



# The Round-Up

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## April Month of the Military Child

### Upcoming Events

**April 10**— Student Registration for SY24-25 Opens!

**April 12** Report cards will be published in Aspen

**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 Clap In 0750

**April 19** Field Day and Jog-A-Thon COLOR RUN! @Husky Field (more details to come)

- ◆ K-2 0830-1045
- ◆ 3-5 1150-1405

**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,

Great news! April 10th re-registration for School Year 24-25 will open. Parents must submit a re-registration to indicate whether each student is staying in DoDEA or leaving their current location. Parents should log into the DoDEA Student Information System (DSIS) Family Portal at <https://dodeasis.myfollett.com/asp/en/logon.do> to submit each student re-registration request. The re-registration process also provides a quick and easy way for families to update information (contacts, Sponsor's employment status, student health) if the student is returning.

Below are a few tips to ensure success:

- Make sure you are using the Current Student Re-Registration section in the Family Portal.
- Expired or expiring orders? Upload documents on the Documents tab as part of the re-registration process (i.e., new orders, extensions, etc.).
- Update only information that has changed since last school year.
- Be sure to review and update all contact information for every contact. You will also be able to indicate whether an emergency contact should be added or removed.

Please complete the re-registration process as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the school year. The information collected during re-registration will be used to determine each student's continued eligibility, as well as plan staffing and resource needs for the coming school year. After your re-registration submission has been reviewed, the School Registrar will contact you if additional information is required.

**Note:** If your student is enrolled on a space available basis, you will need to complete and resubmit the Space A request form and supporting documents such as an updated LOI, CAC, IBL/CBL. Keep in mind that re-enrollment is not guaranteed so please provide the necessary documents in a timely manner for review. If you were granted an ETF (exception to feeder) for your child to attend PES, you will need to complete the ETF request form and re-submit in a timely manner for review. Re-enrollment at PES is not guaranteed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at +49 63171067000 or send an email to [patches.registrar@dodea.edu](mailto:patches.registrar@dodea.edu).

See you in the hallways,  
Sonja & Sara



School Code:  
095902M

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

<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)?**

**[SACPatchES@gmail.com](mailto:SACPatchES@gmail.com)**



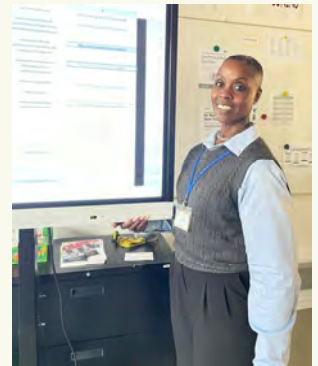
To celebrate Multilingual Learner Month at Patch ES this month, we will be recognizing all our bilingual and multilingual learners with a hallway display featuring each student with a DoDEA poster listing each student’s language and the flag from the country where the language is spoken.

Multilingual students in grades 3-5 have also been asked to volunteer to do the morning announcements in their other language. Students who volunteer will have an email sent to the parents in advance to inform them of the date and the information in the announcement so that the information can be practiced for accuracy.

If your student has not been recognized as being a bilingual or multilingual learner, please contact Ms. Stringfellow at [Stacey.stringfellow@dodea.edu](mailto:Stacey.stringfellow@dodea.edu) and provide her with the student’s name, grade, and language(s).

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***Thank you Dr. Mitchell for being a model of service to your community for students! Last week Dr. Mitchell volunteered to support students at Stuttgart High School as the SHS PTO hosted a College and Career Fair. Dr. Mitchell built awareness of and connected students with opportunities to attend HBCUs around the US.***



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**Universal Pre-Kindergarten**

DoDEA has announced that in SY24-25 we will begin implementing Phase I of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten plan. Patch ES, along with Stuttgart ES and Robinson Barracks ES have been identified as schools who will launch universal pre-kindergarten in the upcoming school year (SY24-25). Looking for more information about this valuable opportunity? Please use the links below to learn more about eligibility and enrollment, learning opportunities for students, family style dining (lunch), transportation, and so much more.

- ◆ [Department of Defense Education Activity to implement Universal Prekindergarten for School Year 2024-2025 | DoDEA](#)
- ◆ [Universal Prekindergarten Program | DoDEA](#)
- ◆ [UPK FAQs | DoDEA](#)



# Celebrating Student Leadership

The Patch ES Student Ambassador program has started. Ambassadors from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades welcome all new students to our school. On new students' first day of school ambassadors greet them in the front office and give them a tour. Throughout their first week ambassadors continue to check in with them, answer questions they may have, and make sure they are settling in okay.



## New Suggestion Box

Dear Patch Elementary School Parents and Guardians,

I would like to inform you about the suggestion box. The suggestion box was made by the Patch Elementary School's Student Council. The suggestion box is an opportunity for your kids to make suggestions for the school. This suggestion box is located in the lunchroom. Another suggestion box will also be put in the library in the coming weeks. There are 3 rules when using the suggestion box. There can only be 5 people standing in line to write a suggestion, you can't write more than two suggestions on each ticket, and also please have school-appropriate suggestions. Student council made the suggestion box so that the students of Patch Elementary School will feel part of Student Council. To write a suggestion for the suggestion box please include your name, the date, and your suggestion so that we can announce which suggestion Student Council will pick to do. Thank you, parents and guardians!

Sincerely,  
Georgia Lewis  
Student Council Press Secretary



The Student Council developed their idea for a suggestion box, pitched it to Mrs. Guth for approval, and solicited feedback and help from Ms. Johnson-Archie on the suggestion tickets. Then they launched the box with students during lunch last week. They wanted to empower student voices at PES.



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# »»» PATCH ELEMENTARY LIBRARY NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

## APRIL IS POETRY MONTH

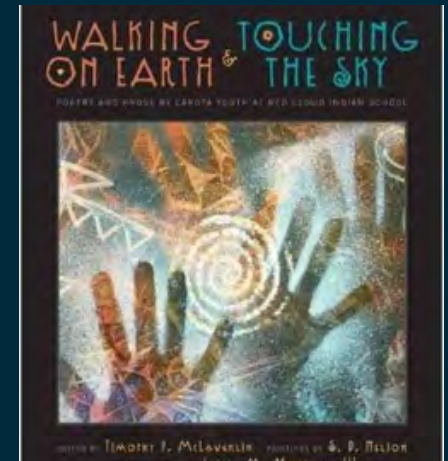


National Poetry Month is an annual celebration in the United States that takes place every April. Established by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, its purpose is to highlight the importance of poetry in our culture and to encourage people to engage with and appreciate poetry.

Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K–12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and of course poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives.

### »»» WALKING ON EARTH & TOUCHING THE SKY

Collection of poetry written by Lakota students at Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota on such topics as the history of oral tradition, the struggles of everyday life, and their personal connections to the natural world.



### »»» LOVE THAT DOG

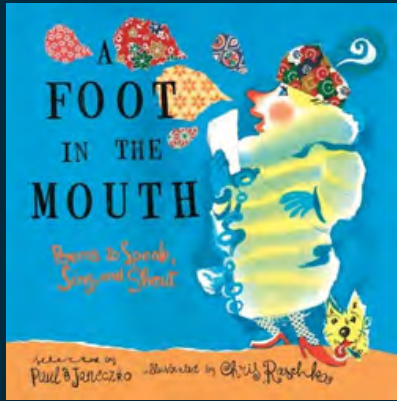
"Love That Dog" by Sharon Creech is a poignant and beautifully crafted novel-in-verse that captures the transformative power of poetry and the profound impact it can have on a young boy's life. Written in a simple yet evocative style, the story follows Jack, a reluctant poet who gradually discovers his own voice and passion for writing through the guidance of his teacher, Miss Stretchberry.

### »»» WINTER BEES & OTHER POEMS OF THE COLD

"WINTER BEES AND OTHER POEMS OF THE COLD" BY JOYCE SIDMAN IS A CAPTIVATING COLLECTION OF POEMS THAT EXPLORES THE WONDERS OF WINTER AND THE RESILIENCE OF LIFE IN COLD CLIMATES. THROUGH LYRICAL VERSES AND VIVID IMAGERY, INVITING READERS TO EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY AND HARSHNESS OF THE WINTER SEASON, CELEBRATING THE SURVIVAL STRATEGIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS IN THE FACE OF FREEZING TEMPERATURES.





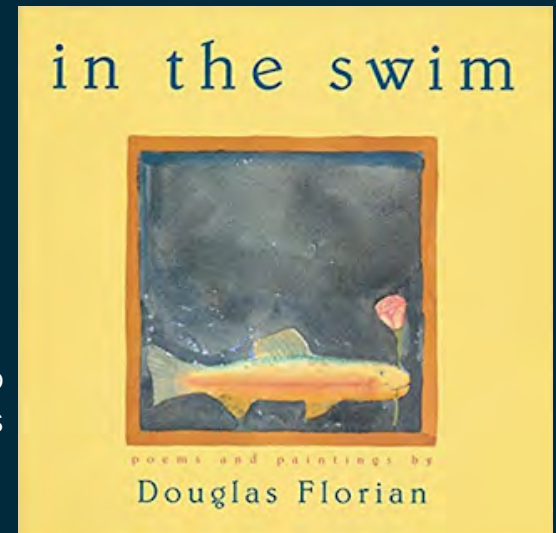


This anthology covers a wide range of topics, from everyday experiences to fantastical adventures, making it accessible and relatable to readers of all ages. Each poem is carefully chosen for its ability to be read aloud, encouraging readers to engage with the text in dynamic ways. Whether it's reciting a rhythmic chant, performing a lively rap, or relishing the cadence of a lyrical ballad, "A Foot in the Mouth" offers something for everyone to enjoy.

## »»» A FOOT IN THE MOUTH

## »»» IN THE SWIM

"IN THE SWIM" BY DOUGLAS FLORIAN IS A DELIGHTFUL COLLECTION OF PLAYFUL AND IMAGINATIVE POEMS THAT CELEBRATE THE WONDERS OF AQUATIC LIFE. THROUGH WHIMSICAL VERSES AND VIBRANT ILLUSTRATIONS, FLORIAN INVITES READERS TO DIVE INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN AND EXPLORE ITS DIVERSE INHABITANTS, FROM GRACEFUL DOLPHINS AND MAJESTIC WHALES TO QUIRKY SEA CUCUMBERS AND COLORFUL CLOWNFISH.



## »»» ECHO ECHO : REVERSO POEMS ABOUT GREEK MYTHS

"ECHO ECHO: REVERSO POEMS ABOUT GREEK MYTHS" BY MARILYN SINGER IS A CAPTIVATING COLLECTION OF POEMS THAT OFFERS A UNIQUE TWIST ON TRADITIONAL GREEK MYTHS THROUGH THE USE OF THE REVERSO FORM. IN THIS INNOVATIVE POETIC STYLE, EACH POEM IS PRESENTED IN TWO HALVES, WITH THE SECOND HALF MIRRORING THE FIRST, BUT WITH REVERSED LINES THAT CHANGE THE PERSPECTIVE OR MEANING.



## »»» RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS & PARENTS

<https://poets.org/national-poetry-month/30-ways-celebrate-national-poetry-month-classroom>

<https://poetryforchildren.blogspot.com/2024/01/sneak-peek-list-2024.html>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/books-and-authors/literacy-calendar/national-poetry-month>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/topics/activities/articles/poems-home>

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/84563>