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Inspiring Learning ~ Achieving Results

Cassandra B. White, Principal

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Welcome to DeLalio Elementary School, home of the Dolphins! We have planned an exciting and challenging year for our students. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) updated all core subject standards. We are eagerly expecting our students to learn and achieve to their highest potential, and with your support this will certainly happen.

I have set several goals that will improve my relationship with all of you . I plan to improve my communication by meeting face to face with all students in various formats. At least every quarter (9 weeks) I will host an assembly for students making the Honor Roll and Principal's List. Throughout the year, I will meet with students to discuss setting goals, being responsible and achieving great success through forming effective habits.

At least twice a year I will share the state of Delalio with parents, guardians and community members via a Stakeholder's Forum. During this meeting I will present information on how well our students performed on standardized and local assessments. I will also share with you, as you will see in this newsletter, goals we have set as a result of the Customer Satisfaction Survey. Approximately 70 parents and 64 students participated in this survey. Your responses were informative and enlightening. During the Stakeholder's Forum you will be given the opportunity to ask me questions to see how we can be a better, more effective school.

This and many other forms of communication will be put in place during this school year. Our school's website is operational and is updated periodically with valuable information. Several parents have asked whether teachers have web pages. This idea will be further explored and possibly implemented this year. Our **One Call Now** mass communication system saves me hundreds of hours with just one call to hundreds of parents. This system is used to inform parents of when their student is tardy or absent. It is also used to share information about upcoming events.

In light of all of the technological advances, I want you to know that I still enjoy meeting with you face to face. I am committed to being here for you as a listener, encourager and supporter. I welcome your input and suggestions. I encourage you to stay involved in your child's education experience through volunteering your time and talent. Seek out opportunities to volunteer. Let's work together to make this an enjoyable and prosperous year.

Semper Fi,

Cassandra B. White

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Club USA - Parents Out of Country Support Group

If you'd like your K - 5 child(ren), to participate in monthly meetings, name removed for the Web, Counselor, or your child's teacher.



The faculty and staff of Delalio Elementary School are very conscientious about the effects of a parent deployed to another country may have on our students.

We do many activities to help students cope with the long-term separation, including the Club USA, a school program for children in grades K - 5, with a deployed parent.

Students may participate in Club USA with parent permission. The children will be learning coping skills and complete activities to help them feel closer to the absent parent. Sharing thoughts and feelings with other children in the same situation helps them to see they are not alone. The activities will help students communicate their thoughts, worries, & emotions about their mother or father who has been deployed. We create a Club USA STARs (Someone to Always Remember) bulletin board. Some of the projects can be mailed to the deployed parent. Students will also have a portfolio to share when the deployed parent returns.

Contact name removed for Web, Counselor, or your child's teacher, if you'd like your child to participate. Parents would need to give permission. Other information, such as deployed parent's name, general area of deployment, departure and return dates, and home email address is voluntary.

(Name removed for the web)
Counselor

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Greetings Parents and Students!



I am your School/Home Partnership Liaison and would like to welcome you all to DeLalio Elementary. I sit on

the School Improvement Team, the PTA board, and I assist in coordinating volunteers for the classrooms along with your Parent Volunteer, (Name removed for the web).

Our School Improvement Team is already hard at work analyzing areas in need of enhancement. This year, we are looking to involve our students more in the improvement process, bringing them on board through the formation of a student council. We would also like to include parents on our team, having them attend a monthly meeting. A data wall will be available in our school entrance for parents to review Delalio's progress on standardized and local test scores. The team is excited about the school year and is always looking for ideas to improve education here at DeLalio.

I would be happy to share any of your ideas or comments in regard to the education process with our School Improvement team. My e-mail is (email removed for the web). I look forward to communicating with all of you this year!

(Name removed for the web)

Our Vision Statement

ALL staff members share in success for ALL students.

NURSE NEWS



Welcome back to school. I hope this will be a healthy school year for our students. I know you

are all aware of the concern for H1N1 flu. We will keep a close eye on students who present with any flu like symptoms. As always, I recommend you keep your child at home if they are running a temperature. Students need to be fever free for **24** hours before returning to school. As I receive more information on the flu and upcoming immunization clinics I will pass the word on to you. We will work on hand washing skills with students; good hand washing is our best defense against illness. I have attached an easy reference sheet for your convenience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

(Name removed for the web)



PLEASE REMEMBER TO...

- Keep home and emergency telephone numbers updated in the office
- Students **must** be signed in at the office after the 8:30 tardy bell
- School dismisses at 1:45 on Wednesdays

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ART NEWS



Some of you may have noticed by now that there's a new art teacher at Delalio. My name is (Name removed for the web), or "(Name removed for the web)", and I want to take a minute to introduce myself to the parents and members of the Delalio community. This is my first year teaching at a DOD school, and I am very excited for the opportunity to do so. I have recently returned from a 12 month deployment to Ramadi, Iraq as an Infantry Company Executive Officer in the Army National Guard. I am a graduate of Michigan State University, and was teaching in Michigan prior to moving to North Carolina.

I am looking forward to working with all of the Delalio students, and providing them with a strong visual arts curriculum that integrates other subjects such as literacy and history with art. Throughout the school year I will be teaching a wide range of lessons covering many aspects of art. I want to encourage parents to become involved with the art program at Delalio, and I will never turn down a volunteer who is willing to assist in the never ending tasks of preparing for art lessons. Be on the lookout for student artwork in the hallways in the following weeks. Parents, feel free to contact me by phone or email at (Name removed for the web) if you have any questions or concerns, or would just like to know what your child is doing in art class. I look forward to a creative school year!



Art Grading Criteria 2009-10 School Year

All students will begin each quarter with an M and earn all other grades.

E: Shows enthusiasm and completes work to the best of their ability, always cleans up after themselves, shows initiative and creativity by taking their artwork beyond the baseline requirements for each lesson by adding extra details.

M: Participates in class and group discussions, follows directions and completes projects in a timely manner, consistently learns techniques and processes, is aware of most information given in class, and cleans up after themselves.

S: Participates when called upon, completes all projects with assistance, needs occasional redirection and re-teaching, and cleans up their area with assistance.

L: Participates with assistance or one on one teacher support, completes a small segment of projects, puts little effort into their work, and needs constant redirection.

Parents,

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or grade, or would just like to know what we are doing in art class, please email me at: (Name removed for web). We can also meet during a planning hour or after school hours to discuss any issues there might be to improve the quality of your child's learning. Please call or email to schedule a time to meet.

(Name removed for Web)
Art Teacher, Delalio Elementary

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WE NEED YOU TO BE A SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE



Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools are looking for dedicated individuals to be a part of the School Board. This is an opportunity to have a voice that matters in our school system. Pick up an application from any Camp Lejeune school or the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools (CLDS) District Office, located aboard Camp Lejeune next to Brewster Middle School.

- **Rating Scales**—rating scales are used to follow the development of skills of an individual over a period of time
- **Skill tests**— include observation/demonstration

DeLalio Elementary Physical Education Grading Criteria

The following information outlines the Physical Education Assessment with DoDEA Standards:

- (PE-1) Movement
- (PE-2) Physical Activity and Fitness
- (PE-3) Responsible Personal and Social Development



Three types of assessments are used; checklists, rating scales, and skill tests.

- **Checklists**—the checklists are designed two different ways, used to assess individuals or an entire group of students

MUSIC GRADING CRITERIA



All students begin each quarter with an M. They *earn* all other grades.

E--- Volunteers to perform; shows enthusiasm; consistently learns melodies lyrics, and movement when appropriate; always is aware of all information given in class

M—Participates willingly; consistently learns melodies, lyrics, and movement and is mostly aware of information given in class

S—Participates; learns melodies, lyrics, and/or movement inconsistently; needs occasional redirection and/or reteaching;

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L—Needs to be prompted to participate; learns melodies, lyrics, and/or movement inconsistently; needs significant redirection and/or re-teaching of concepts introduced in class



Since Music is a performing art, extra credit will be given for any concerts attended where the child will perform the music learned in class or after school. *Extra Credit is optional and is not required.*

Extra Credit Options

1st quarter--- Participation in Dinner Theater performance October 24th

or

----A video performance of at least 3 songs from the show learned in class

or

----Performance in an organized church choir or community chorus where the bulletin will be used as evidence.

2nd quarter---Participation in our Christmas Concert in December

or

-----A video performance of at least 3 to 5 songs from the Christmas music learned in the classroom.

or

----Performance in an organized church choir or community chorus where the bulletin will be used as evidence.

2nd semester extra credit options will be announced in January.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**DeLalio Elementary School
(910) 449-0601**

**Base Information Line
(910) 451- 1717 (option 5)**

**Food Services
(910) 450-1732**



MOVING

When you move away from DeLalio, whether it is an out-of-state PCS move, or a short move across town, please let the office know of your plans as soon as possible so that we gather information and records for your child's next school.

If you make a house-to- house move, and remain on base, please bring in a copy of your new lease for our records

