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The IUS Newsletter



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Incirlik Unit School



Parents,

Our accreditation visit is finally here!! We're excited to host the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) team to our school on Tuesday, May 4 through Thursday, May 6. Our accreditation status is critically important to you and your children. Being accredited means that your high school children are able to earn high school credit that can be transferred to other schools and that our high school program meets/exceeds stateside standards. Most elementary schools in the United States are accredited according to the standards of the specific state in which the school is located. Instead, DoDEA elementary schools meet the AdvancEd standards which assures you that the elementary program also meets/exceeds stateside standards.

IUS is currently accredited and in order to maintain our accreditation status we must meet the AdvancEd Standards for Quality Schools (www.advanc-ed.org), engage in continuous engagement, and demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review (QAR). There are 7 standards addressing the areas of vision and purpose, governance and leadership, teaching and learning, documenting and using results, resources and support systems, stakeholder communications and relationships, and commitment to continuous school improvement.

Our half-day writing days supported the production of our Standards Assessment Report where we documented how we meet each of the standards. Through classroom visits; talking with teachers, parents, students and administrators; walking the halls and examining student work; and reviewing documents, the team validates our actions and provides us with feedback about our next steps.

Our QAR team consists of 2 stateside members and 4 DoDDS members. A. B., J.D. who is the Chief Accreditation Officer for AdvancEd is the chair of the our team and J. H., Ed.D., Professor Emeritus, Educational Administration, University of South Dakota, is the other stateside team member. The DoDDS members include D. M., Principal, Rota MS/HS; F. O., Continuous Improvement Chair/Teacher, Aviano MS/HS; M. S., Assistant Principal, Hohenfels ES; and M. A., Educational Technologist, Heidelberg HS.

We finish our visit at the Community Outbrief on Thursday, May 6 at 2:30 in the cafeteria. Hope you all will join us there.

I'd like to thank you for all of your support in the getting ready for this visit. Your support means the world to us!

Terry

TERRY A. GREENE Ph.D.
Principal
Incirlik Unit School

May 03-12: AP Testing.
See pg. 6.

May 04-06: QAR visit.
See pg. 11-12.

May 11: MS/HS Spring Concert & Art Show, Club Complex. 08:00-20:30. See pg. 8.

May 15: HS Prom. Turkish Officers Club, 19:00-22:00.

May 18-23: Soccer Championships, Germany.

May 20: SAC Meeting, HS Media Center, 15:00.

May 26-30: Softball Championships, Germany. See pg. 8.

May 31: Memorial Day. Federal Holiday. No instruction.

June 03: Spring Sports Banquet, Ice Cream Social, MPR. TBA.

June 11: Graduation, TBA.



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Summer Enrichment Program 2010



DoDEA will again offer a 4-week, half-day Summer Enrichment Program for Space-Required (Category 1) DoDDS and eligible DDESS students in grades K-8 who are currently enrolled in a DoDEA school. This program will feature an academic-enrichment curriculum emphasizing math and language arts. It is not a remedial program but is designed to support and reinforce student learning through engaging, high-interest activities. The program will run Monday through Friday for four weeks, from 9am to noon. Neither transportation nor lunch will be provided.

Curriculum:

The 2010 program will use materials from Voyager Expanded Learning. Students in grades K-5 will experience the primary and intermediate levels of *Kaleidoscope*. Students in grades 6-8 will participate in *American Dream*. These materials have been revised from previous versions and will allow greater flexibility in grouping students, particularly those students in grades K-3.

Schedule for Program:

Locations	1 st Teacher Day for Training and Preparation	First/Last Student Day
DoDDS-E (26 Sites)	21-25 June	28 June-23 July

Classes meet from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Program Evaluation:

Student and parent surveys will be used for program evaluation purposes.

Terry Greene, Ph.D.
Principal
Incirlik Unit School



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ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING SERVICES

High School Drama

Is it the arrival of Spring (finally!) or have things just been too quiet for too long? Normal teenage drama like girl dumps boy or one teen has a falling out with another would typically last a day or two and everyone would deal with it and move on.

With the use of mobile phones and social networking sites, these events have risen to a new level in the high school. Suddenly, instead of those concerned and one or two of their friends getting involved, everyone is texting each other and posting on their favorite social networking sites. 10 or 15 teens are now involved, each with an opinion on the matter and each adding fuel to the fire. This makes it harder for the central characters to solve the problem between them, but also creates unnecessary distractions for the others who get involved.

There is another danger here as well: in the heat of the moment, teens texting or posting may say things they don't mean, which can be interpreted as threatening or intimidating and then there's a legal issue. Cyber- or Internet bullying have entered our language and there have been court cases where the cyber threat has the same legal consequences as a face-to-face threat. Texts or postings have been used as legal evidence. And service providers forward to the police these texts or postings, which the sender thought, were deleted.



Here are some steps you may want to take: do random checks of the texts your child has sent. You may be surprised at some of the language used. Consider limiting the amount of credit you buy your child. Follow the lead of parents who only allow their child to open a Facebook or MySpace account if they, the parents, can have access. Monitor your child's use of these social networking sites. Please contact me if you would like a workshop on how to do this monitoring. Please contact me if you have done this effectively and would like to pass on your expertise to other parents.

M. E. P., LCSW, CAS

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Adolescent Substance Abuse Counselor

Office 113-- High School

DSN 676-8977

Recruiting Volunteers
for new
DEPLOYMENT BUDDIES GROUP

This will be one time per month on:



May 14 12:45-14:15

- ♦ We are looking for middle and high school students who preferably have a deployed parent or have experience handling deployments.
- ♦ These students will be paired with younger students to help them with the adjustment.
- ♦ There will be snacks and an activity. Any interested students please see Ms. P.--Office #113.

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From the Nurse's Corner—T. C.

National Security Risk



School Lunches have been called many things, but a group of retired military officers is giving them a new label: national security threat. That's not a reference to the mystery meat served up in the cafeteria line either. The retired officers are saying that school lunches have helped make the nation's young people so fat that fewer of them can meet the military's physical fitness standards, and recruitment is in jeopardy.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36664612/ns/health-diet_and_nutrition/

Tobacco “Mints”

Smokeless, flavored tobacco products that look like candy and come in packages shaped like cell phones may be contributing to accidental poisonings in very young children, new research suggests.

Nicotine-laced pellets, strips and sticks that dissolve completely in the user's mouth — dubbed “tobacco candy” by critics — have joined chewing tobacco and snuff to become the second-most common cause of unintentional tobacco ingestion in kids younger than six. http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36564107/ns/health-kids_and_parenting/

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Parents May Not Recognize Bullies

Some common misconceptions may lull the parents of bullies into failing to recognize warning signs.

Bullies are often star athletes or popular girls considered charismatic leaders by peers and adults, experts say. What's often missed or passed over as minor is a consistent pattern of control and aggression against other kids — behavior that socially savvy bullies can sometimes slide under the radar of grown-ups. http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36460872/ns/health-kids_and_parenting/

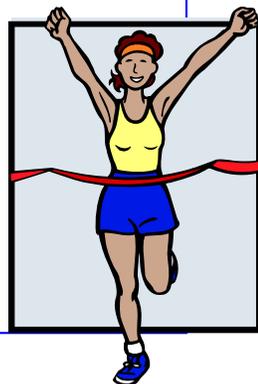
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Physical Fitness Linked to Academic Success

Physically fit students tend to score higher on standardized tests than their less fit peers, a new study suggests. Test scores dropped more than one point for each extra minute it took middle and high school students to complete a 1-mile run/walk fitness test, Dr. William J. McCarthy and colleagues at the University of California in Los Angeles found. <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/35587059/ns/health-fitness/>

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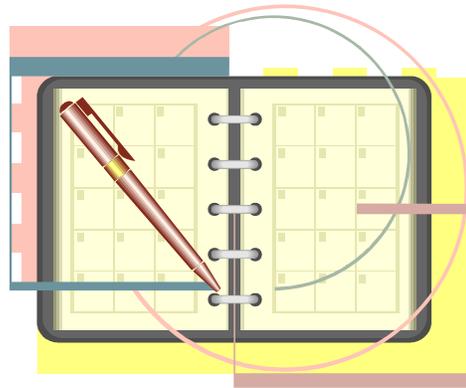


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From the MS/HS Counselor's Corner—D. C.

- ◆ Last chance to take the ACT will be June 12th. You must pre-register by May 7th. Please see Mr. C. for registration information.
- ◆ We hope to receive the results from the *TerraNova* test before school is out this year. As soon as we receive them, parents/sponsors will be notified and the test results will be distributed. Grades 3-11 participated.
- ◆ Students taking AP courses will be taking the tests for those courses in May. The schedule for the tests is as follows:

May 3	AP US Govt/Politics
May 5	AP Calculus
May 7	AP US History
May 10	AP Physics
May 11	AP Chemistry
May 12	AP English Language

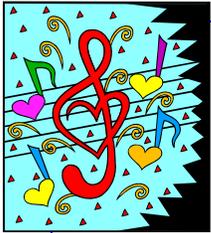


All of these exams are administered by Mr. C. and take approximately 3 hours during regular school hours. Please contact Mr. C. at 676-5001 for more information.



- ◆ We are continuing to work on our master schedule for SY2010-11. Once the master schedule is set, we will be able to provide next year's student schedules. If your student(s) grades 6-11 have not submitted specific course requests please contact Mr. C. at 676-5001.

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Children's Day IUS Choir Performances

—S. D.

The 2nd-5th Grade Honors Choir was invited to perform at Arkadas Park for The Annual Turkish Children's Day Celebration (A Turkish National Holiday).

The 2nd-5th Grade Honors Choir performed three songs followed by a vocal solo from one of our elementary students. A series of Broadway and modern pop songs by the IUS MS/HS Show Choir (under the direction of Mr. N. C.), was followed by an instrumental/vocal solo from one of our middle school students.

After the performances, children along with adults enjoyed horse rides, great Turkish food, and lots of great Turkish entertainment.

Sight and Sound Sensation!—R. E.

Don't miss our show on May 11th at the Club Complex! Our Middle School and High School music students will put on a Spring Concert and our art students will be displaying work that they have created throughout the year.

Music students, along with our esteemed choir and band teacher, Mr. N. C. will be performing during the day to entertain our school, with performances at 8:30, 10:00, and 1:00 o'clock. In the evening, there will be a concert open to the community starting at 6:30.

The art show will be available for viewing from 8 AM, throughout the day until 8:30 PM. Please join us as we show our many talents in music and in the visual arts.

(Stay tuned for an Elementary Concert and Art Show in June.)





Spring Concert

Time to “Rock out in classical style”

Where: Club Complex

When: May 11th

Time:

Day Schedule

8:30.....K-2

10:00.....3-5 grades

1 o'clock pm.....Mid/High School

6:30pm.....(Community Concert for parents, friends & neighbors)

Phantom of the opera.....Disco Lives....Mama Mia....

Classical “Light of Dawn”.....Transformers...Superstition...Dr.Rockenstein.....

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious...and more’

Lady Hodjas Softball—Coach T. S.

Our Lady Hodja’s softball team began a grueling season with minimal games and two plus months of practices. We have experienced a wealth of youthful talent and a few returning veterans. As with most sports here, we suffer from turnover every two years, if not sooner. This year, we are blessed to have a returning pitcher, S. C., who has been very dedicated and produced a strong work ethic. The softball team has also had a few transfers this year that will prove to be of value to the team, C. E. and A. M. IUS has several new players that are going to play a key role, M. R. and D. G.

As we are getting prepared for Championships in Germany, we will be scrimmaging a throw-together base team that will include a few parents and teachers. This will be the only opportunity that our athletes will have to see live games. These scrimmages began on Friday April 30 @ 3pm and will continue each Friday until Championships May 24-30. We encourage parents and IUS supporters to come out and show support. The two Coach S.’s and Coach D. are extremely excited about this season and have seen a vast amount of improvements already.

The coaching staff looks forward to continued success and even improvement to compete at championships.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL INTRAMURALS—J. D.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

(Note: All activities are for 6-8 grades ONLY – Boys and Girls Divisions in some sports and Coed teams in others)



TRACK CLUB:

Sign-ups: Completed in April

Activity: 26 April – 7 May



SOFTBALL and/or

ULTIMATE FRISBEE:

Sign-ups: 10-14 May

Activity: 17-28 May



(Note: All activities will follow this sequence: 1. Sign-ups in room #126/HS bldg. 2. Organizational meeting in room #126 before activities begin 3. Tournament or Round Robin play 4. Championships)

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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: By June 2010, all students will increase performance 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/>

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