

DOLPHIN NEWS

Cassandra B. White, Principal

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Principal's Corner

Last Thursday, the Delalio Elementary School community hosted its annual Open House. Teachers and staff reported that more parents attended this Open House than ever before.

During the opening assembly students enthusiastically led us in our Pledge of Allegiance and a moving rendition of the National Anthem. They were superb! Parents were then introduced to our teachers, staff and PTA officers.

(Name removed for the web), the North Carolina District Teacher of the Year and our Building Leadership Team chairperson, provided parents and students with an overview of our School Improvement Plan. She briefly discussed our Reading and Mathematical goals and shared strategies that parents could use to improve their child's reading and math academic levels.

Following (Removed for the web) was PTA President (Removed for the web). (Removed for the web) encouraged parents to join the PTA by highlighting various opportunities where parents could serve. She stressed the importance of their involvement in their child's education. I echo her sentiments; parental involvement is key to our students' achievement and overall development.

After the assembly parents were given an opportunity to tour their child's classroom to see what a typical school day looks like. Before leaving, parents and students took advantage of visiting the Book Fair.

I will venture to say the Open House was a success. It was informative and enlightening, and it gave us a chance to meet one another and share in what is going on at Delalio Elementary School. Good things are going on here, and you all are important to our achievements. I hope to see all of you throughout the school year as we continue to share in the success of all students. I thank you for your unwavering support.

Cassandra B. White



Calendar of Events October

- 13... Columbus Day/**NO SCHOOL**
- 17... CFC Walk
(Rain Date: Oct 24th)
- 20-24... Nutrition Week
... Bus Safety Week
- 25..... DINNER THEATER
- 27... Staff Workday/ **NO SCHOOL**
- 28..... Professional Development
Day - **NO SCHOOL**



LUNCH SCHEDULE

Kindergarten	1100- 1130
2 nd Grade	1115-1145
1 st Grade	1135-1205
3 rd Grade	1150-1220
4 th Grade	1205-1235
5 th Grade	1220-1250

Dolphin Facts

Dolphins feed on live food and are predators, except when trained otherwise in captivity. Their primary food is fish, mostly herring, mackerel, and sardines. Some species seem to prefer squid, occasionally, shrimp and other crustacean. Mollusk shells have been found in their stomach contents. Food consumption is estimated at about 66 lb a day for an individual about 8.2 ft in length and 220 lb in weight.

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A Message from the Cafeteria Manager

Dear Parents,

With nutrition being a concern these days watching what our children eat is essential. The cafeteria offers a snack cart for children to purchase extras from, but did you know they have a choice? Children may purchase extra fruits or vegetables from the serving line instead of the snack cart. As long as a child has the funds he/she may return back to the serving line for some healthy food items.



Speaking Of.....

“I know you’re a Speech Pathologist.... But what do you do???”

Speech Pathologists who work in the school systems have several areas of therapy service they provide children. Here is a glimpse of some of the things they address:

- * Articulation Therapy (for children who need to learn how to say their “sounds”)
- Voice Therapy (focuses on children who have prolonged vocal hoarseness)
- Language Therapy (for children who have delayed vocabulary, syntax/grammar or other language disorders)
- Fluency Therapy (also known as stuttering therapy)

- Auditory Processing & Comprehension Deficits (for children who have difficulty understanding spoken language)
- Pragmatic Language Disorder (children who have difficulty using language properly in social contexts)
- Hearing Impairment
- Oral Motor Disorders (work on strengthening weak tongue & lip muscles that can disrupt the clarity of speech)
- Swallowing/Feeding Issues
- Assistive Technology & Augmentative Communication (using low tech methods or high devices to help children communicate without relying on speech)
- Assessments in all of the areas above.

If you are concerned with you’re child’s functioning in any of these areas and would like them screened, please contact DeLalio’s Speech Pathologist, (Name removed for the web).

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 the web), or your child’s teacher.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Delalio Elementary School, in cooperation with Bitz Intermediate School, Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School, Tarawa Terrace I Primary School and Johnson Primary School, is celebrating National Character Counts! Spirit Week, October 17 – 24, 2008.

Character Counts is a character education framework based on the six traits: ***trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, respect, fairness and citizenship.***

A ***trustworthy*** person lives with integrity, and is honest, reliable, and loyal. To have integrity means to stand up for your beliefs and do what is right even when it is difficult. Honesty is telling the truth. Being reliable means you keep your promises. To have loyalty means you stand by your family, friends, school and country.

A ***respectful*** person lives by the Golden Rule, accepts others who are different, lives peacefully, and shows courtesy to all. The Golden Rule teaches us to treat other the way you want to be treated. Acceptance means you respect others who are different from you and listen to their point of view. Courtesy means you use good manners and are polite to everyone. Let's celebrate respect for others!

A ***responsible*** person does their duty, is accountable for the consequences of his/her choices, and pursues excellence and self-control. Your duty is what doing what is expected of you. Being accountable means you accept responsibility for the consequences of your choices. Excellence means doing your best, never giving up and working hard! When you have self-control, you act out of reason not out of anger or revenge.

A ***fair*** person treats others equally, takes turns, plays by the rules, and is open-minded. Being open-minded means you listen to what others have to say before you decide. In a disagreement, try to see the other person's side. Get the facts before you make a decision.

A ***caring*** person shows concern for others and is charitable. Being concerned for others means you are kind, loving, and considerate in your actions and words. Charity is giving of your time, money, support and comfort to make someone else's life better.

Good citizens do their share, contribute to their communities, obey rules and laws, respect authority, and cooperate with others. Doing your share means being a good neighbor by making things cleaner, safer and better. Respecting authority means you play by the rules, follow the laws, and obey parents and teachers.

Part of the Delalio's Character Counts! Spirit Week will be students wearing colors that represent each trait on designated days. Below are the days to wear the colors and tips on how to remember which trait goes with which color:

Friday 17 October
Monday 20 October
Tuesday 21 October

Wednesday 22 October

Thursday 23 October
Friday 24 October

Blue for Trustworthiness -- True blue

Yellow for Respect -- The Golden Rule

Green for Responsibility -- Being responsible for a garden or finances. Solid & reliable like an oak

Orange for Fairness -- Oranges can be divided into equal sections to share with friends

Red for Caring (Red Ribbon Day) -- A heart

Purple, Military, Patriotic, or a Uniform (Scouts, Young Marines, Sports, etc) for **Citizenship** -- The Purple Heart medal

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More From Your Counselor...

Kindergarten parents will be receiving a booklet published by the U.S. Department of Education, Helping Your Child Become a Responsible Citizen. Children who grow up as responsible citizens perform better in school. The booklet defines character traits - compassion, honesty and fairness, self-discipline, good judgment, respect for others, self-respect, courage, and responsibility. There are suggestions on how parents can help their child(ren) learn about these traits.

The booklet also contains activities that can help parents guide children in developing character traits that they want their children to learn and practice. The activities are geared for elementary, middle, and high school age children. There is also a list of character-related books and other resources that can be read and discussed with children.

(Name removed for the web), Counselor

Internet Safety for Delalio Students

By (Name Removed for the web)(Education Technologist)



Watch out for Stranger Danger! Protect your personal identity! Keep your password secret! Those are a few of the issues discussed during the Internet Safety course for students in grades 3-5. During this course, students worked through a computer program or listen to an Internet rap song to discuss many issues concerning Internet safety. Protecting your personal identity is the most important step in web safety if you Use Your NetSmartz (UYN). Please talk to your children about Internet safety. You may also go to <http://www.netsmartzkids.org/uyn/> to listen to the Internet safety videos at home.



Gifted Education Program Information

The goal of the DODEA Gifted Education Program is to identify Kindergarten through 12th grade students who demonstrate **high potential and exceptional performance** while also presenting them with challenges that match their strengths and needs.

1. Students are referred to the Gifted Review Committee.
2. Parent/guardian permission is sought for the collection of information about a student's strengths, testing and for committee review.
3. The Gifted Review Committee reviews each student's profile and determines eligibility for gifted services.
4. The Gifted Committee recommends services for identified students and parents are notified.

Students found eligible for gifted services have demonstrated areas of unusual strength(s). Services are provided because identified students have a documented need for differentiation and challenge in their instructional program. These services are to be provided by the classroom teacher **and** gifted resource teacher, both within the classroom instructional program and by participating in a weekly resource class outside of the classroom. This differentiation provides academic challenges and social-emotional support to ensure continued intellectual growth and development.

For additional information concerning the Gifted Education Program, please contact (Name Removed for the Web)

Gifted Resource Teacher

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October Library News



We are off to a great start this year in the library! The PTA's Book Fair has concluded, and our library is running normally again. Students usually visit regularly with their class, and also use the library independently throughout the day. Our library is open from 0830 until 1515. Parents, please remember that you may also use the library and check out books to have at home. Please stop by if you are interested.

Once again, we will have "Reading Counts" (RC) as our motivational reading program this year. The software is currently being updated, so the program is not ready at this point, but more information will be forthcoming. Students will read a book from their grade level or Lexile level (grades 3-5 only, it's a normed comprehension level), take a brief quiz on the book, and a record will be kept on the computer. Students are expected to read a certain number of books or accrue a certain number of points each quarter, depending on their grade level.

To help students select appropriate books, our RC books in the library have been labeled by a color associated with the grade level of the book. Students in grades 3-5 will take the Scholastic Reading Inventory test to gauge their reading and Lexile levels, and we keep a copy of this information in the library, so that we can help children choose appropriate books. Please let us know if you are not satisfied with the books your child is bringing home....we can put restrictions in our circulation system at your request. We are looking forward to another great year.....stop by and check us out!!

(Names Removed for the Web)

Let's Keep In Touch



Have your best friends moved away? Have *you* moved? Please keep the office informed if your emergency contacts have moved. You will need to update your child's record with the office and with their classroom teacher. In the event that *you* move...even if you are still on base, we will need a new lease agreement for your child(ren). If you move off base, please contact the office before you move. We need time to prepare records for the next school or process paperwork for continued enrollment.

It is also extremely important to update telephone numbers; work, home, and cell for both parents if applicable. Also, if your child will be going home differently (walking instead of riding, being picked up by friends or relatives), please remember to send a note. In case of an emergency, we will accept a phone call, but a dated, written, and signed note is the preferred method of communication in these situations. Let's all work together to keep "our" children safe!

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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 teaching;

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 25th.

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

----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

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

----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.



Dinner and a Show

Dinner Theatre has become a DeLalio tradition and one of our biggest fundraisers. All 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to participate. The theme this year is "Hooray For Hollywood" and we will be performing on October 25th. The students are learning the songs they will be performing in music class. We will be adding after school practices for those that want/need extra help. Those rehearsals are not mandatory. However, the more participation we have, the better the show. We will also have a small choreographed section that will be performed that night as well. Students participating in this segment are reminded that rehearsals will be mandatory. The music for the dance section will be the music of "Mamma Mia/ABBA.



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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – As the 2008-2009 school year begins, parents of Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) students will be better informed about what happens at school regardless of their location or deployment status.

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

The program will be available for grades 4-12 in all DoDEA schools worldwide for the 2008-2009 school year.

"GradeSpeed is a powerful tool to help parents and teachers share information about student academics," said (Name Removed for the Web), Instructional Technology Integration Branch Chief at DoDEA.

DoDEA's unique mission of educating the children of service members – many of whom deploy during the school year – makes communication especially critical.

"While programs like this are helpful for all parents and students, imagine how important it will be for a service member who is in a place like Iraq," said (Name Remove for the Web). "If we can help a parent stay connected to their child's academic progress, regardless of where they are in the world – that's powerful."

(Name Removed for the Web) said DoDEA looked at 36 technologies before choosing GradeSpeed.

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

To access the system or to learn more about GradeSpeed, parents can go to <http://dodea.gradespeed.net>. Schools can also provide more information about how to sign up.

After logging in, parents will be able to see grade and attendance data for their own children. The teacher will also be able to email progress reports to parents. Parents will also be able to view school announcements and calendar events.

Another important tool will allow parents to contact teachers directly through a "notes" feature. Parents can download and print information from GradeSpeed.

DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates, and manages the education programs for Department of Defense dependents who would otherwise not have access to a high-quality public education. DoDEA consists of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools located overseas, and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools located in the United States and its territories and possessions. DoDEA provides education to eligible DoD military and civilian dependents from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



Nursing Station

Nurse News

Pre-K and Kindergarten health assessments are due by Oct. 3, 2008. Please send health assessments to my office no later than Oct. 3rd.

Parents, you did a great job getting your children immunized. When students get their immunization record updated please let me know so their school record can be updated as well.

Good nutrition is important year round, but we will focus on healthy eating during the month of October. We plan to have some fun activities promoting good nutrition the week of Oct. 20th. It is always important to stress good nutrition and exercise to your children.

If you have any questions please call or come by my office.

(Name Removed for the Web) RN

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Parent/VIP Table Rules

1. VIP days and days when a student has received a pass from their teacher are the only days students are allowed to have a friend join them at the Parent/VIP table.
2. On non-VIP days, parents are asked to sit with only their child at the parent table.
3. Please follow all regular rules when sitting at the parent table.



Check In With the Office

Please remember to ALWAYS sign-in at the office before going anywhere in the building. It is important that we know who is in the building at all times.

When checking in, please fill out your visitor's pass completely and wear it in a visible spot.



Classroom Etiquette

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make arrangements to do so during non-instructional times. It is sometimes difficult to get the students back on track after interruptions. Teachers have a daily planning period, and are at times able to arrange meetings on their own time (before or after school). If it is urgent, please come to the office so that the Principal can arrange coverage for the class. Feel free to leave a message in the office to have your child's teacher call you.



Changing Seasons

Please be mindful of the change in seasons and milder temperatures. Students should dress appropriately for the weather. A sweater or light jacket will help on those chilly mornings. Flip-flops, spaghetti strap tops and muscle shirts are not allowed in school.

School Board Members



Congratulations to our newest School Board members (**Names Removed for the Web**).

(Name Removed for the Web) is also the School Board Representative for Delalio. She can be reached at: (Address Removed for the Web) Contact (Name Removed for the Web) for school related issues that need to be addressed.