers' staff is looking forward to a great working relationship with our PTO Board. We are excited about the many activities and events that are being coordinated for our students! We have our annual "Walkathon" coming up on October 3. I would like encourage you to come out and walk with your child on October 3. Please consider donating to the Walkathon so that you can continue to support our students at Devers.

There is still time to visit the PTO Scholastic Book Fair. I would like to thank our volunteers and staff for coordinating the Book Fair for our staff and students. It has been huge success!

We know that your lives are busy and your family time is limited as it is but we hope

you'll join your children at school whenever you can.

Yours in Education,
Miriam Breece

PTO News

Hello everyone, I hope you are having a wonderful year so far. We are getting this year off to a wonderful start. The book fair is going on right now and the Walk-A-Thon is coming on October 3, 2008. So, please come out and support your school and children. Also, please join our PTO. Thank you,



Devers Bus Report

Devers Elementary School has six regular buses and three SPED buses this year. I am seeing improvement in all areas with the buses. Parents, please continue to support the safety of all the children who ride our school buses by reminding your child(ren) of the bus rules often.

- Obey the bus driver at all times
- Always ride your assigned bus
- Always get off and on the bus at your assigned bus stop
- Use a quiet voice
- Stay in assigned seat
- Be kind to other bus riders
- Keep the bus clean and free from damage
- Stay away from the emergency door,

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- fire extinguisher and first aid kit
- Behave in a manner that is safe at all times

From the Devers Information Center



Research shows reading is the number one predictor of student success! Our circulation policies below are established to support this premise and the DoDEA Standards.

- Pre-K and Kindergarten may check out 1 book
- Multi-Age, First and Second Grade may check out 3 books
- Third and Fourth Grade may check out 4 books and one magazine
- **Parents are welcome to come in to check out books at any time.**

Students may select books from any area of the Information Center and are welcome for book checkout at any time.

Sometimes books that are too difficult appeal to students. Parents could read these to students or students may just like to look at the pictures. Most primary students will quickly tire of getting chapter books that they can't enjoy. I'll introduce them to books that are just too good to miss through numerous author features, book shows, and the monthly Author, Author features. I teach students how to find books that they can enjoy reading.

The Read-To Me Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday October 7, 2008 in the Information Center. We always meet right after school on the first Tuesday of each

month. This is a club for first grade students **with an accompanying adult.**



Students may not come to a club meeting without an accompanying adult. Flyers with tickets for the club are sent home the week before the club meets. Please be sure to send in a note to the teacher of any older or younger siblings that will meet you at the club meeting. Our 2 main goals are to build a love of books and reading and to encourage adults and children to enjoy picture books together. New members are welcome anytime!

The Read-To Me, Too Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday October 14, 2008 in the Information Center. We always meet right after school on the second Tuesday of each month. This is a club for second grade students **with an accompanying adult.**

Students may not come to a club meeting without an accompanying adult. Flyers with tickets for the club are sent home the week before the club meets. Please be sure to send in a note to the teacher of any

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older or younger siblings that will meet you at the club meeting. Our main goal is to introduce students and parents to award winning authors, illustrators and books of different genre. New members are welcome anytime!

So many parents stop reading to their children when they learn to read. Please don't! Even as children learn to read, it is still important for parents to read to them because it helps children do better in school. This has been confirmed in decisive results from hundreds of research studies!

Read Aloud to your child because it:

- awakens sleeping imaginations
- stimulates children's interests and emotional development
- improves language skills and increases vocabulary
- improves children's attitudes towards books and reading
- makes complex ideas available to children
- improves and enriches the quality of a child's life
- helps create a special bond between parents and children

While our reading clubs are for first and second grade, parents of all students can

help their child be more successful in school by reading books aloud to them. 3rd and 4th graders are not too old to have books read aloud to them.

We are always looking for parent volunteers. Please let us know if you have a morning or afternoon a week you could come in to help us out!

Reading Is Fundamental

Welcome back to a wonderful school year. Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is a literacy program that helps to motivate school children to read regularly. It is the nation's oldest and largest children's and family literacy organization.

RIF provides money to schools, shelters, hospitals, libraries, child-care centers, and health clinics in order to promote reading. The Devers RIF program receives 75% of its funding from federal funds and the PTO provides the remaining 25%. Without our PTO, we would not be able to continue this program. Thank you to all who are PTO members. You truly make a difference for our students.

The RIF committee is excited to provide another year of great opportunities for our children to read. On November 4, 2008, we will have our first RIF book distribution. Students will receive a free book to take home and enjoy. Our RIF parent contact is excited to work with you and your children this year. At our Open House, many parents signed up to volunteer for our distribution. It is a commitment of a few hours a day, three times a year. If you have not yet signed up

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and would be interested in volunteering, please call our RIF Coordinator at (910) 907-0204.

Our theme for the November distribution is "We the People . . . Vote". This theme goes hand in hand with Election Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue as we celebrate our country's freedom to vote. Thank you so much for your support of the RIF program at Devers.

Home Reading

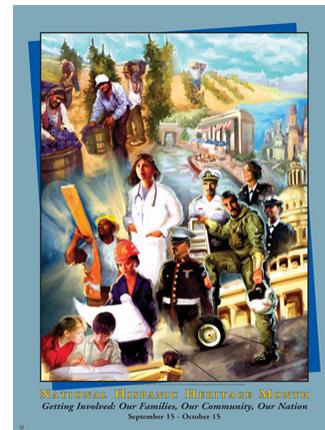
Studies have shown that for children the biggest predictors for school success are being read to or with nightly and seeing their family read for enjoyment. A positive reading environment at home is instrumental in helping children perform well in school.

Fort Bragg Schools participate in the "Book It" Home Reading Program. Your child is expected to read or be read to daily for at least fifteen minutes. The goal is to read at least 20 days out of each month. Parents are expected to sign their child's reading calendar, reading log, or daily planner daily.

Beginning in October, K-4 students that meet the required reading goal for the month will receive a Pizza Hut coupon. Pre- K students will participate in the program later in the year.

Reading is vital for both academic and professional success. Your child sees the importance of reading when he or she watches you and other family members read. Have reading materials in the home to

provide an invitation to read. Let trips to the library become a favorite family outing. Give you child books as rewards and presents, and capitalize on your child's interests by finding books and articles that he or she will enjoy.



Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 to October 15

Hispanic Heritage Month is here! During this time we will be virtually visiting some Hispanic countries. The children will learn about the culture, geography, and even do a small craft of one of these countries. We invite you and your child to visit the following link to learn more about these countries and have fun doing the various activities.

<http://www.factmonster.com/spot/hhm1.html>

We would also love to invite all parents of Hispanic descent come to our school to volunteer. We have a fun program and we really need a lot of helping hands. Our goal is to provide our kids with the most real-life experiences so that they can internalize the

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language better. Let your child's homeroom teacher know if you are interested in helping out and we will contact you.

In our next issue we will be giving you more details about the themes we will be studying by grade levels.



Yours in Fitness, Devers
Physical Education Specialists



TIPS FROM THE GYM!

Welcome back to a great Physical Education school year here at Devers and we hope that you had a summer full of physical activity. Please send your student prepared on their P.E. days dressed for activity especially **athletic/gym shoes.**

In the elementary grades, the physical education program emphasizes the development of fundamental locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. The movement framework, (i.e., body, space, effort, and relationship) is also a part of the core content and is the basis for developing, expanding, and refining children's range of motor skills and awareness.

You are always welcome to come and share the Devers P.E. experience with your child.

ART CORNER

In the art classroom students work in various areas such as drawing, collage, fibers, printing, painting, clay, and sculpture. Throughout the school year student artwork is selected for an end of the year school art exhibit. Students work with a variety of materials during the year. It is recommended that students wear an old T-shirt over their good clothes when they are in art class. Art shirts are available in the art room for students to use.

I look forward to working with your children and to a great year!

The Guidance Spot

Now that the school year is in full swing, the Guidance Department wants to welcome our new families and all of those who are returning.

Check this article each month for news regarding the Flag Team, Operation Hero, Terrific Kids, deployment support, and our monthly parent workshop, 'Parents Get-Together at Devers', brought to you by the Fort Bragg "Recipe for Success" - Parent to Parent group. We will also try to include the topics that will be covered in our classroom guidance program.

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Starting off this month will be our first parent meeting, 'Making the Most Out of Homework'. There will be homework tips, ideas and resources to help your child create good homework and study experiences. The meeting will be held in the Guidance Office Suite on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 12:30-1:30. There will also be an opportunity to address questions to the counselor at this time. An invitation and RSVP will be coming home. Please let us know if you will be able to attend this very informative meeting.



We want to congratulate our new flag team members for the first nine week period. they are doing a great job!

Keep an eye out for this section of the ENDEVERS and we will try to keep you up to date on the many new things that are happening in the guidance program.

Math Center

This year, our school has an additional resource: a mathematics facilitator. In collaboration with 4th grade teachers, the focus will be on students' thinking and work. The mathematics curriculum involves: reasoning, application, understanding, computation, and engagement. Expect some confusion to be a part of the learning process. Unless students are allowed to wrestle with ideas and concepts, learning is often incomplete. Emphasis will be on effort, as it

is the effort, not ability that counts. We want students to realize that mathematics is understandable and can be figured out.

Tech Corner

Greetings, I am the new Educational Technology Facilitator at Devers Elementary. I am going to provide you with tips and tricks on how to save you time and frustration with your home computer.

Here is my first tip:

How to I open a saved Office 2007 document with 2003?

When Microsoft changed Office version from 2003 to 2007, they changed the way they saved each file type. The FORMAT added a special character "x" at the end. So instead of ".doc" for Word, they changed it to ".docx". This will allow the files to be compact and take up less space. However, what does that mean to us who are using Office 2003 or earlier versions? Well, Microsoft has made a conversion program that is free and can be downloaded from their website. When you download and install the converter it automatically changes the file from 2007 – 2003.

Click the below link to get the file.

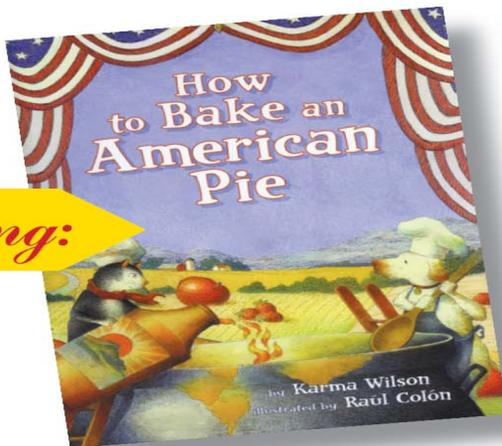
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=941b3470-3ae9-4aee-8f43-c6bb74cd1466&displaylang=en>

I hope that these tech tips will help you get the most out of your computer.

Military Child Education Coalition™'s

Tell Me A Story:

Making Connections and
Finding Support through Literature™



Featuring:

What is Tell Me A Story™?

Tell Me A Story: Making Connections and Finding Support through Literature™ is an initiative that was created to empower our military children by using literature and their own stories in a way that fosters skills for resilience, strong peer and parent connections, a sense of pride and accomplishment, and a caring community.

Please join us at our next event. Admission is free.



How to Bake an American Pie by Karma Wilson
Kick Off by The Golden Knights

Guest reader: Miss Jessica Jacobs
Miss North Carolina

Sunday, May 4, 2008
3:00 pm

Devers Elementary School
Varsity Drive, Fort Bragg

RSVP by April 25 to (910) 494-1663.
Space is limited.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		1 PTA Book Fair 8:30 - 3:00	2 PTA Book Fair 8:30 - 3:00	3 PTA Book Fair 8:30 - 3:00 <i>WALKATHON</i>	
6 Fire Prevention Week 	7 Read To Me Club Fire Prevention Week	8 Fire Prevention Week	9 Fire Prevention Week	10 <i>WALKATHON RAIN-DATE</i> Fire Prevention Week	
13 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	14 Read Too Me Club	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	
27	28 PICTURE DAY	29	30	31 3 Hour Early Dismissal 	



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		<p>10/1 B: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Peaches COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Chicken Tenders, Dip & Roll or Baked Potatom, Meat, Cheese Sauce & Roll CHOOSE TWC Steamed Broccoli Corn On Cob Applesauce Peach Cup CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/2 B: Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Cereal Applesauce COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Taco Salad & Chips or Turkey Deli Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread CHOOSE TWC Steamed Corn Parsley Potatoes Diced Tomatoes Cantaloupe CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/3 B: B: Ham Biscuit w/ Oatmeal or Cereal Banana, Diced Apples, Peaches COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Hamburger or Hotdog & Chili CHOOSE TWC Garden Peas Oven Fries Peach Cup Coleslaw CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>
<p>10/6 B: Pancake N' Sausage or Cereal Applesauce COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Cheese Pizza or Sub Sandwich CHOOSE TWC Garden Peas Corn On Cob Lettuce w/Diced Tomatoes Diced Pears CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/7 B: Scramble Eggs w/ Grits or Cereal Fresh Cut Cantaloupe COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Spaghetti & French Bread or Hotdog w/ Chili CHOOSE TWC Pinto Beans Tossed Salad Orange Wedges Coleslaw CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/8 B: Apple Cinn Muffin W/ Oatmeal or Cereal Orange juice COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Turkey Pastry & Corn Muffin or Corndog CHOOSE TWC Sweet Potato Fluff Green Beans Orange Wedges Red Seedless Grapes CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/9 B: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Orange Wedges COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Bar-B-Que Chicken & Roll or Beef Ribs CHOOSE TWC Parsley Potatoes Green Beans Steamed Squash w/ Zucchini Congealed Fruit Salad CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/10 B: Scramble Eggs w/ Grits or Cereal Peaches COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Fishwich or Cheeseburger CHOOSE TWC Oven Baked Fries Pinto Beans Applesauce Coleslaw CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>
<p>10/13 COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY  NON-STUDENTS-DA CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/14 B: Pancake N' Sausage or Cereal Sliced Peaches COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Pete Pizza or Sloppy Joe CHOOSE TWC Broccoli, Cheese Sauce Corn on Cob Green Tossed Salad Orange Wedges CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/15 B: Scramble Eggs w/ Grits or Cereal Fresh Apple Wedges COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Gloria Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup & Crackers or Hotdog w/ Chili CHOOSE TWC Red Potatoes w/ Herbs Steamed Corn Congealed Fruit Salad Coleslaw CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/16 B: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Potato Rounds COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Larry Lasagna or & French Bread or Turkey Deli & Cheese on Whole Wheat CHOOSE TWC Steamed Carrots Garden Peas Tossed Salad & Dressing Orange Wedges CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/17 B: Super Doughnut w/ Oatmeal or Cereal Apple or Grape Juice COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Biff Burger & Cheese or Fish Sticks & Roll CHOOSE TWC Oven Baked Fries Green Beans Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Applesauce CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>
<p>NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK - VOTE FOR SCHOOL LUNCH OCTOBER 13-17</p>				
<p>10/20 B: Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Cereal Orange Wedges COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Chicken Tenders, Dip & Roll or Baked Potato w/Meat & Cheese Sauce w/ Roll CHOOSE TWC Steamed Broccoli Corn On Cob Green Beans Sliced Peaches w/Diced Apples CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/21 B: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Applesauce COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Beef-A-Roni or Turkey Deli w/ Cheese Sandwich CHOOSE TWC Boiled Potatoes Pinto Beans Tossed Salad Orange Wedges CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/22 B: French Toast Sticks, Syrup or Cereal Fresh Bananas COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Tacos or Pepperoni Pizza CHOOSE TWC Steamed Corn Green Beans Lettuce w/Diced tomatoes Congealed Fruit Salad D: Birthday Cake CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/23 B: Scramble Eggs, Grits or Cereal Fruit cup COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Oven Baked Chicken or Cheese Burger CHOOSE TWC Creamed Potatoes Lima Beans Sliced Peaches Baked Apples CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/24 B: Pancake N' Sausage or Cereal Grape Juice COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Fiswich or Turkey Salad w/ Crackers CHOOSE TWC Oven Baked Fries Green Beans Coleslaw Orange wedges CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>
<p>10/27 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Applesauce COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Pepperoni Pizza or Sloppy Joe CHOOSE TWC Green Beans Steamed Corn Tossed Salad Applesauce CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/28 Scramble Eggs w/Grits or Cereal Orange Wedges COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce & French Bread or Cheeseburger CHOOSE TWC Parsley Potatoes Green Peas Lettuce w/ Pickle Chips Sliced Peaches CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/29 B: Waffles w/ Maple Syrup or Cereal Fresh Bananas COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Turkey Pastry w/ Corn Muffin or Hotdog w/ chili CHOOSE TWC Sweet Potato Fluff Green Beans Lettuce w/Diced tomatoes Congealed Fruit Salad Coleslaw CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/30 B: Scramble Eggs, Grits or Cereal Orange Juice COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Oven Baked Chicken or Corndog CHOOSE TWC Creamed Potatoes Lima Beans Sliced Peaches Lettuce w/ Pickle Chips CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>	<p>10/31 B: Pancake N' Sausage or Cereal Applesauce COLD MILK L: CHOOSE ONE Bag Lunches Turkey Deli Sandwich Fresh Whole Apple Carrot and Celery Sticks Oatmeal Raisin Cookie CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL</p>

THIRD CHOICE AVAILABLE - (Students & Teachers) - All Schools will offer Salad Every day
 MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION
 *Fresh Fruit Choices - Whole Pieces of Fruit are available Every day as Fruit/Vegetable Choice.
 STUDENTS BREAKFAST COST: FULL PAY: PK - 9 \$1.00; REDUCED: PK - 9 \$0.30; FREE: PK - 9 \$0.00
 STUDENTS LUNCH COST: FULL PAY: PK - 9th \$2.00; REDUCED: PK - 9 \$0.40; FREE: PK - 9 \$0.00
 CHECK THE BACK

3 Hr Early dismissal (NO PRE-K)
 CHOOSE ONE COLD MIL

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