

Dear Parents & Students,

The staff of West Point Elementary School welcomes you and your family to the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York. We are a school of approximately 515 students and 70 professional and paraprofessional staff members. WPES is a DYNAMIC school, where the administration and staff provide excellent learning opportunities for students.

The DODEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP) guides West Point Elementary School. We believe and support highest student achievement for all students. We also believe that NO CHILD will be left behind. We promise an excellent educational program for all students.

Special Education, FLES (Spanish for K-3), Gifted Education, Read 180 and Reading Support are offered at WPES. If a student is in need of special education services, an individual plan (IEP) for his/her education will be developed with input from the student, their parents, and the general education teacher. There is also a Gifted Education (GE) Program, for students whose potential and/or performance are so extraordinary that they require additional instructional support beyond the regular classroom.

The following suggestions will help establish learning rituals for your child:

**Communicate** frequently with your child's teacher.

**Have lunch with your child** at school once a month.

**Ask your child about his/her day at school.**

Establish a **daily study time at home.**

**Read to your child each day** or have them read to you.

**Provide healthy snacks and meals** to ensure proper nutrition.

**Set a bedtime** that ensures a proper night's rest.

**Dress your child appropriately** for current weather conditions.

Please take time to read our handbook. Policies and procedures that prompt the most frequently asked questions or concerns are included in this hand and very informative booklet. Your comments and concerns regarding the curriculum and/or school operation are welcome. Please contact me at 845-938-2313/3827/2069.

Again, welcome to West Point Elementary School. The entire staff looks forward to working with you in a positive and rewarding school-home community partnership.

Miss Shawne F. Cryderman  
Principal