



DIAMOND ELEMENTARY GATORGRAM



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Diamond ES Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Goals

Goal One: All students will increase their reading comprehension skill in all curricular areas.

Goal Two: All students will demonstrate an improved ability to solve mathematical problems across the curriculum.

Army Community Covenant: Supporting Those Who Serve "Together, We are committed to building strong communities"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ID MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FRONT OFFICE STAFF UNTIL YOU FINISH YOUR VISIT IN THE SCHOOL.

**DES Teacher of Year for SY 09-10 is
Jennifer Weber**

Dates to Remember

November 13	Gator Family Night at 6:00 in the cafeteria
November 17	Principal's Forum G1/G3 at 11:30
November 16-20	American Education Week
November 19	PTA Star Student Awards by PTA
November 24	Ft. Stewart School Board Meeting at 4:00 PM at District Office
November 23-27	No school/Thanksgiving recess
December 1	Early dismissal at 11:45 for all students (Teachers will be involved in professional development)
December 7-11	"Jingle Bell Shop" sponsored by the PTA
December 21- January 1	Winter Recess/No School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Diamond ES Vision Statement

"Diamond is a collaborative community engaging in meaningful lifelong learning while promoting respect for all."

Dear Parents,

American Education Week is November 16 through November 20. Diamond ES will host a week of events for that week. The theme for the week is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Responsibility". A committee made up of our staff members has planned a week of various activities for various educators. On Monday, **November 16**, Diamond ES will host an Open House for community members to tour the school. We will start the day at **8:45** with an assembly in the gym for third through sixth graders. **Our guest speaker is Mr. James Thomas, Mayor of Hinesville.** The events for the week are listed on the back of the Gator Gram. We invite you to be a part of this important week.

The Department of Defense is providing professional licensed consulting staff to provide non-medical counseling services to service members and their families, children and staff of Ft. Stewart schools. The Child and Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Consultant (CYB-MFLC) Program provides short term problem resolution such as school adjustment issues, deployment and reunion adjustments, and parent-child communications. Ms. Betty McCoy is the MFLC consultant at Diamond ES. We welcome her to our school. She can be reached at 876-6094.

The Principal's Forum will be held on **November 17 at 11:30-12:30** in G1/G3. The purpose of the meeting is to have parents meet with the Principal on important educational issues. The school counselors, Dr. Behnke and Mr. Dobson, and Betty McCoy, MFLC Consultant, will provide information on their programs at the meeting. This will be an open forum and I invite parents and community members to attend.

The Ft. Stewart School Board members for school year 2009-2010 are a vital part of our base schools. The President is Samantha Heinrich and the Vice-President is Chasity Johnson. The other board members include Neal Titus, Nicole Hudson and Aaron McHaney who are also representing the interest of the military children on Ft. Stewart base. The first school board meeting will be held on **November 24 at 4:00 PM** at the **District Office**.

The PTA Gator Family Night is being held in the cafeteria at 6:00 on November 13. Please take time to join us at this event.

Native American Indian Heritage Month is a rich part of our American history. It is the time to learn and know more about the various American Indian tribes, customs and cultures. Our students will be learning about this rich heritage all month in their respective classrooms.

The PTA will sponsor a "Jingle Bell Shop" the week of **December 7 through 11 from 8:30 to 2:00** each day. Mrs. Doward will be the chairperson of the event. Prices will range from 25 cents to \$5.50 and there will be a variety of items to choose from at the shop. We are advertising early so that students can begin to save money for those special holiday gifts for family and friends. If you are able to volunteer for the "Jingle Bell Shop", please contact **Mrs. Doward at litak72@yahoo.com**.

Mr. Maxwell, Chief of Logistics Operations, has asked that parents show courtesy in the bus line when students are being picked up in the morning. Some parents are cutting in line in front of students who are already in the line. This could cause a safety problem. Also, for your future planning; there will an early dismissal at **11:45** of all students on **December 1**. Lunch will be served on that day. Teachers in all three Ft. Stewart schools will be involved in professional development during the afternoon.

Linda J. Kidd, Principal
Principal

Gator Trait for November: Responsibility