



# The Round-Up

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## Upcoming Events

### **February 22 @ 1600**

Schoolwide Spelling Bee

### **February 23 @ 1700-1930**

PES Black History Month Program

### **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

### **April 2**

4th Quarter Starts

### **April 15**

Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Day—No School for Students

### **April 22-26**

DoDEA CAS Summative Assessments 3rd Grade

### **April 29-May 3**

DoDEA CAS Summative Assessments 4th & 5th Grades

### **May 8**

Accelerated Withdrawal Due to Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders

*Dear School Community,*

*We hope that you enjoyed the long weekend with your family. Last week was a busy but joyful one at PES. The 4th graders took the NAEP assessment on Monday and grade levels finished up their neighborhood spelling bees. Three students from every grade level will move forward to the school level bee which will be held Feb. 22nd at 16:00 in the MPR. On Wednesday afternoon students enjoyed Valentine's Day celebrations schoolwide. Kindergarten also celebrated 100s Day.*

*On Friday teachers came together with their colleagues from across the Stuttgart Complex for a day of professional learning focused on teaching practices which support students with College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS). This quarter we focused on how to plan for and implement core instruction which gradually releases responsibility of learning and includes accountable, independent tasks for students. We clarified that independent tasks often engage students in collaborative practice and foster students' ownership for their own learning. We examined the role feedback plays in ensuring student progress and how it should connect to learning objectives and success criteria.*

*It's hard to believe but we are about halfway through the 3rd Quarter already. Mid-quarter is a good chance to take stock of your child's progress thus far. For parents of students in grades 4-5, please be sure to check Aspen for current grades. If you have any questions about your child's progress please reach out to your child's teacher at any time.*

*See you in the hallways,  
Sonja & Sara*

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Month of the Military Child is just around the corner, and each year, Stars and Stripes celebrates the lives of the special group of children who are the silent heroes of military resiliency worldwide. Stars and Stripes will be working with all DoDEA schools and homeschool groups to gather stories, art, photography, poems, and more to showcase their personal experience as a military child. These stories will appear on the Stars and Stripes media platform, newspaper, and the Month of the Military Child website ([Stars and Stripes | Month of the Military Child](https://starsandstripes.org/month-of-the-military-child) ).

## Patch ES Chain of Communication

From time to time, parents and other community members may have questions or concerns about our educational programs and services.

To ensure continuous open lines of communication, we encourage you to seek resolution at the lowest possible level.

Parents & Community have access to all school employees.

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## The Patch Pulse by Nurse Monica

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1. The American Dental Association has designated February as dental health month. As part of National Children's Dental Health Month, your student's teeth will be visually inspected on either on March 4 or 5, 2024. This dental exam is intended to identify dental problems that are visible and is not a substitute for a regular dental examination at the dental clinic. No x-rays are taken. Any abnormal results will be sent home with your student. Otherwise, no news is good news. If you prefer that you student **does not have an exam**, please let the student's primary teacher know via email.
2. With a variety of illnesses in the community **handwashing** is the best practice to stay healthy. Even despite handwashing some people still get sick and have fevers. Knowing how to measure body temperature and treating fevers is equally important. Measuring temperature by touch, called tactile temperature, is not recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Treating fevers with age and size appropriate medications, fluids and rest is important too. For example, never treat a child's temperature with Aspirin.

### **Here are some resources for fevers:**

<https://www.uptodate.com/contents/fever-in-children-beyond-the-basics>

<https://www.seattlechildrens.org/conditions/a-z/fever-myths-versus-facts/>

<https://www.aap.org/en/search/?k=fever>

3. Do you want to know the criteria for sending students home from school or the parental notification requirements? That information is available on the Patch Elementary School website: <https://www.dodea.edu/education/student-services/health-services>





# Celebrating STAR Stallions



First graders built their own kalimbas and explored the science of sound. Together each group had to discuss what they thought their Kalimba would sound like based on the different lengths of their tines. Then they built it as a team. They tested their hypotheses and played their creations. Each student listened to the pitch differences and learned how the length of each tine affects the pitch they create. Longer is lower, shorter is higher!





# Celebrating STAR Stallions

Students celebrated Valentine's Day schoolwide with games, crafts, snacks, and exchanging cards.

