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What Makes a Principal Great (Continued from Jan 13 Newsletter)

Article found in Teacher Magazine, February 2009 by Cindi Rigsbee

Last month I wrote about an article by Cindi Rigsbee that has inspired me in my quest to become a good administrator and support the students, staff, and community to the best of my ability. I discussed the following ideas: "School as a family," "Teachers are treated as professionals," "Instruction in the school is data-driven," and "The school is student-centered."

I will continue with Cindi Rigsbee's last five principles on being a good principal.

Good Principals reach out to families; they make an effort to include families in the community of a school. They offer various opportunities for parents: including advisory council, open house, "PIE" nights, and frequent communication through walk-in appointments, phone messages, emails, and newsletters.

They have great reservoirs of energy. Good principals are in their schools early daily and remain until the job is completed. They can be seen at sporting events, student activities, and are seen helping however help is needed.

They promote school spirit and teamwork. There is a palpable spirit in school that has a good leader. Academic success is cheered just as athletics are and both teachers and students know they are valued.

They develop leaders. Good principals work diligently to ensure that their teachers are equipped to be leaders in the classroom and the school. Resources and supplies are available, and opportunities for professional growth are strongly encouraged. Student leadership is also valued in schools with good principals.

They have good help. Good principals aren't expected to do it all alone, and they don't expect that of themselves. They "distribute" leadership as they work with the assistant principal, athletic director, teacher leadership team, and all staff membership to achieve the vision of the school.

Again, by no means am I implying that I have obtained these goal/principles, but in my quest to become a good principal, I have found that communication is key. In the spirit of communication, I think it is important that the community of Aviano Middle/High School understand my vision and what I am striving to attain as a principal.

SCHOOL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Feb 1st /2nd : BB
Home vs. Naples

Feb 2nd : Wrestling
@ Naples

Feb 8th /9th : BB @
Vicenza

Feb 9th : Wrestling
Aviano Hosting
Sectional Qualifier

Feb 15-16:
European Wrestling
Championships @
Wiesbaden

Feb 20-23:
European
Basketball
Championships @
Wiesbaden

BOOK CLUB

The Aviano Book Club has been enjoying some great books and conversations this year.



MATHCOUNTS

Congratulations to the newly selected Mathcounts team!

Varsity- Chadeya Miller (Captain), Julia Markel, Monika Stevens, Nathan Huerta

Jr. Varsity- Lauren Vaughan (Captain), Kaitlyn Steinmetz, Nicholas Dubovik, Julian Diaz

In Early February we will complete at the Chapter level of Mathcounts. The results from that test will decide which schools will be invited to the State level of MC competition.

Al Scharff Mathcounts Coach

7th GRADE ROBOTICS

7th grade students in the Applied Technology (robotics) class wrapped up the semester with a remote control soccer challenge. During the course of the semester, students learned to use RobotC programming software to program the robots and to work with a partner in overcoming several design challenges. The nature of the challenges have the students working on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) related areas every step of the way during the semester. Students had to program the robot to go through a maze with target distances. To do this, they had to calculate drive wheel circumference and then determine how many revolutions of the wheel would take them to the required distance. They used "Booleen Logic" to do programming with "If – Else" statements in programming the robot to react to its environment with the use of several different types of sensors. Robots were also programmed to follow a path with the use of light sensor. In the final challenge students designed a robot to compete in a soccer game and programmed the robot to work with a PS2 game controller. The soccer challenge winners are pictured with their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates.



IMPORTANT DATES & INFO from the REGISTRAR:

MARCH 26 & 27th - Registration for *currently enrolled students* who are returning for SY 13-14 (mandatory)

MAY 16 – DoDDS Early Withdrawal Date (earliest date a student may be withdrawn from school, due to PCS only, and still receive semester credit, however a **Request for Acceleration** MUST be completed 30 days prior to the anticipated withdrawal date)

****If you are PCSing soon please contact the office immediately to allow us time to adequately prepare records and most importantly to ensure your child(ren) have everything he/she needs for a smooth transition to their gaining school. Note: if you are leaving over the summer, records will be available for pick up by 24 June, unless you make other arrangements with the registrar.***

****If you have been extended, please provide us with documentation of your new DEROS (i.e., an extension RIP, DEROS letter of verification from the MPF or Virtual MPF).***

For more details on any of the above items, please contact Mrs. Craver at 632-5292 (0434949873) or email kelley.craver@eu.dodea.edu

7th & 8th GRADE DANCE

Ninety 7th and 8th graders rocked the main ballroom of the Bella Vista on January 24th, celebrating the end of first semester at their winter dance. The dance was a perfect example of school-home-community partnership: the Bella Vista staff provided a tasty make-your-own-nacho bar and other snacks, set in a classy atmosphere with black and white tablecloths; the shoppette in Area 1 furnished helium-filled balloons for the centerpieces; the Aviano Photography Club volunteered four photographers to document festivities at no cost; several parents chaperoned and many others stopped by; and teachers and administrators came as well. Students planned the entire event, including advertising, tickers, centerpieces, and a playlist—The Cuban Shuffle and Gangnum style were among the most popular songs for dancing. Several students said it was “the best dance ever.”



TERRA NOVA

This is a reminder that the Terra Nova Assessment will be administered the week of, **March 11-14, 2013**. The purpose of this standardized achievement test is to provide information about students' achievement in the areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science. It is designed to sample the skills that students are expected to acquire and give important information to teachers to help shape instruction. This test is only one measure of student achievement and should not be seen as telling the whole story.

There are many ways you can help your child to do their best test work. During the testing days, make sure that your child:

Gets a good night sleep

Eats a nutritional breakfast

Gets lots of physical exercise

Has two no. 2 pencils, an eraser, and a calculator (each student will be given one no. 2 pencil but they may need extras and we do not have enough calculators to supply each student with one so they will need to bring their own)

As parents you can show an interest in the test by explaining when and why it is taking place and by asking about the testing at the end of each day. Your child should understand that the tests are important and that they should try their best.

It is very important that students are present during the testing week and parents are urged to avoid activities or appointments that would keep your child out of school or any late night activities during this time. Please put these dates on your calendar so you can plan accordingly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at debbie.lee@eu.dodea.edu or 632-5917.

REMINDER: STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If a student is going to be absent or late, please remember to call the office in the morning to let them know. You can reach the attendance clerk at 632-5313 or by email Tessa.Tauschek@eu.dodea.edu.

If a student will miss 3 or more days of school consecutively, it is DoDEA policy that a prearranged absence form be filled out 2 weeks in advance. These forms can be found in the office.

How does a 12 oz can of soda feel to Michael Jordan?



Ms. Dahlstrom's 8th grade Pre-Algebra classes have been working with proportional relationships and used an activity, called "Michael Jordan's Hand" to help make proportional relationships more tangible and to answer the question "what does a 12 ounce soda feel like to Michael Jordan?"

Students first found the perimeter of both Michael Jordan's actual hand and their own hand. Then, they wrote a proportion relating the size of his hand to the size of an actual 12 oz can of soda. We solved the proportion to find the size a can would have to be to fit in our hands the same way a 12 oz soda fits in his hand. Then we created our cans! The kids felt like giants with itty bitty cans and learned a lot about proportions!



School Health at Aviano MS/HS

We appreciate your parental support and compliance with the school attendance policy but ask parents to keep students at home when they have symptoms of illness. This measure helps to prevent the spread of infection to the other students, staff, and visitors in the building.

This recommendation is especially important during the flu season. As many of you are aware, our school and local community are beginning to experience the signs of flu-like symptoms along with gastrointestinal viruses that cause vomiting and diarrhea.

A guideline and rule of thumb to use for school attendance: no fever or symptom free (fever, vomiting and or diarrhea etc.) for 24 hours without the use of but not limited to medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Pepto-Bismol etc.

It is very important to have current phone, email and emergency contact information of file with the school. Before students are excused from school for illness, injury, or any other reasons, parents/guardians or authorized emergency contact persons are notified.

Any child displaying signs or symptoms of an untreated communicable disease are generally recognized as contagious and will be excluded from school until signs and symptoms abate or in some cases a note from the physician is provided.

Please take advantage of previewing the CDC link regarding influenza information and the current status of the major influenza outbreak in the USA. <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>