

# Humphreys American School

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“Home of the  
Mighty Eagles”

## 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.

## Principal's News

Humphreys American School is accredited by AdvancED. AdvancED consists of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), and National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE). AdvancED is dedicated to excellence in education through accreditation, research, and professional service.

To earn accreditation, schools or districts must meet the [AdvancED standards](#), engage in continuous improvement, and demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review.

This year we focus on the AdvancED standards, our goals and interventions for continuous school improvement.

Kaizen.....continuous improvement!

## 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.

Humphreys American School's goals are as follows:

All students will increase reading comprehension in the curricular areas.  
All students will improve their knowledge and skills in mathematics and will apply these skills in all content areas.

For Goal 1:  
Teachers will select five common structures of non-fiction texts and use graphic organizers to teach these structures in their classrooms.

What does this classroom instruction look like? The teacher introduces the text students will read and describes the way the text is organized (for example, cause and effect, time order, topic and details).

For Goal 2:  
The intervention is “Read it, Draw it, Solve it, Communicate it.” This strategy teaches a systematic method for solving problems and communicating the solution clearly.

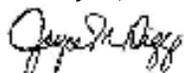
What does this look like in a classroom? The educator models the steps to solve math problems using “Read It, Draw It, Solve It, Communicate It.” The teacher reads the problem and determines what information needs to be communicated in the solution. Then the teacher solves the problem using words, number and pictures

Look for our CSI goals and interventions in your student work.

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If you are interested in serving as a parent representative on any of our continuous school improvement committees, please contact me at [Joyce.Diggs@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Joyce.Diggs@pac.dodea.edu)

Thank you,



Ms. Joyce M. Diggs

## The 2008 DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will administer its biennial Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) from November 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. The CSS provides valuable feedback to DoDEA from its most important customers – parents and students – about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement.

All sponsors with students enrolled in DoD schools from Pre-kindergarten or SureStart through grade 12 may participate by completing a survey for each school in which they have enrolled. Students in grades 4-12 may participate by completing separate surveys for students in grades 4-5, and students in grades 6-12.

The 2008 DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey represents a departure from tradition. Historically, teachers, educational support staff, students in grades 4-12, and sponsors for each child enrolled in DoD schools from pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade were asked to complete the CSS. This year, parents and students will participate in the CSS while DoDEA Administrators, teachers, educational support staff will participate in a separate survey, the DoDEA Employee Satisfaction Survey, to be administered during March 2009. As with the CSS, participation in the DoDEA Employee Satisfaction Survey is voluntary and maximum participation is encouraged in order to obtain reliable and valid data.

The surveys take approximately 20 minutes to complete and are available online at [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu) (click on the CSS graphic link). Parents who do not have access to the Internet should contact their child’s school to determine other alternatives – such as using the school’s computers.

Sponsors are asked to complete a survey for each child enrolled in a DoD school in grades pre-kindergarten/SureStart through grade 12. Information derived from the surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts and areas will use the survey results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of sponsors and students, which is one of many measures used for future planning of programs and services DoDEA offers. The survey results will also be used to monitor the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP), which contains the strategic direction for DoDEA for the years 2006-2011.

# REGISTRATION

Mrs. Tania Diaz

## Important Dates:



### November 2008

**3** Begin 2nd Quarter

**6-7** -Parent Teacher Conference-No School for students

**11** -Federal Holiday (Veteran's Day) -No School

**13** SAC Meeting at 1500 in bldg. 557 rm. 313

**14** Principals Tea 0915-1015 bldg. 557 rm. 313

**20** PTO Meeting at 1800 in the cafeteria bldg. 550

**27-28** Thanksgiving Recess

### December 2008

**10** -Accelerated withdrawal date Picture Make-up Day

**22** December thru January 2- Winter Recess-No School

### January 2009

**5** Instruction Resumes

## New Students:

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

**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 an EFMP screening or a current physical for all children being enrolled.

**DOD Civilians:** Letter of Employment, Orders, and SF-50

**NAF Employees:** Letter of Employment, DA 3434

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

## 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, address, and phone number

**One Permanent Stateside Contact-** name, phone number, and mailing address

**\*\*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 a current physical and sealed records from previous school is required prior to being placed on the waiting list for all space available students.**

## Winter Safety Tips

### From the Student Transportation Office

**Bus Safety:** As we approach the winter months it is important to remember a few additional safety items. As the hours of daylight decrease the night time darkness increases. Visibility may be affected by darkness, rain, snow, fog and other inclement conditions. It is significant that students be at their designated bus stops on time. Also as temperatures drop icy conditions will occur. These conditions may exist on roadways, bus stops, bus steps etc. Please be alert to the condition changes as the winter months approach.

**Bus Delays:** Not only will winter bring a change in weather conditions it also increases the chances for bus delays. Remember bus delays require parents/students to adjust the times they assemble at their designated pickup locations. A two hour bus delay means you adjust your time by two hours. Example: **Normal** departure time is 0730 the **Adjusted** two hour delayed departure time will be 0930. Students need to be in place before the 0930 departure time. Please remind students to promptly proceed to their buses, get seated and secure their seatbelts for departure.

**Remember:** There is no eating or drinking on the school buses. The use of electronic devices is prohibited unless used with headphones.

For additional information contact the Osan Student Transportation Office at DSN 784-1827 or commercial at 031-661-1827. Our USAG Humphrey's Office extension is DSN 753-3941 or commercial 031-690-3941. Our office hours are 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE:

At the beginning of the school year, I like to make sure everyone is aware of important health issues.



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- ◆ **SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS:** Please call the school nurse if your child has a potentially serious life threatening condition such as severe food allergy reaction, seizures, severe asthma or any other serious medical condition. If your child has asthma and might have an asthma attack for which they have medication, please bring your child's medication to keep in the school nurse office in case it is needed.
- ◆ **DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL** - as a school nurse, it is my goal to keep students as healthy as possible. Please consider the following guidelines when deciding whether or not to send your child to school:

**DO NOT SEND  
YOUR CHILD TO  
SCHOOL IF:**

1. Your child has had a temperature of 100 F or above in the **preceding** 24 hours.
2. Your child has had diarrhea or vomiting within 24 hours.
3. Your child has not seen a doctor after being referred by the school nurse for a contagious disease.

**Tips to Remember:** All students should eat a healthy breakfast every morning before coming to school. Headaches and stomachaches are often the result of not eating breakfast, **SO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST!**

Also, frequent and thorough **hand washing** is the best way to prevent diseases and help keep the classroom environment germ free!

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please stop by or call the Nurse's Office



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at 753-6472.

## Holiday Entertainment Needed???



Honor Choir is in full swing and preparing to bring some holiday cheer your way this December! If you or someone you know is having an event where good holiday entertainment is needed, please contact Ms. Shoff to schedule the Honor Choir.

Email: [angela.shoff@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:angela.shoff@pac.dodea.edu)

## The Parade of Presidents

Mr. Leavitt's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students at Humphreys American School had the opportunity to study about the process of the presidential election. In doing so, each student selected a previous American President to study, and then presented to their parents, faculty members and two selected classes within HAS.

The students have been studying about the US Constitution and its amendments, the Declaration of Independence and memorized the Preamble to the Constitution. They also learned the importance each president had on its people during their term or terms in office.

Mr. Leavitt's class gave an outstanding performance on 24 October, but their studies are only beginning. They now will be learning about the three branches of government, and how each branch is important to the people of the United States of America.



## Counselors Corner

### School wide activities during October



During October the students enjoyed several different activities here at Humphreys American School.

#### Home Safety Seminar

Red Cross Director, Mr. Cencil Goodman joined us for a Home Safety and Preparedness seminar for students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. He and volunteers went over what should be included in a home safety kit, explained escape plans and natural disasters. They even had a handout for "parent homework" that included the development of a family escapes plans and different activities for home safety.

## Red Ribbon Week 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Red Ribbon Week opened with Col Dumoulin and McGruff joining us on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the reading of the Red Ribbon Drug Free Proclamation. Students were asked to recite the Proclamation to stay Drug free.

All students were all given a small bag containing ruler, pencils, brackets and even T-shirts or Glasses to help remember this year's slogan. "Ask me, See me, Be me, Heroes remain drug free". Contests were held through out the week that included coloring, essay and poster contests in all grade levels with prizes to be awarded.

Additionally, classrooms had a door decoration contest with the winning classroom to receive a Pizza party on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Everyone had a great time and the message was heard loud and clear- Stay Drug Free for a Better Life.





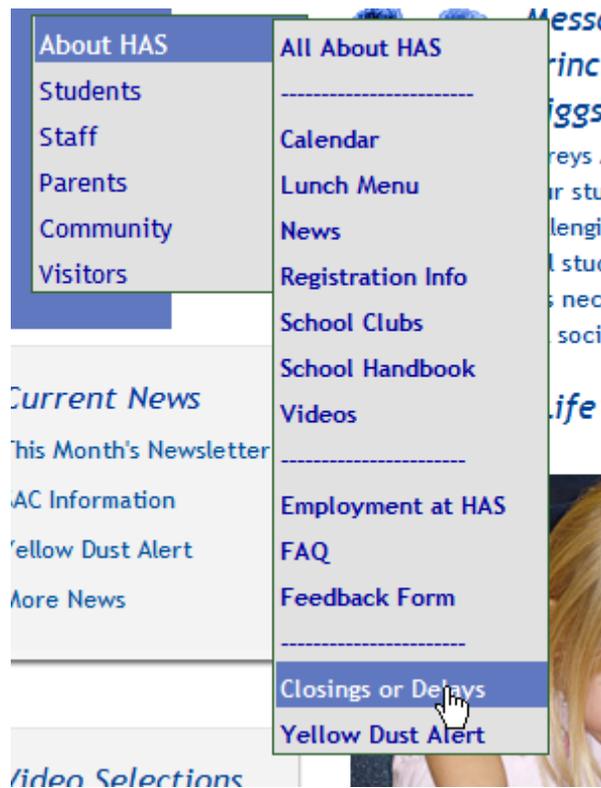
## Technology Corner



SharePoint is a great communication tool for you to use when important events happen at school and in your child's classroom. During the event of a school closure SharePoint will display the closing or delay. Here is how you would access SharePoint for closings or delays:

Go to: <http://www.humphreys-es.pac.dodea.edu/>

Then click:



And click on HAS Extranet:

see our current closings or delays:  
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After you have clicked on HAS Extranet/SharePoint it will send you to our SharePoint site and at the top of the page there will be an announcement displayed.



## Intramural Football for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades

**Intramural football has started! Wednesday afternoon games will be played on a field at Soldier Park beginning at 15:00 and ending at 15:50. Games will be played on the following dates:**

**Oct 21-Lunchtime- Team 1 vs. Team 4(Team 5 officiating)**

**Oct 22-Lunchtime- Team 2 vs. Team 3(Team 4 officiating)**

**Oct 22-After School- Team 3 vs. Team 1; Team 4 vs. Team 5(Team 2 officiating)**

**Oct 23-Lunchtime- Team 5 vs. Team 3(Team 1 officiating)**

**Oct 28-Lunchtime- Team 1 vs. Team 2(Team 3 officiating)**

**Oct 29-Lunchtime- Team 2 vs. Team 5(Team 1 officiating)**

**Oct 29-After School- Team 5 vs. Team 1; Team 4 vs. Team 2(Team 3 officiating)**

**Oct 30-Lunchtime- Team 3 vs. Team 4 (Team 5 officiating)**

**Nov 5-After School- Tournament**

**Nov 12-After School- Tournament**

**Nov 19-After School- Tournament**

## Physical Education Matters!

At Humphreys American School I plan your child's activities in physical education with the following performance standards in mind:

1. Movement- Your child should show competency in varied movement forms and proficiency in a few. Example: Your child should be able to gallop, skip, jump.....
2. Physical Activity and Fitness- Your child will exhibit a physically active lifestyle. Example: Your child is involved in sports activities outside of the school environment.
3. Responsible Personal and Social Development- Your child will demonstrate responsible and safe behavior, applying appropriate concepts and attitudes to personal and social development. Example: Your child shows a positive attitude towards physical education.

Coach Clark

Humphreys American School Physical Educator

## Friendly Reminder

All children must be signed in or out by a parent or guardian while school is in session. If your child attends Sure Start or 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, they must be dropped off and signed in or out on the south campus bld. 535. No child is allowed to walk unattended between campuses during school hours.