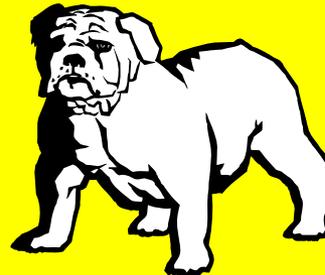




# **West Point Middle School**

**Open House 2008**



# Open House Schedule



- 1630 - 1700: Introduction of exploratory teachers and specialists, school overview
- 1700 - 1730: Grade-level mtg. session 1
  - Grade 5- Information Center
  - Grade 6- Cafeteria
  - Grades 7 & 8- Auditorium
- 1730 - 1800: Grade-level mtg. session 2 or self-guided tours

# WELCOME!



- Parents are their children's first teachers and play an integral role in middle level education.
- Private Organizations PTO and Booster Club support our educational program- please support them by joining
- School Liaison Officer provides link between schools and Garrison
- School Resource Officer and DARE Instructor

# School Leadership



- WPMS is a DoDEA school, in DDESS's NY/VA/Puerto Rico District
  - Superintendent: Mr. Michael Gould
  - Asst. Superintendent: Mr. Gary Gerstner
- WPS has an elected School Board that advises District Superintendent
- Principal is almost always your first stop for school-level concerns

# School Overview



- Tradition of excellence- National Blue Ribbon School 1998, high standards, high test scores
- Block schedule- four classes per day, 82 minutes each, 2-day rotation
- Middle school concept- we teach the “total child,” addressing academic and affective domains

# Mission Statement



*West Point Middle School strives to provide all learners with exemplary educational programs that inspire life-long learning in a global environment.*

# School Improvement Goals



- Goal 1: All students will improve their writing skills across the curriculum.
  - Intervention: 6 +1 Traits of Writing
- Goal 2: All students will improve their problem solving skills across the curriculum.
  - Intervention: Big6 Problem Solving Skills

# Communication



- Striving for paperless- email and web site are the primary methods
- We need your email address!
- Newsletter goes out every two weeks
- Web site has all course information, student/parent handbook, homework for some classes (others posted in Gradespeed)

# Gradespeed



- Web-based parent access to see student grades and upcoming assignments
- New this school year- teachers getting to know the program now
- Teachers will input at least the next assignment in Gradespeed (or on school web site- check there first)
- Grades entered within 5 school days of learning task completion



# Gradespeed

- Has “note” feature to communicate with teacher regarding an assignment or grade
- Email communication encouraged for time-sensitive queries
- Parent Connection will go “live” on 17 September- web presence (including access form and local policy) will be ready by 5 September
- Login requests not complete until requestor brings form to school and shows ID to staff

# Seminar



- Specifically focused on academic support and enrichment
- The time when assemblies will be held
- Character Counts, DARE (grades 5 & 7), and other affective activities take place during Seminar
- Includes silent reading and a library rotation schedule
- Interest assemblies offered that students may sign up to attend- volunteers needed!

# Seminar Expectations- Students



- Actively engage in the following learning tasks, listed in order of priority:
  1. Individual assistance from a teacher on a recent lesson
  2. Completion of assignments missed due to absence(s)
  3. Completion of quizzes/tests not finished during class
  4. Completion of in-class assignments not finished during class
  5. Completion of late homework assignments
  6. Completion of current homework assignments
  7. Reading for school or leisure
- Take responsibility for arranging visits to other teachers before Seminar class begins.
- Fully participate and cooperate throughout all Seminar activities.

# Seminar Schedule



- First 15 Minutes- School-wide silent reading except classes rotating through Information Center
- Next 30 Minutes- Academic support activities listed on previous slide
- Final 30 Minutes- Enrichment activities including GE services, band/chorus practices, self-selection of guest speaker or special-interest opportunities (or additional academic support)

# Extracurricular Activities



- Athletics (grades 7 & 8): Registration through MWR at the Youth Center for all sports
  - Fall: Cross Country (practice starts 4 September)
  - Winter: Basketball
  - Spring: Track and Field
- Intramurals (grades 5 & 6): New this year- target start around 1 October. All year. More to follow.
- Clubs: Art, Band (for enrolled band students), Chorus, Drama, Gettysburg (grade 8 only), Homework, National Junior Honor Society (grade 7 and 8), Newspaper, Science, Spanish, Student Government, Yearbook

# School Safety

- All visitors must sign in and wear visitor's badge (even when in uniform)
- Main entrance controlled by remote access
- Fire, evacuation, and shelter-in-place drills conducted
- Close partnership with Provost Marshall's office
- Safety committee meets quarterly
- Please follow kiss-and-drop procedures

# Contact Information



- Teachers: Email address format is  
firstname.lastname@am.dodea.edu
- Principal: david.rudy@am.dodea.edu
- Web site: (or search “West Point Middle”)  
[http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY\\_VA/westpoint/middle/index.htm](http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY_VA/westpoint/middle/index.htm)

# Meet the Teaching Teams



- Grade-level session locations
  - Grade 5- Information Center
  - Grade 6- Cafeteria
  - Grades 7 & 8- Auditorium
- Parents needing to attend two sessions are asked to visit 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 5:30