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The IUS Newsletter



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Incirlik Unit School



Here's to a safe and prosperous New Year for our school and community!!

As we head into the new year, thinking about the kinds of programs we are implementing, we are grateful for your continued support.

Please remember that there are 3 more Parent Forums at the dates and times listed below:

Monday, January 11 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, with Carl Albrecht, our District Assistant Superintendent

Thursday, January 14 from 9:00 to 10:00 am

Friday, January 22 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm

My goal in these sessions is to ask what you like about our school, what you don't like, and what suggestions you have for change. We meet in the HS library. Hope to see you there!

In the new year, we are continuing to work toward our Quality Assurance Review visit, May 4-6, by AdvancEd, our stateside accrediting agency. A team consisting of 2 stateside educators and 4 DODEA educators will visit our school to ensure that we are meeting all of the AdvancEd standards and quality indicators. Our next half day of school is scheduled for Friday, January 15 and we will be releasing students at 11:15. The faculty will be meeting in the afternoon to continue to work on our accreditation documents.

Again, thanks for all of your support and please keep in touch!!

TERRY A. GREENE Ph.D.

Principal

Guarding a Vision for Our Future—



In order to stimulate activities and reflection in honor of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, we highlight one of the heroic events in American history. In March of 1965, Dr. King led a group of 25,000 ordinary citizens and religious leaders in a march from Selma, Alabama to the state capital of Montgomery, Alabama, more than 50 miles away. The purpose of this march was to tell the story of the desire for freedom that is the shared heritage of all Americans.

Jan 15: SAR writing for faculty. 1115 release.

Jan 18: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday. No school.

Jan. 21: SAC Meeting, 1500, HS Media Center.

Jan. 21-27: MS/HS Semester Exams.

Jan. 23: SAT, see pg. 3 for details.

Jan. 23: Winter Ball, 1900, Pavilion, PAX Terminal.

Jan. 28-31: Incirlik @ Ankara.

Jan. 28: End 2nd Quarter, First Semester.

Jan. 29: Teacher Work day. No school.

Feb. 01: Instruction resumes.

Feb. 05: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Feb. 05-06: Ankara @ Incirlik.



Words of Wisdom from our Past

You can access the famous James Karales photograph, *Selma-to-Montgomery March for Voting Rights in 1965*, and background information within the Picturing America materials. The Karales photograph transcends its primary function as a record of the event and has become an icon of the civil rights movement. The content, theme, and composition of the image have solidified its place as one of the significant works of American art of the Civil Rights Era.

For information about the *Picturing America* program visit the Web site at:

PicturingAmerica.neh.gov.

The King Center Home Page official Web site. URL: <http://www.thekingcenter.org/>

The Martin Luther King Jr Research and Education Institute provides free access to *A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (please note that only the speeches are free and DoDEA does not subscribe to any other resources on this site).

URL: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/publications/speechesFrame.htm>

URL for lesson plans: <http://mlk-kpp01.stanford.edu/index.php/resources/categories/C36/>

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Remembering the March on Washington Web site is dedicated to the 40th Anniversary of the March on Washington. It includes an additional Web site: **PBS The News Hour Extra** that contains lesson plans for educators.

URL: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/local/march40/>

URL for the Educator Section: http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/july-dec03/march_8-27.html

The **National Park Service** provides a tour of **Historic Places of the Civil Rights Movement**. This site includes a map of the US with links to states and cities where relevant civil rights events took place.

URL: <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/civilrights/>

IUS Continuous School Improvement in Action

The Gingerbread Party—Written by Sure Start students



We invited our brothers and sisters. We made the gingerbread. We decorated them. We had punch to drink. We invited our families to come in. Some of our parents could not come because they had to



work. We asked them to have a snack. We ate gingerbread. We colored gingerbread men. We could do dot-to-dot gingerbread men. We told them thank you for coming and said goodbye.



MS/HS Counselor's Corner

SAT and ACT information

The next opportunity for students to take the **SAT** will be January 23. The **ACT** will be administered next on February 6.

Please contact D. C., IUS Guidance Counselor for additional information at 676-6330.

Junior Language Arts Club

Come join the JLA Club (Jr. Language Arts). Students will read a variety of graphic novels from historical, to classical, to X-man, Manga, and many others. Students will also create their own graphic novel and character. If you are interested in joining the club please come by to see Ms. A. P. in room 118 for a permission slip. The club meets from 1430-1530/1545 each Monday. This club is for Middle School and High School.

The Robotics Club is up to great adventures!



The club is dedicated to all students who wish to discover their engineering skills or simply explore the unique field of robotics. The IUS PTSA donated five Lego® Mindstorms® NXT sets to ensure its success. The club's first session promises to be one of high energy, as groups of students gather around the robotics kits, explore what the parts and pieces can do, and plan, either in small groups or larger teams, for an exciting creation. **Is your child interested in joining a Robotics session?** Just come to Rm. 128 at the high school building, Saturday, January 30. You do not need to sign your child up. It is a walk in and explore for two hours, session. Second through third grade teams meet from 1100-1300, fourth through fifth grade meet from 1300-1500 and Middle School from 1500-1700. High School students interested in robotics may join in from 1500-1700. Parents are totally encourage and invited to join in on the fun! Contact L. R. at 676-6330 for more information.

Pokemon/Yugioh Club

The Pokemon/Yugioh Club has been meeting most Fridays after school for an hour. Groups of students, from second through middle school, gather together to duel or battle. For every win a person makes, he or she gets a shot at the "grab bag" for a card. Come join in on the fun and excitement. Except for early release days, the club meets every Friday, from 1415-1515, Rm. 128 at the upper balcony of the High School. Contact L. R. at 676-6330 for more information.

Debate Club

Incirlik Unit School is continuing to hold weekly meetings throughout January for Middle School and High School students interested in participating in public speaking and debate. Parent-coach T. C. and faculty sponsor N. B. hold weekly practice sessions with interested students and parents every Thursday evening from 1730 to 1830 in the High School classroom # 123. Our club will continue to focus with the Middle School students on declamation while the High School students will hone their debate skills in preparation for the April intramural competition.



ASACS

ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING SERVICES

WHAT: A comprehensive treatment, education and prevention program to help teens with the many challenges of adolescence: peer pressure, decision-making, problem-solving and stress management. If a student finds/seeks help for stressors or problems, they are more likely to discover or maintain healthy problem-solving skills and perhaps prevent an issue from growing. Developing these healthy tools may help to prevent teens from becoming involved with alcohol or other drugs. Our focus is on helping teens make healthy and safe choices.

WHERE: Office 113 at the High School—DSN 676-8977.

WHY: Reducing stressors, troubles and worries (about such things as friends, family, school, adjustment to Turkey, etc.) can help your life to be easier, more successful and much more fun.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Will everyone know? ASACS is a confidential process-- what is said in ASACS stays in ASACS unless someone is in danger. Sometimes family sessions are suggested and helpful.

Students under 14 years of age need parental consent.

WHO: M. E. P., LCSW, and CAS. Ms. P. has 28 years of experience. She enjoys helping students and their families shoulder through the many issues of adolescence, adjust to the unique experience of living in Turkey, and launch healthy young adults into a productive future.



Continuous School Improvement

DoDEA Mission: To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

IUS Vision: To prepare students to become problem solvers and life long learners for an ever-changing world.

To Prepare Students - we are teaching, equipping, and providing multiple opportunities to be problem solvers and life long learners.

Problems Solvers - are independent decision makers who think critically and creatively.

Life Long Learners - have a passion for learning in and out of the classroom.

In an Ever Changing World - a society requiring its members to be more flexible and adaptable.

IUS Goals:

Goal 1: All students, by June 2010, will improve targeted **Written Communication Skills** using instructional interventions implemented in all curricular areas as measured by the TN3 Language Arts subtest, PSAT Writing subtest and school-based assessments. The targeted skills are the organization of information for effective writing.

Goal 2: By June 2010, all students will increase performance on targeted **Critical Thinking Skills** using instructional interventions implemented in all curricular areas as measured by the TN3 Math subtests), PSAT Math subtest and school based assessments. The targeted skills are the ability to extract and apply essential information in a variety of situations.

Dates for NCA Accreditation: May 4 - 6, 2010

*A valuable part of our accreditation process is a parent input meeting during the visit. For more information about School Accreditation please visit: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/>