

Humphreys American School

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“Home of the
Mighty Eagles”

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Principal's News

Greetings Humphreys American School Community!

Mission Statement

Humphreys American School, in collaboration with the community, implements standards-based instruction which enables all students to become problem solvers, life-long learners, and productive members in a culturally diverse society.

School Improvement Goals

Goal 1:
All Students will increase reading comprehension in the curricular areas
Essence(s): All students will expand knowledge, make connections and determine important information when reading non-fiction texts.

Goal 2: All students will improve their knowledge and skills in mathematics and will apply these skills in all content areas.
Essence(s):
Students will use reasoning to articulate demonstrate improvement in reading comprehension across the curriculum.

We are one of the fastest-growing Department of Defense Dependents Schools in the Pacific. Last year our school was Humphreys American Elementary School, with the addition of grades 7 and 8, we are now Humphreys American School. We have two campuses to support our students: grades K through 5 are on the North Campus and 6 through 8, with Sure Start, are on the South Campus. In addition to these changes, there are 22 new faculty members and a new principal. Although we are much larger than we were last year, we are just as committed to providing a quality standards-based education for all students.

We will continue our tradition of maintaining an active dialogue with the community, through our webpage, emails, teacher-parent conferences, the School Advisory Council, the Parent Teacher Organization, and my monthly Principal's Tea. Finally, we will continue to prepare our students for the global technological society of tomorrow. You are welcome to come in and volunteer in your student's classroom or in the cafeteria. Please be sure to register at <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com> and complete a background check at Army Community Services. We will continue our partnership with our Host Nation counterparts and the Good Neighbor Program. Let us take this journey together!

Thank you,



Ms. Joyce M. Diggs

REGISTRATION

All students planning to attend Humphreys American School will need to register.

New Students:

Military Command Sponsored: orders to Korea with dependants, pinpoint orders, and AIP/extension orders (if applicable)

Military Non-Command Sponsored: orders to Korea, pinpoint orders, AIP/extension orders (if applicable), passport with SOFA stamp, Deers enrollment form if child's name is different from Sponsors, and EFMP screening or current physical for all children being enrolled.

DOD Civilians: Letter of Employment, Orders

NAF Employees: Letter of Employment, DA 3434

Contractors: Tuition Billing Letter 700-19 A (if applicable), Letter of Employment

Everyone Needs:

Childs- Birth Certificate, SSN, immunization record, and Sealed Records from previous school

E-mail Address- for Sponsor/ Parent/ Guardian, and spouse (if applicable)

Work/ Mailing/physical Address - with unit number and box number (if applicable)

Home/Work/Cell phone numbers- for Sponsor/ Parent/ Guardian, and Spouse (if applicable)

Emergency Contact Local with Base Access- name, and phone number

One Permanent Stateside Contact- name, phone number, and

mailing address

Important Dates:



2 October
 SAC Meeting 1500

10 October
 Principal's Tea 0915-1015
 Teacher's In-Service Day
 ½ Day for Students

13 October
 Columbus Day- No School

17 October
 Educator's Day
 No School for Students

22 October
 North Campus Picture Day (K-5)

23 October
 South Campus Picture Day
 (SS, 6-8)

30 October
 End of First Quarter

31 October
 Teacher Workday
 No School for Students

The above documents are required and enrollment is pending complete packets. All Non-Command Sponsored Students (space available students) will be placed on a waiting list when registering. EFMP screening or current physical is required prior to being placed on the waiting list for all space available students.

Mrs. Wolf
Transportation
753-3941



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OFFICE PARENTS NEWSLETTER

The Osan Student Transportation Office (STO) is responsible for the safe and efficient transportation of students. Our office is open 7:30 - 4:00 p.m. daily except on US Holidays and is located in room A112, Bldg 472, Osan High School. There is also a satellite office located in the Humphreys American School, building 535, room 108. The phone number for Osan STO is 784-1827 and USAG Humphreys STO is 753-3941.

The STO solicit parents' support of students transported on school buses. We ask you to ensure your students are at their designated bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to scheduled departure time. Students should board their buses, promptly take a seat and secure their seatbelts so the bus can depart. Security attendants will assist small children to secure their seatbelts or require help. Once doors are closed and bus is in motion only STO may direct buses to stop. This is for the safety of all involved. Buses depart the school at 2:40 p.m. and 3:25 from the high school.

The STO is open year round for school bus registration. Students that will attend Humphreys American School can register at Humphreys STO or Osan STO if they have student registration form 600. However, students that will attend high school must register at Osan STO. New students must accompany parents or sponsors to take photo for bus pass. Bus passes for School Year 2007-2008 will be mailed out mid July 2007.

Bus Discipline. The STO is also responsible for the discipline of students transported on school buses. The STO will notify parents upon receiving documented reports of incidents from Security Attendants. Depending on the severity of the incident or number of incidents on file, bus riding privileges can be suspended. Suspensions vary from 5 days to remainder of the school year. All infractions are cumulative in nature. Following are the four areas that cover school bus infractions: (1) **Unsafe behavior**; this includes fighting, standing while bus is in motion, making excessive noise, pushing, shoving or tripping, obstructing aisles and steps or seats.

(2) **Inappropriate behavior**; eating on the bus to include candy and chewing gum, drinking, littering the bus, abusive language, spitting, disrespect and failure to comply with Driver or Security Attendant requests. (3) **Destructive behavior**; this includes damaging government property and damaging other students' property.

(4) **Prohibited behavior**; this includes tampering with bus controls, interfering with the Driver and or emergency equipment. Stress school rules to your students. **Remember, riding the school bus is a privilege for students not a right.** Obey the rules and maintain the privilege to ride.

Are you moving soon? Whether moving locally or back to the states, please let us know. This will afford us the opportunity to update our data base and identify available seat space for other students. If you have new home or work phone numbers, please provide them so we can contact you should the need arise.

Inclement weather. In case of inclement weather, please listen to AFN Radio or TV for updates on school closures, delayed school start times and bus information. If you do not have access to AFN Radio or TV, please call 011-9071-8095 for information. Inclement weather includes snow, ice, fog and seasonal yellow dust.

Alternate Bus Route/Schedule. The STO has developed alternate bus route and schedule changes should the need arise. When alternate schedule is initiated all buses will depart stop locations 10 minutes later than normal schedule with certain bus routes being slightly altered. For example, if your student's scheduled pick-up is normally 7:30, add 10 minutes making the pick-up time 7:40 instead. Parents will be notified via hand-carried letter by their student(s).

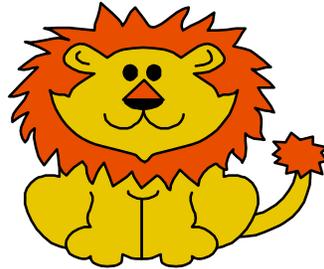
If you have questions concerning bus transportation or discipline, please contact the STO at DSN 784-1827, commercial at 031-661-1827, cell phone at 011-9071-8095 or email at donald.brown@pac.dodea.edu.

NOTES: Use of electronic devices is allowed if used with headphones confront or interfere with attendants in the performance of their duties.



A Message from Tammy Maassen PSCD/LI:

**CHILD FIND
Screening
EDIS: Birth to 3 years
HAS: 3 years and up**



**Do you have concerns about how your child
talks, sees, hears, understands, plays, behaves,
moves, or learns?**

DATE: October 8th, 2008

**Time: 8:30 to 2:30
(Ages 3-5)**

**8:30 to 11:30
(EDIS Birth to 3)**

Location: Humphreys CDC

**If interested, please contact:
HAS: 753-6003 or 753-6313
EDIS: 738-4422
CDC: 753-8**



Counselor's Minute

Over the past few weeks the kids have settled in and now have a good understanding of routines and classes. It's been wonderful working with your students and we have many things planned for the upcoming school year.

October will have a variety of events that includes Red Ribbon Week. Ms Camille Jackson, the Humphreys base ASACS counselor is the coordinator for this event in conjunction with the school. Awareness programs, games and prizes are some of the activities planned. Information will be given to students as the month progresses.

Additionally, Mr. Cecil Goodman from the American Red Cross will join us in school on the 16th of October. He and volunteers will present the First Aid and Preparedness program for middle school and grades 3-5. This program includes a short presentation and discussion on what is a disaster and what is needed to sustain a family in an emergency situation. Students will then have time to work on their family plans for what to do if an emergency does happen within your home. These

plans should be coming home with your child and it would be a great opportunity to establish your home/family procedures.

If I can you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate giving me a call or stopping by. My door is always open. I look forward to seeing you and talking to you in the coming months.

Vicki Leivermann
HAS Counselor
Vicki.Leivermann@pac.dodea.edu

Honor Choir

After an afternoon of grueling auditions, the judges have decided, and the results are in. HAS would like to congratulate our new and returning Honor Choir members for the 2008-2009 school year!!! They are...

Brown, Krystal
Choi, Mordecai
Chong, SaeAh
deGuzman, Coleen
Durham, Christina Duskie, Paige
Heo, Mirae
Hood, Kayla
Kruger, Faith
LaShier, Aaron
Lippert, Anna
Lowe, Diamond
McMahan, Aubrey
Mendenhall, Jack
Moore, Annie
Parra, Alana
Perez, Dominic
Pharr, Faisaun
Russell, Kevin
Sanchez, Daniel
Smalls, Maliki
Snape, Kianna
Stevenson, Jordan
Stokes, Cynthia

Welborn, Mitchell

***A very special thank you to our judges-Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Perez, Mr. Leavitt, and Ms. Shoff

Physical Education or Physical Activity

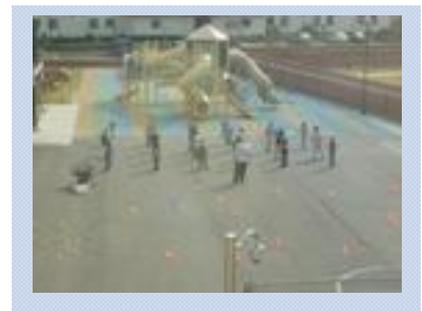
With heightened attention on childhood obesity prevention efforts, there seems to be some confusion between the terms "physical education" and "physical activity." Often the words are used interchangeably but they differ in important ways. Understanding the difference between the two is critical to understanding why both contribute to the development of healthy, active children. I believe every child at our school deserves both a quality physical education and physical activity program.

Our school physical education program offers the best opportunity to provide physical activity to all children and to teach them the skills and knowledge needed to establish and sustain an active lifestyle. I assess student knowledge, motor and social skills, and provide instruction in a safe, supportive environment.

Physical activity is bodily movement of any type and may include recreational, fitness and sport activities such as jumping rope, playing soccer, lifting weights, as well as daily activities such as walking to the store, taking the stairs or raking the leaves. Similar health benefits to those received during a physical education class are possible during physical activity bouts when the participant is active at an intensity that increases heart rate and produces heavier than normal breathing. The National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) recommends school-age children accumulate at least 60 minutes and up to several hours of physical activity per day while avoiding prolonged periods of inactivity.

This school year I would like to encourage everyone to visit your child's physical education class, the cornerstone of an active lifestyle for all students. You will see children participating in developmentally appropriate activities that help increase their physical competence, self-esteem, and enjoyment of physical activity no matter what their physical abilities may be. I want every child to embrace physical activity!

Coach Clark





Technology Corner

Would you like to know how your child is doing in school? Well now you can by accessing the Parent Connection at <https://dodea.gradespeed.net/gs/>. This site gives you, your child's current grade, up to date tardy information and much more. Only grades 4-8 are mandated to use this great new grading system. If you have not already signed up then you will need to create an account to access the

site.

Share Point is up and running and our staff members are in the process of creating their classroom websites. This new technology is part of the Extranet and you and your child can access this site through your child's user name and password. Just go to <http://extranet.haes.pac.dodea.edu/default.aspx> and you find information about HAS and much more. If you need help with any of these two new initiatives please contact the school at 736-6313 or e-mail me at swink.patterson@pac.dodea.edu.

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE:

At the beginning of school year, I would like to make sure everyone is



aware of some

SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS: Please call the school nurse if your child has a potentially serious life threatening condition such as severe food allergy reactions, seizures, severe asthma or any other serious medical condition. If your child has asthma and might have an asthma attack for which they have.

Middle School Success Day

Every Wednesday is "success day" for grades 6-8, with an hour and fifteen minutes of good, solid homework and tutor time after school. Mr. Shulson will host any and all successful students in his room for a chance to get some homework done in a low stress situation. It is a great opportunity to get a little extra help in a class that may be giving a student some difficulty. It will be held in building 535, Room 105. Mr. Shulson will be available to help, and if he cannot, he'll try to find someone who can. Any student who takes advantage of this opportunity will need to secure their own transportation home after the session. The hours for success will be from 2:45pm to 4:00pm. Students will have access to a DSN phone and a cell phone. Please refer any questions to Mr. Shulson James.Shulson@pac.dodea.edu.

Science Fair:

The 6th through 8th Graders at Humphreys American School will conduct a Science Fair on the 4th of December, 2008. Students need to begin working on their ideas/topics for the fair. This year's theme is

Bio - Mechanics and Disease Control

The students have been briefed and have been given a timeline of due dates. The original due date for topic submission was 1 October, however, that has been extended to the 10th of October. This is in keeping with the timelines necessary to qualify for the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS). The JSHS is a national organization, and the DoDDS, Pacific Symposium is held near Tokyo in the March/April timeframe. It is only open to 8th graders, but this format is great practice for the 7th graders as well.

Participation in the Science Fair is strictly voluntary. We have extremely sharp students, and I would hope we could encourage them all to take part in this event. This will be a school wide competition, so we will be seeking judges from the community to help in evaluating the projects and the presentations. If you are interested in judging, or know of someone who would, please let us know. Watch for more specific information in future letters and flyers brought home by your students.



Humphreys American School PTO

Dear Parents & Teachers,

Welcome to an exciting new year at Humphreys American School. The school year is well under way and HAS PTO invites you to join us. Our regularly scheduled meetings will be the third Thursday of each month at 1830 in the cafeteria on North Campus. We will notify you of any divergences in scheduling.

HAS PTO functions as more than a fundraising organization. Your PTO arranges family nights, carnivals, school pictures, book fairs and much more. We also have the unique position of being a community school, which means that we are sponsored by all of USAG Humphreys. You will quickly discover that we, at HAS, are a cohesive family unit.

We encourage you to support your PTO by becoming a member. We also urge you to seize the opportunity to volunteer throughout the school year in any capacity you feel you are able. At HAS, many dedicated parents and teachers form the backbone of our success. Your presence tells your children that you are interested in their education and care about their experience.

In the coming months, there will be plenty of occasions for you to donate your time, assistance and funding to your teachers and your children. In October alone we are beginning Reading Counts, spirit Fridays, lollipop sales, Scholastic book orders, arranging picture day, hosting a costume walk-a-thon and planning a book fair. In whichever position you choose to volunteer, we thank you in advance.

For more information and tentative dates, visit the HAS website at:
<http://www.humphreys-es.pac.dodea.edu/>.

Thank you and Welcome to the HAS Family,

Your HAS PTO Executive Board for 2008-2009

Tonya Stewart - President

Linda McKinney - Vice President

Judy Koonce - Treasurer

Laura Reynolds - Secretary

Michelle Cole - Teacher Representative

Humphreys American School PTO

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the PTO committee personnel. I also must ask for your support in filling the vacant positions. Volunteering is a great way to become involved in the decision making process, which affects you and your child. A few hours of your time can make a world of difference!

Steering Committee

President - Tonya Stewart
 Vice President - Linda McKinney
 Treasurer - Judy Koonce
 Secretary - Laura Reynolds
 Teacher Representative - Michele Cole

Standing Committees

Box Top Committee

Coordinator - (vacant)

Volunteers - Register at <http://www.boxtops4education.com> and submit Box Tops 4 Education coupons.

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising Sub-Committees

Fall & Spring Book Fairs

Chairperson - Shannon Kruse

Volunteers - Decorate, inventory, clean up/ reship, organize students, sales & receipts, etc.

Lollipop Fridays & Popcorn Sales

Chairperson - (vacant) Purchases and distributes lollipops. Oversees preparation of popcorn. Collects proceeds and reports to Fundraising Committee Chairperson, henceforth known as FCC.

Volunteers - Assist in capacity as needed for task at hand.

Santa's Workshop & Gift Wrapping

Chairperson - (vacant) Oversees purchase and display of inventory, manages volunteers and consults with FCC

Volunteers - Wrap gifts, stock supplies, set up and clean up.

Scholastic Book Orders

Coordinator - Amy Pickett

Volunteers - divide and disperse classroom orders.

School Spirit T-Shirt Sales

Coordinator - TC Smalls

Spring Carnival

Chairperson - Laura Reynolds

Volunteers - Decorate, clean up and operate fair stations.

Walk-a-thon/ Jump-a-thon

Chairperson - (vacant) Supervises event planning in October and February.

Volunteers - Transport and chaperone students and decorate arena.

Hospitality Committee

Chairperson - Damaris Sullivan

Hospitality Sub-Committees

Teacher Appreciation

Coordinator - **(vacant)** Arrange events for Teacher Appreciation Week including brunch.

Volunteers - Adopt faculty members & staff, donate gifts & baked goods, set up/clean up, etc.

Membership Committee

Coordinator - Shannon Vickery

Ways & Means Committee

Chairpersons - Brooke Mendenhall & Charlene Salter

Volunteers - Help in planning and implementation of all PTO programs and activities in locations other than HAS campus.

Publicity & Historian Committee

Chairperson - **(vacant)** Maintains historical records and photographs to be presented to general membership.

Publicity & Historian Sub-Committees

Bulletin Boards

Coordinator - Laura Reynolds

Photography

Coordinator - **(vacant)** Photographs events and distributes images to P&HC

Chairperson.

Volunteer Committee

Coordinator - Shannon Vickery

Volunteer Sub-Committees

Copy Team

Copy, cut outs, redistribution, etc.

Picture Day

Coordinator - TC Smalls

Volunteers - Set up, guide students, and collect forms.

For more information, visit your HAS website at <http://www.humphreys-es.pac.dodea.edu/>. Thank you for all you do in support of your school!

Tonya Stewart
HAS PTO President