



Department of Defense Dependents Schools  
Aviano Middle/High School  
Parent Newsletter  
December 2012

EMAIL

[avianoMS/HSDOffice@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:avianoMS/HSDOffice@eu.dodea.edu)

WEBSITE

<http://www.avia-hs.eu.dodea.edu/>

Main Office: 632-5877

Attendance Clerk: 632-5313

Nurse: Ms. Young: 632-5821

Guidance Department:

Ms. Sang Ju Yi 632-5615

Grades 6-9 Ms. Lee: 632-5917

Grades 10-12 Ms. Oleson: 632-5619

Bus Office Mr. Evans: 632-5152

Principal Mr. Brad Seadore [brad.seadore@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:brad.seadore@eu.dodea.edu)

Assistant Principal Ms. Kim Redmond: 632-5358

Admin Officer Mr. David Andler: 632-5474

Secretary Ms. Mara Anderson: 632-5293

Registrar Mrs. Kelley Craver: 632-5292

Office Hours: 0730-1600

Student Hours: 0756-1435

Math Best Practices Corner: Teacher to Teacher Tips

By Lourdes Alonso

Teachers are their own best resource! An example is Laura Corder's "Tip of the Day" on best practices: Using Smart Response is a very smart practice! Laura teaches Calculus, Algebra II and Discrete Math in Aviano. After a warm up, which reviews the prior day's lesson, Laura starts off most of her math classes using the Smart Response XE clickers. (The XE model allows for input of mathematical equations and symbols.) She has a Calculus student as an aide during the lesson and during the assessment. Being an aide has an advantage in that he refreshes his knowledge of Algebra, which will come in handy for the SAT and college. The information from the student response clickers are her ongoing formative assessment data so that she can adjust her teaching based on this real data of what her students know. After the assessment is complete, students gain points by presenting and explaining the solutions to each problem. There is classroom discussion and interaction as each problem is reviewed. Everyone's doubts are important and addressed. The graphing calculator, which is really the manipulative for the high school math courses, is used constantly on the Smart Board. Net result: everybody wins. The students know what they are expected to master and have a system to fill any gaps or clear ambiguities. The teacher, in turn, has clear direction of where she needs to go. It is truly a learning community.

Laura has also started a Professional Learning Team composed of Math and Science teachers at Aviano to review and help each other use best practices in the classroom. In theory many best practices are easier to implement than they are in practice. When considering a new practice, being able to bounce ideas from another teacher can be very helpful.



WORKING TOGETHER: 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE & 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE STUDENTS CREATE PAPER TURKEYS!



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### DECEMBER

Dec 1: Wrestling Aviano  
@ Naples

Dec 8: Wrestling Home:  
Naples, Vicenza, AOSR &  
Sigonella

Dec 14/15: BB Home vs.  
AOSR

Dec 22- Jan 6:  
Winter Recess

### JANUARY

Jan 11-12: BB Home vs.  
Florence

Jan 12: Wrestling Aviano  
@ Vicenza

Jan 18-19: BB Aviano @  
Sigonella

Jan 19: Wrestling @  
Vicenza

Jan 25-26: BB @  
Marymount

Jan 26: Wrestling Home:  
Vicenza, Naples, AOSR &  
Sigonella

### Aviano MHS Future Educators Association Celebrate American Education Week



American Education Week—November 11-17, 2012—gives all Americans a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the National Education Association and American Legion as the co-sponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a co-sponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938.

### Aviano MHS Future Educators Association members meet with DoDDS-Europe Teacher of the Year for the Mediterranean District



On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Aviano chapter of the Future Educators Association had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Ms. Maribel Bastidas, DoDDS-Europe Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013.

#### BOOSTER CLUB

Booster club needs your help!  
For us to have a successful year we need and want parent participation. The Booster Club helps reduce costs of the athletes when traveling to Europeans and offers a male and female scholarship at the end of the year. To be able to have enough funds to make this possible we need more help! For more info email:  
a.v.hboosterclub@gmail.com

#### Parent Information Evening (PIE)

Aviano ES & Aviano MHS  
January 17, 2013  
5 PM  
Learn about electronic gradebooks – GradeSpeed for ES this school year and the new Aspen My Data gradebook for MHS this school year and **all** schools starting next school year.  
Detailed information will be available after winter break.

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

This year parents/adults from the Aviano community, both Italian and American are visiting Ms Hoffman's 8<sup>th</sup> grade seminar at Aviano MHS. They discuss their career, how they got interested in it, skills one needs for the job, share related careers, and answer questions from the students. The students have an opportunity to learn about various career choices, partake in dialogue that pertains to the world of work and develop high level thinking skills. Examples of community visitors have been: Architect, Personal Trainer, Author, Aircraft Controller, and Lab Tech, Physical Therapist and Travel Agent.



## School Exchange with Liceo Torricelli and IPSIA of Maniago

On 16 November 2012, the high school students from Signora Fisher and Signora Gasparotto's Italian classes visited Liceo Torricelli and IPSIA in Maniago. The exchange with Liceo Torricelli has been an on-going tradition here at Aviano since the time of the 1976 earthquake, when our base civil engineers helped to re-build the damaged school building in Maniago. This year, our students were honored to maintain the tradition by participating in this wonderful cultural and educational exchange. As they arrived to the campus, students were divided into groups; one group attended classical lessons at Liceo Torricelli, another group visited the technical school of IPSIA, while yet another group got to visit the local cutlery museum – Did you know that Maniago is known for its knife-making culture and traditions? All in all, it turned out to be a pretty amazing experience ... and we can't wait for our next reunion when the students from Liceo Torricelli and IPSIA come to visit us here at AMHS in April! Many Thanks to our parent chaperones, Ms. Birri, Ms. Corriere, and Mr. Fisher (Signora Fisher Brunetti's dad!) for helping to make this a productive, educational experience. Mille GRAZIE!

~ Signora Fisher Brunetti & Signora Gasparotto



### DRILL TEAM

Congratulations to the Aviano Saints AFJROTC Drill Team. They traveled to Lakenheath high school during the Veteran's Day weekend and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the overall competition. Aviano placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Armed Exhibition and Team Inspection, plus Top Armed Exhibition Team Commander. We also received a Solo Exhibition and Duo Exhibition Team award.



Drill Team Members: Daniel Alexander, Isaiah Heron, Jeremy Illagan, Jose Arnold, Ryan McHose, Shelby McHugh, Ryan Perran, Spencer Ridgeway, Levi Robertson, Anibal Rodriguez, Kaelyn Sian, Tatyana Smith, Nathaniel Wells, Victoria Wilson

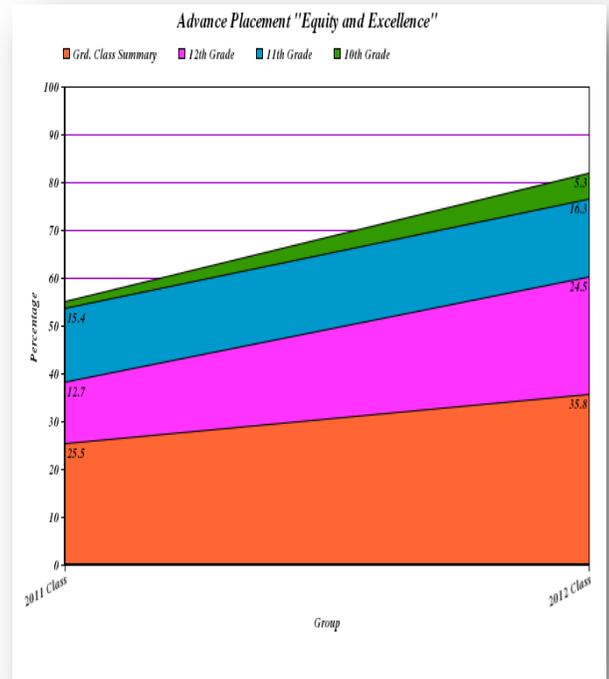


“Reminder – The DoDEA policy is based on the foundational principle that regular school attendance promotes higher levels of student achievement, school-connectedness, and readiness for colleges and careers. This policy mandates school attendance and requires referral to the Student Support Team after 5 absences and Command after 7 absences for appropriate intervention and support.”

### AP Testing Success

The AP Equity and Excellence report is a means to assess both the equity and excellence of the Aviano High School's AP program.

Specifically, the report shows the proportion of Aviano's entire senior class who scored a 3 or higher on an AP exam at any point during high school (Grd. Class Summary). Additionally, the report shows what percentage of Aviano's entire tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade classes took and scored a 3 or higher on at least on AP exam in May 2011 compared to May 2012. For details on what AP courses are available at Aviano High School please contact Ms. Dee Oleson, Counselor for HS.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8

Physical Education offers the unique experience of integrating personal and social skills into physical performance.

Below, students in Ms. Burelli's 6<sup>th</sup> period class use life skills such as communication and problem solving to strategize during a game of bucket ball.



## Aviano MHS Tenth Graders Travel to Venice



On October 31<sup>st</sup> 2012, students from Honors World History and Literature and World History classes travelled to Venice as a culminating activity after an in-depth study of the Renaissance. Students visited the Gallerie dell' Accademia where they saw, among many Italian masterpieces, Titian's Flight into Egypt. After visiting the museum, students were also able to have a guided visit of the Palazzo Grimani, a Renaissance doge's palace that has recently opened after 27 years of renovation.

## MS DRAMA CLASS

On Thursday, November 15, middle school drama students had a special guest visit their class - Mr. Joe Tomko, a professional actor and theater instructor. Mr. Tomko was visiting Italy to participate in the Aviano Community Theater's production of the musical *Annie* and fortunately he was able to take some time out to visit us. Students were able to ask Mr. Tomko many questions – about why he chose to be an actor, how he memorizes his lines, what kinds of acting jobs he has had, and the various characters and performances he has been a part of as an actor and/or director. We found out what it was like to be on a real Hollywood movie set, that most 7<sup>th</sup> graders do not know who Burt Reynolds is, and that Mr. Tomko prefers acting on the stage to acting in TV show and movies. Mr. Tomko delighted the students with his stories and also gave them a real-life experience of what an audition was like. A few students were brave enough to perform a monologue for Mr. Tomko and received both praise and practice tips for their performances. One student stated, "Performing for Mr. Tomko was one of the best experiences I have had in my life," and the honor of having Mr. Tomko in our midst was an honor for all of us.



## MOCK ELECTION



The Aviano MHS chapter of National Honor Society conducted a mock election on November 6 for the United States presidential election. For three weeks leading up to the actual voting day high school students were given the opportunity to register to vote in the election and read information about the five parties and candidates who were actually on enough ballots to potentially win the 270 electoral votes.

On the morning of election day students coming into school were greeted at the polls by friendly NHS/poll workers who checked their registration, handed out ballots, escorted voters into 'voting booths,' and passed out 'I voted' stickers. At the end of the day the results were announced.

Results were as follows:

47% of the school population grades 9-12 registered to vote

87% of registered voters actually voted

Popular vote: Obama 38, Romney 30, Johnson 3, Goode 2, Stein 5.

Electoral vote: (one vote per seminar) Obama 9, Romney 6



## FATAL VISION GOGGLES

7th grade Health students learn the hazards of driving drunk with the aid of fatal vision goggles.

