



The Round-Up

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Upcoming Events

February 8-13

Neighborhood Spelling Bees for grades 1-5—dates specific to each grade level TBD

February 12

NAEP Testing for 4th grade students only

February 14 1300-1430

Schoolwide Celebration

February 16

Professional Learning Day—No school for students

February 19

Federal Holiday—School closed

February 22 @ 1600

Schoolwide Spelling Bee

February 23 @ 1700-1930

Black History Month Program @ PES

March 21

End of 3rd Quarter

March 22

Teacher Workday—No School for students

March 25-29

Spring Break—No School for students

April 1

Professional Learning Day—No School for students

Dear School Community,

As we visit neighborhoods we see evidence of teaching and learning related to math modeling and reasoning throughout the school. Paired with problem solving and rich tasks, this gives students opportunities to engage in the deep thinking necessary to truly understand and explain their thinking through discussion and writing.

This week teacher leaders from every grade level will analyze student work collaboratively. We will score items from math assessments using common rubrics to gather data about students' understanding of major concepts, use of models, ability to construct viable arguments which incorporate mathematical vocabulary, and precision with math computation. Engaging in this work together allows us to gauge the continuous improvement efforts schoolwide, and move beyond our own grade levels to examine the results of our coherent efforts to improve written expression across content areas.

Recently our students in grades 3-5 completed their DoDEA-CAS Math Interim 2 assessment. We were happy that there was at least 5% growth in overall performance for all grades, yet we noticed that items which require explanation remain an area of growth for our school. On our local end of unit math assessments in K-5 we also had great improvements on modeling and reasoning items. There is room to enhance our skillset and so we continue this good work from our school's action plan.

*See you in the hallways,
Sonja & Sara*

Installation Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting

On Tuesday, February 20th from 1530-1630, Stuttgart High School will be hosting the next quarterly Installation Advisory Committee (IAC). This committee includes the Garrison Commander, School Administrators, and members from each School Advisory Committee. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss topics that are elevated from the School Advisory Committees, and to facilitate communication between Schools and Garrison.

This meeting is open to the school community. If you are interested in attending, or learning more about the IAC, please contact Brian Pappas, School Liaison Office, at

brian.n.pappas.naf@army.mil.

Are you PCSing soon?

Please reach out to our school registrar, Ms. Lakisha George, via email at lakisha.george@dodea.edu or call the school and speak with her. She will guide you through the process of withdrawing your student. She will work with the teachers to ensure the necessary paperwork is completed and prepare your child's records.

Celebrating STAR Stallions



After school, students have been practicing diligently for the Patch Elementary School Black History Month Program on February 23 from 1700-1930 at PES. This will be a fantastic experience for our community, and the students are so proud of the hard work they have poured into making this a success! Thank you to the dedicated staff and community members who have volunteered to help guide students as they prepare for this special event.



Celebrating STAR Stallions



Second Grade Scientists are taking the Tower Challenge!



Students investigate properties of materials and design stable, sturdy towers. They drew and labeled their designs in their notebooks and had a sense-making discussion about bases and materials using key vocabulary from their text.



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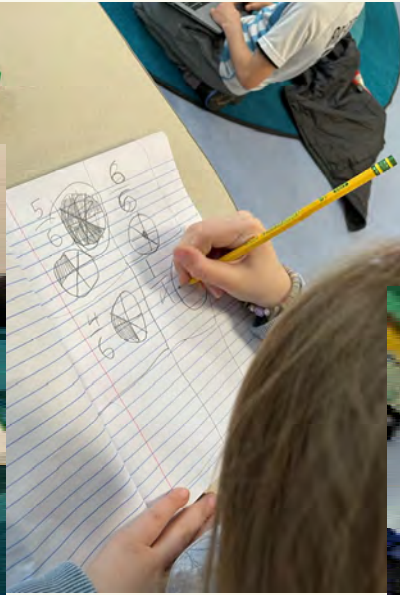
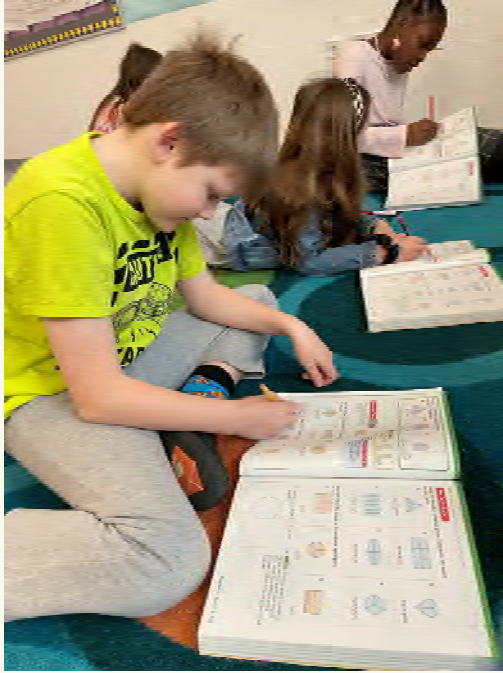
Third graders are researching scientists and inventors with Mr. A using databases. They are gathering information to write biographies.



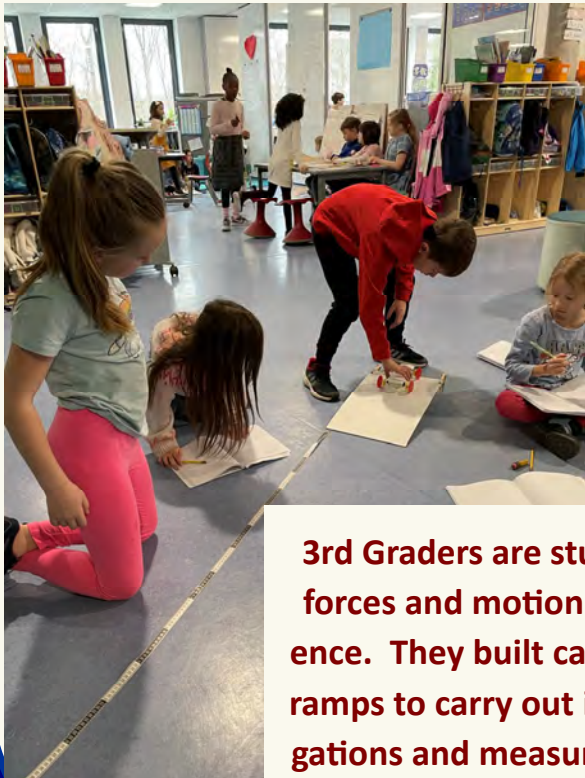
First graders are reading about robots and the work they do. They work together to gather evidence from the text about the main idea and key details of the text for their graphic organizer.



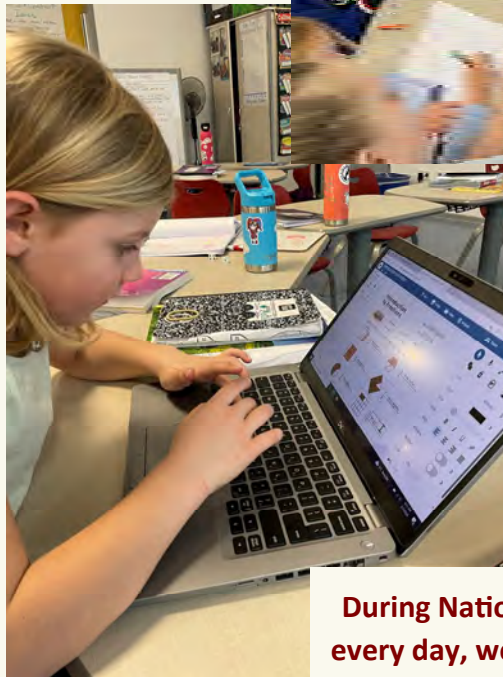
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Third graders are learning about equal parts of a whole, fractions, in mathematics. They are focused on key vocabulary such as numerator and denominator in their discussions.



3rd Graders are studying forces and motion in science. They built carts and ramps to carry out investigations and measured the distances traveled by the carts on multiple trials.



During National School Counseling Week and every day, we are grateful for our caring team!

