



TT-1 BEAR NEWS

INSPIRING LEARNING

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Principal—Linda Hawes

School Info Line 451-0995 (#6)

From the Principal's Desk:

Our Mission Statement

Tarawa Terrace I Primary School educates military dependents to be proficient in DODEA standards and to become responsible, productive citizens.
—established June 2006

Our Beliefs

We are creating a nurturing environment to facilitate lifelong success for the entire school community, while respecting various learning styles and including individualized support. We will strive to uphold DODEA standards.
—established January 2007

As we launch into a new school year,

Tarawa Terrace I Primary School has made a commitment to school improvement.

Two areas of focus this year will be reading and writing. Please join with the staff as partners in our school improvement endeavor.

Two things that parents can do that will really help to make a difference are to read to your child everyday or have you child read to you and to provide many opportunities for your child to express themselves in the written form. Reading and writing are everywhere in our world. Using real life opportunities to read and write helps children to see that reading and writing are important means of communication.

Our theme for this year is "Inspiring Learning: Achieving Results". Best wishes to everyone.
Linda B. Hawes



There is a State and Base regulation that prohibits leaving children in vehicles unattended. Thanks for your attention to the Safety of Children.



ABSENT...If your child is absent from school, please send in a note when he/she returns or call the office and let us know. If your child will be out for an extended period of time for any reason, please let his/her teacher or the office staff know.



LATE...If your child is late (arrives at school after 8:30 for Pre-K morning classes, 12:30 for Pre-K afternoon sessions and after 8:45 for K—1), they will need parent or guardian to sign him/her in at the office. Please don't send the child in to sign in by themselves.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 17 — Fire Safety Puppet Show

9:30 am and 1:00 pm in our Gym

Oct 22 — School Board Meeting

1 0:00 am @ CSO Board Room

Oct 27 — Staff Work Day / No School

Oct 28 — Prof. Dev. Day / No School

Oct 30 — Fruit & Vegetable Fair

3:15 pm in our Gym

Nov 3-5 1st Report Card Conferences

Early Dismissal 12:45

Check out our School Web Page:

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/lejeune/tt1/index.htm>



Please remember to drive slowly and watch for children when you use the circle drive in front of the school. There are children crossing the driveway and getting in/out of cars. We want all children to be safe at all times while at school. You may drop your child(ren) off at 8:15 for breakfast only and 8:30 for all other students. Parents will be called to pick up the child(ren) if they arrive before 8:15 or if they are not at breakfast. Only 1st graders and approved kindergarteners can be dropped off in the "Kiss and Drop" area.

YOU MAY NOT PARK IN THE CIRCLE DRIVE.



INCLEMENT WEATHER...

In the event of inclement weather, please stay tuned to the base information line 451-1717, option 5, for potential school closures or delays. Please call the school as a last measure.



MEDICATIONS...Parents

please do not send medications to school with your child(ren). You must bring it in to the nurse and fill out the necessary paperwork. The medications must be prescribed by a doctor.

MOVING....If at anytime during the school year you will be moving, please make sure that you contact the office. It is recommended that we have at least 2 weeks notice (if possible). If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 450-1658.



LIBRARY....Parents remember that the Information Center is open from 8:15 am to 3:30 pm everyday for you to check out books, including Pre-K parents. Reading to your child is a great way to spend quality time together. It also shows your child that reading is fun! Our Information Center has lots of books and special literacy bags for children of all ages.

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PE NEWS....Tennis Shoes are the SAFEST shoes your child can wear. Sandals, clogs, slip-on shoes, boots, long dresses and skirts can cause children to slip and fall very easily as they participate in games and climb on playground equipment during P.E. classes and recess times.



FOCUS

A new group in town . . . Project Focus

. Located in the Tarawa Terrace Community.

Project Focus centers around students and families that are impacted by multiple deployments.

For Information Contact: Our Counselor at 450-1658

Military Health System Asks Service Members and Their Families for Feedback

DoD announced today that the Military Health System (MHS) would like service members and their families to respond to new questionnaires designed to help MHS leaders understand their needs and expectations.

"These questionnaires are part of Defense Secretary Robert Gates' commitment to supporting wounded, ill and injured service members—ensuring that their care is DoD's top priority," said S. Ward Casscells, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

The questionnaires—one for wounded, ill or injured service members and one for their family members—are available on-line beginning today and will remain open for completion until Oct. 15. Both questionnaires ask for feedback concerning a service member's experience and satisfaction with the care he or she has received since becoming wounded, ill or injured.

To encourage candid responses that will lead to positive change in the delivery of care for our service members and their families, all survey responses will remain anonymous. Analysis and results of the survey will be available in November 2008, at <http://www.health.mil>.

"Care is continually improving, but MHS leaders recognize there is still more to be done," said Casscells.

On-line questionnaires are available at: <http://www.health.mil/Pages/Page.aspx?ID=18>.

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Military Family News

OPERATION HERO TUTORING/DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT CLASS

This is an after-school mentoring and tutorial program for elementary age youth that are experiencing a decline in academics or difficulty adjusting to a parent's deployment or relocation. This 10 week course is offered three times a year with an 8 to 1 ratio of students to teacher. Program includes academic tutoring and a group exercise. For more information call 451-9569.

FREE ONLINE TUTORING!

We could all use a little extra help sometimes, so the United States Marine Corps has now teamed up with Tutor.com to offer Live Homework Help to military dependents! www.usmc-mccs.org/library/tutor
The program features a drawing board for demonstrating concepts, live online chat, file sharing resources, and real live tutors! They can help with math, science, social studies or language arts at all levels.

To get started, contact your base library to get the password to use the program in the comfort of your own home.

ECONOMY BREAKING YOUR BUDGET?

The Midway Park Backyard Boutique is a program for Active Duty junior enlisted families. Every other Friday from 900-Noon the Armed Services YMCA operates a service where families pay \$5 to fill two grocery sacks from items available. The items include gently used clothing and new items like diapers, toys, linens, and other household goods. There are also free financial education services and free credit report reviews. If you would like to donate to the Backyard Boutique, they accept drop offs Monday – Friday from 0800-Noon. For more info, call 451-9569.

Memorandum

To: Parents and Staff

From: Linda Hawes, Principal, Tarawa Terrace I Primary School

Date: October 14, 2008

Re: AHERA Notification

As required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), Tarawa Terrace I Primary School has been inspected for asbestos containing building materials. The most recent inspection was conducted during November of 2007, in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines and Department of Defense Education activity policy.

Inspection of the facility revealed the following materials that contain some asbestos:

Exterior window caulking scattered throughout the school.

Floor adhesive and floor tiles located in various areas around the school.

As required by the Environmental Protection agency, a periodic surveillance program is in effect to monitor the condition of the asbestos materials. Asbestos containing building materials does not pose a safety concern unless the material becomes friable and releases asbestos fibers. The potential for a dangerous asbestos fiber release within the school is small.

A copy of the AHERA report is kept in the office and is available for review. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



ATTENTION!

***MILITARY FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS,
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, CASE MANAGERS***

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

SPECIAL NEEDS BRIEFING

SPECIAL NEEDS/CASE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

TRICARE REGIONAL OFFICE - NORTH

Thursday October 30, 2008

1300 to 1500

&

1830 to 2030

Russell Marine and Family Services Auditorium

Bldg 40 - Brewster Blvd

****FREE childcare will be available. Advance reservations are required.***

Please call 451-2672 to make reservations.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)

DoD AUTISM DEMO

PERMANENT DEPENDENT STATUS

SSI CONSIDERATIONS

Call the Exceptional Family Member Program Team at:

910-451-0176