



# TT-1 BEAR NEWS

## INSPIRING LEARNING

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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

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to School Year 2009-2010. We have approximately 241 students in grades PreK through first grade. We look forward to a great school year and hope that your children have many opportunities to learn and grow this year.

Our focus this year will be on two areas of continuous school improvement. These areas are developing early reading skills and word choice and ideas in writing. You will hear more about these areas as we progress through the school year.

We want to thank everyone who completed the Customer Satisfaction Survey during School Year 2008-2009. The staff has looked at the results of the survey and we have made an Action Plan to address the area of communication between school and home. The survey results were positive in the area of communication with home. The survey also indicated that parents felt that communication was one of the top factors in student success. To improve the area of communication between school and home and home and school, Tarawa Terrace I Primary School will be implementing the use of home email to send newsletters, flyers and other items of communication. We will be contacting you soon if we do not have an email address for you on file.

Please keep the school updated with information of telephone numbers, home addresses, and email addresses so that we may better communicate with you.

Best wishes for a wonderful school year.



*Linda B. Hawes, Principal*  
(910) 450-1658



**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 8:30 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 6 — Fire Safety Puppet Show  
10:00 am and 1:15 pm in our Gym
- Oct 12— Columbus Day/ No School
- Oct 15 — Open House -Thurs 6 -7:30 pm
- Oct 21 — School Board Meeting  
1 0:00 am @ CSO Board Room
- Oct 26 — Staff Work Day / No School
- Oct 27 — Prof. Dev. Day / No School
- Nov 2-4 K -8 1st Quarter Report  
Card Conferences Early Dismissal 12:45
- Nov 13— Make-Up Day for Fall Portraits

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 8:00 for breakfast only. Parents will be called to pick up the child(ren) if they arrive before 8:15 or if they are not at breakfast. Only 1<sup>st</sup> 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. You may also receive a call through our One Call Now System with important information.



**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! We have lots of books and special literacy bags for children of all ages. New books have arrived! Come on in and check them out!!



**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.

## NURSE'S NOTE

Thank you so much for keeping your children home when they are sick. Please contact the school by phone or as previously stated, send a note in informing us why your child is out. Here are a few reminders to continue keeping our illness rate low.

1. Continue to stress good handwashing with children. Wet, Soap, Scrub (sing the happy Birthday Song), and Rinse. Many children put the soap on their hands and then stick them under the water to wash them. This washes the soap off before they get a chance to scrub. Scrubbing is just as important as the soap- friction helps kill the germs.
2. Children who have had a fever within the last 24 hours and had medicine to bring it down need to stay home. The policy is the child needs to be fever free for 24 hours without the help of medications.
3. Reinforce to your children coughing in their elbows and not their hands. This will help reduce the transmission of germs via hands to their friends and other surfaces.

School Nurse RN BSN

## ONE CALL NOW

This system will be used to notify you when your child is marked absent in school. Remember to keep the school updated with telephone numbers in order to make this system the most effective it can be. If you have questions or concerns please contact the attendance clerk at (910) 450-1658.



Please help protect our trees near the out buildings and on our playground. A number of these trees were planted as memorials to staff or students who are deceased. Thanks.



## Parent Teacher Organization SY 2009-2010

Are you interested in being a candidate for one of the following officers of the PTO?

President?

Vice President?

Treasurer?

Secretary?

If so, we invite you to join our PTO. Please inform the school office of your interest by close of business on

**Friday, October 9, 2009.**

Schools with active PTO's are stronger and provide more opportunities for school and community cooperation.

## **OPEN HOUSE Thursday, October 15, 2009 (6:00-7:30 PM)**



Visit your child's classroom and all of the booths that will be available. The evening will be a Floating Scavenger Hunt as you visit classrooms and search for information at each of the booths or areas that will be available. The evening is sure to be a family friendly event for all. Hope to see each of you....

### **Safety Of Students To and From School**

Please talk with your children about safety to and from school. If they are walkers, reminder them to only cross the street at designated crosswalks and preferably where the crossing guards are stationed. There is a crossing guard stationed at the 4 way crossing just beyond the school at the corner of Tarawa Blvd and East Peleliu Street.

### **Music Tips For Parents**



\*Help your children relate to music by asking about the sounds they hear throughout the day and what instrument they most likely relate to.

\*Encourage your children to sing and listen to a wide variety of music. (Children songs, Classical, Country, Cultural, etc.)

\*Your children will love to share with you the songs they have learned at school; so encourage that daily.

