

Assistant Principal's News---



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As the first quarter of the school years comes to a close, I have been excited by the work our students have accomplished. We have students that created an advertisement for Energy Awareness Month at Robins AFB, participated in Fire Prevention Week, not to mention the amount of learning that has taken place in our classrooms. Students and teachers are using our creativity software to create web pages, as well as participating in interactive lessons with the use of our new Mimeo boards.

Parent Conferences are scheduled for October 20-21, we will schedule all conference times so that families with siblings are close together. I am excited to announce that **GradeSpeed**, our new online gradebook is now available for parents in grades 4-6. These parents can see the attached flyer for directions on how to set up your account. If you have questions, you can always call me or stop by. There is a link to **GradeSpeed** under Parent Resources on our website. Lower grades and special areas will be piloting this program this school year so these grades are not available at this time.

We will be serving lunch over the next few weeks, please see the attached menu. Prices will remain the same as the previous box lunches.

From Your School Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Hamilton Putting the Brakes on Bullying



School days are here, along with all the excitement of a new year, but getting back to school means something different for some kids. For those who are picked on by bullies, school days can be scary, sad and lonely.

Bullying is a big concern for most schools because it happens when we adults aren't watching, or on the way to or from school, or on the playground. Bullying is when someone repeatedly tries to hurt another person (the target) in order to feel more powerful. Bullies feel good when they harm someone who they think is weaker.

Bullying can be **physical**, **verbal** or **relational**. Physical bullying is easy to spot. It's hitting, kicking, shoving or pinching. Verbal bullying is making fun of the target, calling him names or threatening him. Girls do what is called the **Giant Freeze** which is when a bully decides that no one is going to talk or have anything to do with a girl the bully doesn't like. This is a form of relational bullying, which affects friendships with other people. It also includes gossiping, rolling your eyes, and as previously stated, leaving others out of groups or activities.

Teasing, if it goes on too long can also be viewed as bullying because some kids have a hard time telling the difference between bullying and teasing. When someone teases another person, it may be just to have fun. But when teasing makes the target feel bad, and the teaser keeps doing it to hurt the target more, teasing becomes bullying.

Is there any good news about bullying? Yes, the good news is that kids who learn to face bullies can get along with other people better all through their lives. The more that kids can handle bullying situations on their own, the better they'll feel about themselves. Then they'll be less likely to be targeted by other bullies. The other part of this good news is that teachers, counselors, and principals are taking this seriously and we are doing our part to work with all the children on what bullying is and how to prevent it by practicing role plays, acting out scenes between a bully and the target. In this way the target can learn new ways to avoid the bully or react in a different way. Another part of the equation is identifying the **bystanders**. Bystanders are the children who happen to see the bullying take place. Teaching bystanders to act as a group lessens the bully's power to intimidate. Another piece of good news about bullying is that Mr. Perry meets individually with any student who has bullied. It lets them know that we are aware of what has happened and we will not tolerate having a child afraid at school.

Upcoming Events

October 13-Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
October 20-21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL

School Improvement

Work Hard, Do your Best to Prepare for the Future



From the Nurse:



Calling all **IMMUNIZATION** forms that are due! I recently sent home letters to parents for students still needing updates on the new required vaccines. The Hepatitis A comes in a series of 2 vaccines which were to be given 6 months apart, for a number of you that time has arrived. Please follow through and get a copy of their updated form to the school.

Also, a letter was sent home to many parents regarding follow-up referrals to the Health Screenings that were held on September 11th. If you received one please send it in or call to let me know the status of the follow up. This way we will be able to up date their health records here at school.

This is just a reminder if your child is not feeling well in the morning and is running a temperature please do not give them medication to reduce the fever and proceed to send them to school. Obviously your child's body is trying to fight off something and probably needs some rest and fluids for the day. They will only to be sent home later in the day after the medicine wears off plus by then they have exposed the classroom to whatever they may have. Your child needs to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. You would expect the same courtesy and would not want your child exposed to whatever the ailment is.



Save those pop tabs!



MUSIC NOTES



- Mrs. Clopton

Music is in the air! Can you hear it? Have you heard students singing songs, playing instruments, talking about rhythms, Haydn, or Mozart? We're having a great time in music classes and I hope our students are sharing some of what they are learning with their families.

Stay tuned! We have some great things planned for the year in music. We're waiting for approval for all grade levels to return to the Grand Opera House this year to attend a music performance put on by the GRANDKIDS program. Houston County Band Night will be held on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 at 7 pm at McConnell-Talbert stadium. This is an annual free event presented by all middle school and high school bands. You don't want to miss seeing the half time and competition shows by the high school bands and over 1,000 band students performing the national anthem.

If you would like to receive e-mails concerning music concerts for children and families send your e-mail address to Mrs. Clopton at Sheila.Clopton@am.dodea.edu Third through sixth grade students learn to play the recorder each year in music. Order forms will be going home soon. The Robins Elementary School Chorus has started off with a bang with many opportunities to perform coming up. Our chorus will be featured in the November issue of Teaching Music. This is the national magazine for Music Educators National Conference. The article will be about our performance in the World's Largest Concert last year and will include photos.

We've also been selected to perform once again for the World's Largest Concert. The chorus will begin to rehearse their song, "There's Magic in Music" and will record in November.

Our first performance will be at the Robins Blast Assembly on Friday, Oct. 24 at 8:45 am. Upcoming Christmas performances will include singing for the Base Tree Lighting Ceremony, the POW Club, and the BX Food Court.

Thanks for turning in your money & orders for chorus shirts. They should be in the end of this week.

