

DOLPHIN NEWS

Cassandra B. White, Principal

November 2008

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

As we close out the first grading period, I would like to share with you the Department of Defense Education Activity's (DoDEA) **Community Strategic Plan**. Throughout the year I will provide you with information on how Delalio Elementary School adheres to and supports the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan. The plan is outlined as follows:

The MISSION for DoDEA: The Department of Defense Education Activity provides, in military communities worldwide, exemplary educational programs that inspire and prepare all students for success in a global environment.

The VISION for DoDEA: Communities Investing in Success for ALL Students.

The GOALS for DoDEA:

Goal 1 and Outcomes: HIGHEST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – *All students will meet or exceed challenging standards in academic content and special area programs so that they are prepared for continuous learning and productive citizenship.*

Goal 2 and Outcomes: PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN, EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS – *DoDEA will use a performance driven management system that operates in a timely, efficient and equitable manner; places resource allocation and decision-making at the lowest operational level; and facilitates a safe environment conducive to optimum student achievement.*

Goal 3 and Outcomes: MOTIVATED, HIGH PERFORMING, DIVERSE WORKFORCE – *The DoDEA workforce will be motivated, diverse, and committed to continuous professional growth and development resulting in exemplary performance and optimum student achievement.*

Goal 4 and Outcomes: NETWORK OF PARTNERSHIPS PROMOTING ACHIEVEMENT – *Every level of DoDEA will develop, promote, and maintain a network of partnerships to enhance optimum student achievement.*

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Success for ALL Students

Trust and Respect for Others

Uncompromising Advocacy for Students

Development of Lifelong Learners

Equal Access to Quality, Rigorous Education

New and Motivating Challenges to Inspire Excellence

Teaching with High Expectations

Safe and Stable Learning Environment

Delalio Elementary School supports DoDEA's Community Strategic Plan through the development and implementation of our very own School Improvement Plan (SIP). During our Open House we shared our Reading and Math goals, and throughout the year we will continue to discuss how those goals are being met. Let's continue to work together for the success of all students.

DELALIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISION:

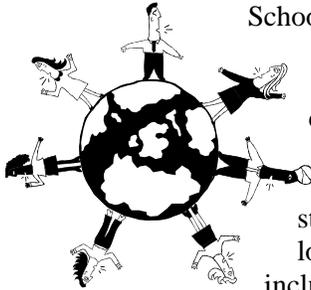
ALL staff members share in success for ALL students!

DELALIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION:

Delalio Elementary School provides ALL students with varied and challenging opportunities for learning, good citizenship, and community interaction.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER



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 learn 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 help students communicate their thoughts, worries, and emotions about their mother or father who has been deployed. 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 the web), Counselor, or your child's teacher, if you'd like your child to participate. Other information, such as deployed parent's name, general area of deployment, departure and return dates, and home email address is voluntary.

Club USA - Parents Out of Country Support Group

If you'd like your K – 5 child(ren), to participate in monthly meetings contact our counselor, (Name Removed for Web), or your child's teacher.



WORLDSPORT STACKING ASSOCIATION (WSSA)

2008 STACK UP!

DELALIO PHYSICAL EDUCATION STACKERS TAKE AIM AT GUINNESS WORLD RECORD IN SPORT STACKING

All Physical Education Classes will be taking part in the 3rd Annual World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) STACK UP! Thursday, November 13th. During the course of the day, each Sport Stacker will be stacking and down stacking various pyramids in prescribed patterns at lighting speed for at least 30 minutes. For the third year in a row, Guinness World Records is billing as the "World Largest Sport Stacking Event". Sights are set on more 175,000 stackers participating in a time when sport stacking with Speed Stacks is rapidly gaining popularity around the world.

Sport Stacking has been termed a "track meet for your hands at warp speed.". It is an exciting sport where students up stack and down stack 12 specially designed cups called Speed Stacks in predetermined sequences as fast as they can. Stackers race against the clock and compete in relays.

Last year, an official count of 143,530 stackers participated to break the first STACK UP record set in 2006. Once again, thousands of stackers are expected to contribute their stacking skills from across the United States and the world in countries such as Germany, Japan, Australia, Singapore and the UK.

According to (Name Removed for Web), WSSA Director, the Guinness event is a great platform to bring together sport stackers across the globe. "Sport stacking is an activity enjoyed by all ages and cultures. It promotes **Hand-Eye Coordination, Action, Teamwork, Speed, Improved Reaction Time, Concentration, Focus and Lots of Fun.** This is the third year Delalio Elementary School students teamed up with Guinness World Records, and November 13th promises to be our biggest and best event yet".

(Name Removed for Web)
Physical Education Specialist
Sport Stacking Enrichment Program Coordinator

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More...Counselor's Corner

October's Character Counts! Spirit Week, celebrated here at Delalio, along with other Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools, was a huge success! The students really stood out wearing their colors and stickers in observance of each of the Six Pillars of Character:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Caring
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Citizenship.

Encourage your children to continue putting these traits into action! Ask your son or daughter to tell you what they do to show their good character.

For November, we will observe World Kindness Week, November 10 – 14. World Kindness Day is Thursday, November 13. As part of Kindness Week, we will focus on "Making Someone's Day". Making someone's day helps us reach out to others and think about others' feelings and needs. It need not cost money or take much time, but it does require some thoughtfulness. It is wonderful to see how happy you can make someone by giving a little bit of your time and attention. Help your child think of ways he/she can help make someone happy. Encourage your child to help someone have a great day.

Here are a few suggestions:

- put a note in your child's lunch or book bag
- make a card for a relative
- rake a neighbor's yard
- bake some cookies or brownies and share them
- select a gift to donate to Toys for Tots or some other child friendly organization
- look into adopting a family for Thanksgiving,

- use manners
- personally thank someone for something they do as part of their job which we usually take for granted
- send a thank you note

I'm sure there are many ways to make someone's day, and students will have an opportunity to share how they made someone's day by going out of their way to put kindness into ACTION!

(Name Removed for Web)
School Counselor

Nurse News



There will be a free influenza vaccination clinic for students and family members on the stage area of the Delalio cafeteria on Nov.17, 2008. The hours for the clinic are from 09:00-10:30. Please make sure you have the screening questionnaire filled out and returned to me no later than Friday Nov. 14, 2008. Vaccines can only be administered to students with parental permission, so make sure you have completed the questionnaire if you want your child vaccinated. The clinic will be staffed by personnel from the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital.



Report Cards

Report cards will be received when parents attend their parent teacher conference during November 3rd -5th here at DeLalio.

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GradeSpeed within DoDEA

DoDEA is implementing GradeSpeed, a web based program that allows parents and teachers to interact electronically – sharing **grades and attendance data**.

Implementation for grades 4-12 will take place throughout DoDEA at the beginning of the 2008/09 school year.

“GradeSpeed is a powerful tool to help parents and teachers share information about student academics,” said (Name Removed for Web), DoDEA’s Instructional Technology Integration Branch Chief. (Name Removed for Web) said DoDEA looked at 36 alternative grading programs before GradeSpeed.

“We chose GradeSpeed because it’s been road tested,” he added “It’s been around since 1986, and there’s a proven track record of interfacing with programs we already use.”

By accessing GradeSpeed, parents will be able to view grade and attendance data for their own children. The teacher will be able to email progress reports to parents. Announcements and calendar events can also be viewed.

Although public schools throughout the U.S. have been using programs like this for many years, one concern some students have raised is the feeling that parents are given too much information. “I would tell students that your parents care about you and they want you to be successful,” (Name Removed for Web) said. “That’s really the goal of all of us at DoDEA – student achievement- and GradeSpeed is one more tool we can use to keep parents and teachers in touch.”

Details as to how to access GradeSpeed will follow in our next newsletter.

Computer Learning Month



“Wow! A computer only understands 0’s and 1’s! A motherboard looks like a little city. Is a computer smarter than a brain?” These were some of the statements students made during their lesson on computers.

October is **Computer Learning Month** and during this month, your child may have learned about the various parts of the computer, how to hold the CD correctly or how the computer works. Your upper grade student may have been a human microprocessor or completed a graphic organizer comparing a computer and a brain.

There were various levels of learning and activities for each grade. Some students watched Computers: Where They Come from and How They Work, or The Journey inside the Computer. Others listened to the story: The Friendly Computer, Arthur’s Computer Disaster or The Magic School Bus Inside the Computer. Fifth graders went to the Intel web site <http://educate.intel.com/en/TheJourneyInside/>. This site is very informative and helped students put their information into the Inspiration program to complete their graphic organizer.

Ask your child what they learned about computers when (Name Removed for Web.) came to visit their class this month.

(Name Removed for Web)
Education Technologist

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Music Notes

A big THANK YOU to all of the participants and supporters of our 2008-2009 Dinner Theater,



“Hooray for Hollywood”. It was a huge success. Our students worked very hard to make this a quality production! The Academy Award nominated and winning songs brought smiles and memories to the parents and the students really enjoyed performing them. The Mamma Mia medley was a success and a great way to end a fantastic show.



Concert Dates

The Delightful DeLalio Singers will once again be giving Holiday Concerts and spreading holiday cheer! Be sure to circle these dates on your calendar. Join in the fun of the season;

Kindergarten

- Sunday, December 7th, Community Christmas tree lighting at Air Station Marina

1st and 2nd Grades

- Tuesday December 16th, Concert in DeLalio multi-purpose room.

3rd and 4th Grades

- Thursday December 18th, Concert in DeLalio multi-purpose room.



DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION IN THE FRONT OFFICE

If there is a change in ANY of the following areas, please let us know.

Home Address **Home Phone**
Contacts Numbers **Cell Phone**



Picture Money Due

Money for fall pictures taken in September will be due NO

LATER THAN November 14, 2008.

If you are purchasing a package at this time please check the appropriate box, include payment and return to your child's classroom teacher. If paying by check, please be sure to make the check payable to LIFETOUCH. If you are paying cash, please have correct change, and place in sealed envelope and send to your child's classroom teacher.

Make-up day for pictures is November 13th. Payment for pictures taken on this day will be determined at a later time.

DATES TO REMEMBER



October

- 31 Multicultural Fair aboard MCAS, New River. 3rd graders will sing



November

- 2 Time changes “set clocks back 1 hour”
- 3-5 Parent-Teacher conferences
Students dismissed at 12:45
- 7 3rd Grade to City Hall
- 10 **MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY – (No School)**
- 11 Veteran's Day **(No School)**
- 13 Picture Make-ups
- 20 3rd Grade Native American Feast
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break **(No School)**

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Nutrition Week

We will have nutrition week at Delalio Nov.17-21. This will be a fun way to learn about healthy eating. Who knows we may even introduce students to a fruit or vegetable they have not tasted before.



Screenings

The nurse is screening children for vision and hearing. If a student fails either screening twice you will get a referral letter from (Name Removed for Web). The nurse uses a Sight for Students program that not only pays for the vision exam, but pays for the glasses as well.

Income guidelines for Sight for Students are as follows:

How to Qualify

There are five basic qualifications your child must meet in order to receive a Sight for Students gift certificate.

- Family income is no more than 200% of federal poverty level (see chart below).
- Child is not enrolled in Medicaid or other vision insurance.
- Child is 18 years old or younger and has not graduated from high school.
- Child or parent is a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant with a social security number.
- Child has not used the Sight for Students program during the past 12 months.

200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (2008)

Size of Family	48 States & DC	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$20,800	\$26,000	\$23,920
2	28,000	35,000	32,200
3	35,200	44,000	40,480
4	42,400	53,000	48,760
5	49,600	62,000	57,040
6	56,800	71,000	65,320
7	64,000	80,000	73,600
8	71,200	89,000	81,880
For each additional person add:	\$7,200	\$9,000	\$8,280

Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools Introduces LunchPrepay.com

The one-stop shop for automated school meal account management.

- ***Make meal payments on the internet using your credit card***
- ***Check your child's meal account balance***
- ***Get low balance alerts by e-mail***
- ***See what your child is buying***

LunchPrepay.com brings school lunch into the age of technology. Using the secure site to make your payments and monitor your student's account gives you the assurance of knowing where your money is going and how it is being spent. Using LunchPrepay.com will remove the stress that comes with making sure your student has cash for lunch. LunchPrepay.com is an easy, secure and convenient way to pay for lunch.

LunchPrepay.com Facts:

- You get quick and easy access to your child's meal account 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- The ability to pay for multiple children's accounts with one single payment.
- Accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover
- The ability to look-up your child's account balance, any time, any place the internet is available.
- The ability to see 45 calendar days of purchases and payments.
- Automated notification, via e-mail, when your child's account balance falls below an amount you have set.
- Peace of mind, knowing that the money is being used for good nutrition.
- Simple account setup process
- Affordable- 5% per payment transaction fee. The annual service fee has been waived for all military families.
- LunchPrepay.com is a commercial free site.
- There are no banners, no pop ups ads and no advertising.
- We do not share any information with third parties, other than your financial institution and your child's school.
- LunchPrepay.com is a secure site that utilizes all of the current industry privacy standards.

For more information go to www.lunchprepay.com or contact the Child Nutrition Central Office at 450-1732. *Parents need their child's 10-digit student number, not serving number, to register for the service. This information can be provided at any school office, or by calling the Child Nutrition Central Office at 450-1732.

