



# The Round-Up

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## April Month of the Military Child

### Upcoming Events

- April 2**  
4th Quarter Starts
- April 5: Spirit Day—ROCK STAR!**  
Dress like the Rock Star that you are, and expect some fun at recess!
- April 12 Patriotic Pride!** Wear red, white, and blue or camo for bootcamp at recess!
- April 15**  
Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Day—No School for Students
- April 17**  
Purple Up Day
- April 19 Field Day and Jog-A-Thon COLOR RUN!** - details coming soon!
- April 22-26**  
DoDEA CAS Summative Assessments 3rd Grade
- April 26 CLAP IN!** 0730-0800
- April 26 PTA Family Night: BLOCK PARTY** 5-7pm
- 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 have been able to rest, relax, and recharge your batteries over Spring Break. Today we kick off the fourth quarter and Month of the Military Child. Each Friday the PTA has planned special themed spirit days for students. These are just a few of the ways we'll celebrate the strength and resiliency of our STAR Stallions. This month we will also have lots of other great events such as Recess Bootcamp, Field Day, Jog-A-Thon Color Run, Clap Ins, and a Family Night Block Party. More information will be shared as the month progresses, so stay tuned!*

*Last month our students in grades 3-5 took their final DoDEA-CAS Math Interim Assessment. Looking at our school's data allows us to celebrate our successes with these math standards and topics. 86% of students at Patch ES are meeting or exceeding expectations. This data also allows us to plan for additional instruction. Grade level teams will pinpoint re-teaching when they drill down through the process of error or item analysis.*

*Planning data informed instruction is a cyclical process. Teachers gather evidence about their learners in addition to our system-wide assessments. Yesterday our staff engaged in our final College and Career Ready professional learning day of the year to discuss just that. We focused on differentiation of instruction to meet the needs of all learners to improve our practice.*

*See you in the hallways,  
Sonja & Sara*

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## Yearbook Ordering is EXTENDED to FRI, APRIL 11th!!

School Code:  
095902M

<https://shop.memorybook.com/login>

**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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**Do you know how to reach our School Advisory Committee (SAC)?**

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**PCSing soon?**

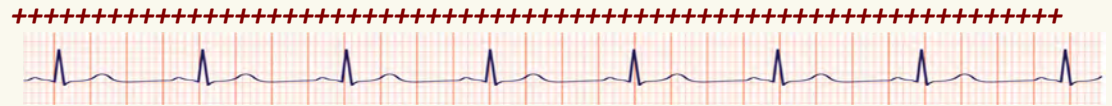
As we approach the end of SY 2023-24 and PCS season, please keep the following in mind:

**If you are PCSing prior to the Accelerated Withdrawal window, which opens on May 8<sup>th</sup>, you will need to submit a withdrawal request form to the registrar to receive your student's records to carry to your next location. Without formal withdrawal requests, students remain actively enrolled in the system.**

**If you are PCSing during the Accelerated withdrawal window, please complete the Accelerated Withdrawal request form and submit a copy of your orders at least 30 days prior to your departure. This needs to be approved by the principal. Your student may have to complete additional assignments to receive full credit for the quarter.**

**If you are tuition-paying, please ensure that you have paid and submit a copy of payment confirmation to the registrar. If you are unsure of your balance, please reach out the registrar or tuition department (contact information on your invoice) for details.**

**If you have questions, please reach out to our registrar Ms. George at [lakisha.george@dodea.edu](mailto:lakisha.george@dodea.edu).**



**The Patch Pulse**

An update from the Nurse's Office

Nurse Monica has done a fantastic job serving as our school nurse for the last two years and we couldn't be more grateful for her service. Unfortunately, we had to bid her farewell as she is moving to her next duty station. We will miss her tremendously, but our STAR Stallions are in good hands. Nurse Bethzy and Nurse Koch will be serving as our nurse substitutes until our new school nurse arrives. Thank you for your patience!



**Counseling is Caring**

Our school counselors and psychologist are your partners in caring for your children during their moments of challenge and success. This week they offer a few tips for helping children cope with moments of anxiousness or frustration. Want to talk more about these resources? Reach out to our team any time!

**School Counselors:**

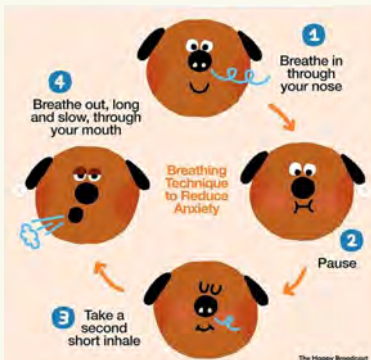


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**Imagine...**

You are woken up in the morning and being rushed to brush your teeth.

You're told what to wear, when to eat your breakfast, and what food you're eating.

For the next 6 hours, every minute of your day is structured by someone else...

Where to look, what to read, when you can talk, even down to when you are able to use the bathroom.

You come home and follow a similar pattern as the morning.

You're then told to go to sleep and wake up to do it all over again.

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**When someone asks me why their kid is pushing back, I walk through a child's day as we just did.**

Why? To drive home this point: Kids have very little control over their day.

Yes, kids need structure... but they also need to feel a sense of ownership.

When kids feel in control, they act in control.

Of course, our kids can't make all of the decisions - if they did, we'd be having ice cream for every meal in my house!

So, what can we do?

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**We can do small things to give our kids the feeling of being in control.**

This can be as simple as:

- "What color plate would you like to use for dinner?"
- "Do you think we should do bath before or after reading time? It's your choice!"
- "Which way should we walk home today?"

**Remember:** When kids feel in control, they act in control.

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Source: [About Dr. Becky Kennedy | Good Inside](#)



# Celebrating Spring

March Madness, Patch ES-style, was sponsored by the PTA this year. Many of our staff members brought their very best Rock, Paper, Scissors skills with them to compete for the coveted title of Champion. Ms. Rathbun was masterful and all class, defeating Ms. Cleek in finals. Congratulations Ms. Rathbun! Thank you PTA, this was so much fun!



STAR Stallions are empowered and care deeply about our school and the environment. At recess a group of young environmentalists posted signs around the playground with reminders to keep our school clean!



Thank you to USAG Stuttgart and The Directorate of Emergency Services for the Spring Demonstration and visit from a furry friend on the Thursday before Spring Break too.

