

PIERCE TERRACE ELEMENTARY

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Principal Perry's Corner



Dear Dragon Families,

Welcome back to school!
Tomorrow, January 3, our classes will resume. I hope that each of you had a wonderful winter break and that you are well-rested and ready for 2013. I am so proud of our students and staff, who have already accomplished a lot in our first semester, and I wish you all continued success for the remainder of the school year. I hope 2013 is your best year ever.

Enjoy your holidays and time with your family.

Mr. Perry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

7 Jan

Students Return

8 Jan

PTO Meeting

9 Jan

Principal Forum at 11:00 AM

17 Jan

End of 2nd Quarter

Early Dismissal – 11:30 AM

No School for PSCD / PreK

School Board at CCP @ 4:00 PM

18 Jan

NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS

21 Jan

MLK Jr. Holiday – NO SCHOOL

25 Jan

Report Cards Issued

7 Feb

School Board at CCP @ 4:00 PM

School Board Meetings, Superintendent Forum & Office Hours @ CCP

School Board Meetings

4:00 pm

Superintendent Open Forum

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Superintendent Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

January Office Hours

9 Jan- Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

17 Jan- Open Forum

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

23 Jan- Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

30 Jan- Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

JANUARY CAFÉ' NEWS

Start the Day (and the Year) Right

Make sure this year's resolutions include guaranteeing your kids a balanced, nutritious breakfast every day. If your morning schedule makes this difficult, or your kids aren't hungry early in the morning, send them to school for breakfast. Many nutritious foods are available every morning in the cafeteria for ALL students. Help your kids to make this semester a success!

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Pierce Terrace Winter Concert



We are always looking to highlight our great events at Pierce Terrace! If you have photos that you can share, please e-mail them to me at brian.perry@am.dodea.edu

Safety First

Please see the attached letter that was sent out Monday, concerning safety at Pierce Terrace.

Below are few reminders for all us to remember:

Our outer doors should always be locked; therefore you must enter through the front door of the main building and sign in at the front office to receive a visitor's badge. A valid ID is required to enter the school.

Any visitor without a green visitor's badge will be escorted back to front to sign in.

If you notice an outer door open **or** un-locked please report this to the front office ASAP.

Thanks for your help in keeping our students safe!



Motion sickness

Winter break for many families equals loading up the car and heading out for a much anticipated visit with family. Those words from the back seat, "I feel sick!" can drain the fun very fast. Fortunately, a number of simple tricks can help prevent carsickness.

Tips to prevent motion sickness in the car are:

- Play car games like "I Spy" that gets the child to look outside of the car in a distant
- Bring along books on **CD's** so your child can listen and look out the car window
- Limit activities such as read, watching DVD's or playing video games where the eyes stay focused within the car
- Open the window slightly so the child has fresh air circulating
- Avoid smoking or having strong-smelling snacks in the car
- Gave the child dry crackers to munch on/an empty stomach is *not the best* for avoiding motion sickness
- Make frequent stops
- Over the counter drugs are available for motion sickness but much to taken *before* the trip starts