

DOLPHIN NEWS

Inspiring Learning ~ Achieving Results

Cassandra B. White, Principal

October, 2009

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

To keep you informed and to demonstrate accountability, we have added something new to our school lobby. As you enter through the front door and look to your right you will notice the Delalio Elementary School **Data Board**. This data board gives a snap shot of how well our students performed on local and standardized assessments over the past four years (2005-2009). Throughout the year we will post our progress in various academic areas on this board and other bulletin boards throughout our hallways.

Information on these boards also reveal how our students are progressing toward meeting DoDEA standards and our Continuous Improvement School (CSI) plan goals. Our CSI plan contains two (2) goals.

Goal One states: All students will improve in reading comprehension across the curriculum.

Interventions include:

Students using graphic organizers to improve reading comprehension and using the ***Making Words*** and ***Using Words You Know*** word attack activities in the ***Four Block Literacy Model***.

Goal Two states: All students will improve mathematical skills across the curriculum.

Interventions include:

Teachers using problem solving strategies to teach students problem solving skills using the Four Step Problem Solving Method.

As a school community you are welcome to take an active role in the reviewing and editing process of our vision and mission statements. You may submit your input directly to me, your child's teacher or to one of our secretaries.

Before I close, I want you to know that I plan to host a **parent forum** in October. The **tentative date and times are Thursday, October 29th at 9:00 am and/or 5:30 pm**. I'd like to have your input on a preferred time. Please email me at Cassandra.B.White@am.dodea.edu with your time preference. Feel free to include items of discussion and questions.

As always, your input is important and welcome.

Sincerely,

Cassandra B. White
Your Principal

MORE GREAT DELALIO NEWS

OPEN HOUSE—A BIG SUCCESS!!!

Thank you to all parents, guardians and community members who attended our annual Open House on September 10th. Open House and orientations are great opportunities for parents/guardians to get a glimpse of classroom expectations and what students will learn throughout the school year. We encourage you to keep the lines of communication open and visit the Delalio website at <http://www.am.dodea.edu/lejeune/DES> for the most up-to-date information.

PROGRESS REPORTS



Student progress reports went home on September 25th. If your child is doing well, praise them for their efforts. If your child is not doing well, contact their teacher for strategies to use at home. But be sure to support him or her with words of encouragement also.

Kiss n' Drop Lane   **and Curbside Pickup** 

Parking aboard our campus continues to be a challenge. We encourage you to use our *Kiss n' Drop* lane in the morning and our *Curbside Pickup* in the afternoon. Using these two services will allow you to remain in your vehicle while you drop off and pick-up your child(ren). It is really convenient and we love treating your child as a prince and princess with escorting them from and to your vehicle.

DOLPHIN NEWS

Kiss n' Drop Procedures 8:00-8:30 am are:

- Stay in the Kiss and Drop lane until you reach the designated area.
- Follow the directions of the staff on duty.
- Move forward slowly to the orange cone halfway down the drop off lane.
- Place your vehicle in park before your child exits the vehicle.
- All students exit on curb side, or walk around FRONT of your vehicle.
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended.
- Park only in designated parking areas.
- If your child is arriving after 0830 they must be accompanied by an adult and sign in at the office.
- SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN

Curbside Pickup 3:20-3:30 pm are:

1515-1530

- Display your child's name card on the dashboard or in the driver side window.
- Pull to the designated pick up area.
- If your child is not outside, circle around.
- Students enter vehicle on the curb side.
- Place your vehicle in park before your child enters your vehicle.
- Please yield to pedestrians.
- SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN

OR

- Park in designated areas.
- Meet your child at their grade level area.
- Escort your child(ren) carefully to your vehicle.
- SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN



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 email
- See what your child is buying

For more information please go to www.lunchprepay.com or contact the Child Nutrition Central Office at 450-1732.

* Parents will need their child's 10 digit student number to register for this service. Please contact the front office at 449-0601 to get your child's number.

DOLPHIN NEWS

Character Counts! Spirit Week

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 16 – 23, 2009.

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 16 October

Blue for **Trustworthiness** -- True blue

Monday 19 October

Yellow for **Respect** -- The Golden Rule

Tuesday 20 October

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

Wednesday 21 October

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

Thursday 22 October

Red for **Caring** -- A heart

Friday 23 October

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

Character is who you are when no one is looking. Together we can help our students develop good character.

(Name removed for the web),
Counselor

DOLPHIN NEWS



News from the Counselor

Club USA - Parents Out of Country Support Group

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

PEERS Workshop

Delalio Elementary & PEERS are excited to offer the "Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours" workshop. If you're interested in improving your parenting and coping skills, set aside four Wednesday mornings and join us.

The four day program, over four weeks, is video based and teaches parents about ***"reality discipline, an action-oriented way of holding kids accountable for their behavior."*** This discipline is based on unconditional love and the willingness to take the time and effort to enforce discipline. Participants will explore the seven principles:

1. Establish a healthy authority over children
2. Hold children accountable for their actions
3. Let reality and life be the teachers
4. Use actions more than words. Words only go so far
5. Stick to your guns. Just don't shoot yourself in the foot
6. Relationships come before rules, and live by your values
7. Model the behavior you want to see in your children. It also includes pre and post testing and an evaluation.

The textbook used is *"Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours," "How to Bring out the Best in Kids by Doing What is Best for Them,"* by Dr. Kevin Leman. The classes are offered on Wednesdays October 14th, October 21st, October 28th, and November 4th, 9:00 - 10:30 in Delalio's Conference Room, Room 5. Free childcare will be provided at Delalio. All participants who attend all 4 classes and pass a post-test (80% or higher) will receive a free \$10 Target gift card!

Sign up slips will be sent home with students October 2nd, to be returned by Friday, October 9th. Please contact (Name removed for the web), Counselor, if you have any questions.

DOLPHIN NEWS

Internet Safety for Delalio Students



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 listened to Internet rap songs which discussed 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.

(Name removed for the web)
Education Technologist

Our Vision Statement

ALL staff members share in success for ALL students.

Our Mission Statement

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

NURSE NEWS



We will have our Fitness Fridays kick off on Oct.16.

I have started vision and hearing screenings You will receive a referral letter to have your child evaluated if they fail either screening twice.

Our flu vaccine rodeo was very successful with over two hundred being vaccinated against seasonal flu. Vaccines for the H1N1 flu have not been released for public use yet. If your child is absent due to flu like symptoms please call and let me know. Our schools are tracking flu symptoms to see where we may have high numbers of students with the illness.

(Name removed for the web), RN



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

DOLPHIN NEWS

DELALIO'S CFC FUN WALK OCTOBER 16, 2008



Everyone is invited to participate, students, staff members, friends, and relatives! Wear your red, white or blue shirts and comfortable shoes to walk with us to the Youth Activities parking lot and then back to Delalio. The walk will be 2 miles round trip, and will support the following charities: Hope for the Warriors Assistant Dog Training and Onslow Community Ministries, Inc (Soup Kitchen). The walk will begin at 1:00 on the Delalio Playground. We are working on a surprise visitor from the Hope for the Warriors to attend the walk with us. There is a \$2.00 registration fee for each participant. A flyer with the sign-up information will be coming home with your student next week. Last year Delalio collected \$500.00 from our fun walk.

We will also begin our Annual CFC Coin Drive beginning Monday, Oct 5, 2009 through Nov 14, 2009. Each classroom will be given a container to collect coins. Once the container is full the students will bring it to the office to empty it in the common collection container. A count will be kept for each classroom. The classrooms with the highest number of deposits will win a Pizza Party or Ice Cream Party sponsored by the PTA. There will be a winner for the Primary Hallway (PK-1) and the Elementary Hallways (2-5). Last year Delalio collected \$461.00 from our coin drive.

If you have any questions please feel free to call (Name removed for the web), in the office 910-449-0601.

Pre-K to Visit Mike's Farm

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 10:00 am, preschool students and their families are invited to join (Name removed for the web) and (Name removed for the web) at Mike's Farm. The cost per person is \$7.00 which includes a hayride to the pumpkin patch and your choice of pumpkin, one pumpkin per person. Also included is demonstration of apple cider making along with foot-stomping music by Cowboy Bill.

The theme for the week of October 21st will be pumpkins. We will be measuring pumpkins, weighing pumpkins, exploring the inside of the pumpkins, counting seeds, discovering if pumpkins will sink or float, how they feel, their colors, and how pumpkins are grown. Each of these tasks are aligned with DODEA standards. Students enjoy this event tremendously!

WANTED: SHIRTS FOR ART

Old, clean, larger size t-shirts to use for paint shirts. All donations accepted.



(Name removed for the web),
Art Teacher





Things to Remember OCTOBER



- 6 Picture Day
 - 6 Wendy's Night 5-8 PM
 - 7 Early Release 1:45
 - 12 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL
 - 14 Early Release 1:45
 - 16 CFC Walk 1:00 P.M. at DeLalio
 - 16-23 Character Counts Week
 - 19-23 Red Ribbon Week
 - 20 PTA Meeting 7:00 P.M.
 - 20 Noble Roman's (all day)
 - 21 Early Release 1:45
 - 24 Dinner Theater (Place and time removed for Web)
 - 28 Early Release 1:45
- 
- 

Don't forget Picture Day
Tuesday, October 6, 2009

