

Department of Defense Dependents Schools
Aviano Middle/High School
Parent Newsletter
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Vision Statement:

The Vision of Aviano Middle/High School is to provide a rigorous and challenging learning environment that will empower all students to maximize their success in the global community.

AMHS Motto: "Think Better, Live Better"

A new school year is always exciting. Our focus will be on providing each student with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience. Academic emphasis on the core content areas will remain a priority as well as providing a learning program that builds each year to enable your student to reach DoDEA standards. Instruction in the fine arts, foreign language, technology, host nation, and physical education complete our program, providing each student with the opportunity to develop areas of interest and skill.

In collaboration between the school and home, we invite you to work alongside us at the school site so that the educational programs at the school will be enhanced, fulfilling, and rewarding for all involved. We encourage you to join us at school activities establishing strong foundations and being positive role models for your children.

On behalf of the entire Aviano Middle/High School staff, we welcome you! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email us at DSN: 632-5877 or +39 0434-305322 brad.seadore@eu.dodea.edu or kim.redmond@eu.dodea.edu, we look forward to working with you and your student throughout the school year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success. Once again, welcome to the new school year. We will do all we can to make it a great one and we know you will too.

Thanking you in advance,
Brad L. Seadore
Principal

Kim Redmond
Asst. Principal

CSP GOALS

SMART Goal: Communication

By 2012, all students at Aviano MHS will improve their communication skills by demonstrating enhanced organization, editing, and presentation skills to be measured by selected system-wide and local assessments.

SMART Goal: Critical Reading

By 2012, all students at Aviano MHS will improve their critical reading skills by demonstrating an enhanced ability to summarize, predict, determine main idea, interpret and analyze text and graphical representations as measured by the selected system-wide and local assessments.

Calendar of Events/Activities

Sept 11 Middle School Anti-bullying Assembly

Sept 12 Homework Club

Sept 14-15
Sept Football
@ ISB
Tennis & CC
@ AOSR/MMI

Sept 19 Homework Club

Sept 21-22
Tennis & CC vs. Florence
HOME
Sept 22
Football vs. Vicenza
Volleyball vs. Florence
HOME

Sept 24 NO SCHOOL
Teacher Training

Sept 26
Homework Club
SAC meeting 1600
Location: Info. Center

Sept 28-29
Football vs. Naples
Tennis & CC vs. MMI
Volleyball vs. MMI
HOME

Oct. 3 Homework Club

Oct 5-6
SAT & SAT sub. Tests
Football @ Ansbach
Tennis & CC @ Naples
Volleyball @ Naples

Oct 8 NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day

Oct. 10 Homework Club

Oct. 12-13
HOMECOMING!!
Football vs Bitburg
Tennis & CC AOSR
Volleyball vs AOSR
HOME

SAC Board Members

Chairperson: James Hardin
First meeting of the year is on the
26th.

If you are interested in
starting a PTA please
contact Ms. Redmond.



BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Club will have a meeting in the Freshman Alcove on 12 September. Check us out on Facebook at Aviano High Booster Club 2012-13 or email us at a.v.hboosterclub@gmail.com.

Common Sense Internet Usage

Tips Middle and High School Kids

Fact: 93% of 12-to 17-year-olds go online (Pew, 2010).

There's no such thing as "private" online.

Anything posted can be seen by or forwarded to strangers, college admissions, Officers, and potential employers.

Student Email

New for SY 12-13: Student email accounts will NOT be from goggle.net this year. A much more powerful and useful replacement is in the works and details about the new program will be shared as soon as they are available.

NURSE NEWS

Medications at school must be administered according to DODDS directives for school nurses. All medications are kept in the School Health Office in a locked cabinet. Check out the Nurses page at: <http://www.avias.eu.dodea.edu/Nurse/Index.html>

ATTENDANCE POLICY

School attendance is important and in order to receive the best education, students need to Be Here! DoDEA's system-wide attendance policy for students is consistent with those found in many public schools throughout the United States.

School attendance issues have been identified as a serious issue for children throughout the country and military children are no exception.

DoDEA's attendance policy provides specific guidance on attendance, absences and identifies support services for students at-risk for not fulfilling the grade or course requirements.

It's not surprising that regular school attendance correlates directly with success in academic work, improves social interaction with adults and peers and provides opportunities for important communication between teachers and students. Regular attendance also has a cumulative effect of establishing life-long positive traits — responsibility, determination, respect for rules of society -- that are critical for developing career readiness skills, success in college and in life.

<http://www.dodea.edu/attendance/index.cfm>

Substitutes Needed

<http://www.eu.dodea.edu/hr/open.php>

Once you've entered the site you will be able to access the Vacancy Announcements, Position Availability Form and Application Forms.

Links to Important Information

- [Counselor – SAT Information](#)
- [ASACS 2012 & Proud Parent Workshop](#)

GradeSpeed Parent Connection is no longer being used by DoDEA. The new parent portal will be available soon!

Graduation Survey Link

Please click on the following link and participate in the discussion or share literature related to graduation requirements. Our goal is to implement the new graduation policy during school year 2013-14 for the graduating class of 2017 <http://graduation.dodea.edu/>.

ACCELERATED WITHDRAWAL DATES

The 20-day limit provides reasonable flexibility without compromising academic standards or placing the student in an untenable position in regard to mastery of curriculum content. This provision was never intended to apply to, or be extended for, the convenience of family travel, visits, or other discretionary reasons. The policy therefore requires that students present verification of the date of their sponsor's departure, i.e., Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or other official orders, to school officials in order to receive consideration for full academic credit. **Students who withdraw prior to the 20-day limit receive a "withdrawal" grade rather than a final grade.** First semester early withdrawal date is 13 December. Students must be in school all day on the last school day prior to their accelerated withdrawal date.

SLO INFO

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The School Liaison Office's role is to act as a community facilitator: connecting schools, families, and community services to address education issues impacting military children. The Free and Reduced Lunch Program is coordinated by the School Liaison Office. To apply for the program, you need to complete an USAFE Form 400 and turn the completed form into the SLO either by hardcopy to the school office or via email. Here is the link as well, <http://www.aviahs.eu.dodea.edu/LunchApplication.pdf> if you qualify, your status will remain during the entire school year, but you must reapply the next year.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The European PTA is again offering scholarships to DoDDS-E high school seniors to attend a four year and two year or technical school. This school year, we have three 2012 seniors who were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each and are attending Florida State University, Northeastern University and UMUC-Europe. The applications are available on the European PTA website, Europeanptaonline.org under programs. There is a postmark deadline of March 2, 2013.

Academic Rigor

Parents: We need your help! In order for Aviano Middle/High School to maintain the academic rigor necessary for students to complete standards of mastery we must not stop the flow of instruction in the classrooms. Classroom instruction should not be interrupted because a student forgot items at home or because of changes of appointments in schedules (medical, etc.). We highly encourage parents to plan accordingly.

[Click Here](#)

[Information about school photos](#)

Security and Safety

Aviano Middle/High School takes their role of keeping your students safety and security seriously! AMHS has the legal obligation not to release your student or change your student's transportation plans without verifying these requests visually. We would never alter a student's plans without ensuring the correct authorized parent or guardian has made the request. Phone calls to the front office cannot be verified as the true voice of a parent or guardian. Parents must send the school a written note (with contact information), email (with contact information) and/or personal pick up (with ID card). Please assist with this matter to ensure the safety and security of all students at AMHS.

AP Equity and Excellence

Congratulations to 2012 AP Students. 35.8% of Avianos AP Students scored 3 or higher on at least 1 AP exam. National average is 18%. Great job!

Recognition is in order for the exceptional AP test results:

AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Megan Smith

AP SCHOLAR WITH HONORS Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Matthew O'Brien

AP SCHOLAR Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.



Darien Cornett
Dominique Dawson
Melanie Hudson
Agustin Vasquez

From The Aviano EMHS Administrative Officer: David Andler

- A new look. This year we get to start with a new image. The kinder building received a new face lift, including paint and a new color. You will also notice beautiful new stones around the base of the main complex. Phase II of this project will be for the main complex to also receive a new makeover. We continually strive to keep our schools well maintained, clean, and a safe learning environment for our children.



6th Grade
Students
made
name
cards in

Language Arts to make it easier for teachers to learn names. Then students introduced themselves to the class and shared their cards



Students from Mr. Clement's Biology class prepare culture medium for community fungal research study.

MEMORANDUM FOR PARENTS AND STAFF

SUBJECT: Notification of AHERA inspection (or reinspection)

As required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986, our buildings have been inspected or re-inspected for asbestos-containing materials (ACM). The most recent inspection was conducted on 4/19/2012 in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and DoDEA policy. The results of the inspection indicate we have asbestos materials in our school.

As required by EPA, a triennial re-inspection and six month periodic surveillance program is in effect for any asbestos materials that remain in place and their condition will be closely monitored. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan, which includes the recommended management response action(s) for ACM, is kept in our office and is available for your review. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



What's Happening in the Information Center (otherwise known as the Library)

Ms. Kriz's 6th grade classes started library orientation this week in the Information Center(IC) with Tina Lake, the M/HS information specialist. Students were informed and entertained by watching an introduction video that highlighted information center programs and resources. The video featured students that participated in information center programs last year to promote programs available to students this school year. Look for bulletin announcements about "Mystery Night" and "Arts in the IC" programs as these programs will be continued this year.