

Apr./May 2012



# The IUS Newsletter



Email: [IncirlikEHS.Principal@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:IncirlikEHS.Principal@eu.dodea.edu)  
Web Page: [www.inci-ehs.eu.dodea.edu](http://www.inci-ehs.eu.dodea.edu)

## Incirlik Unit School



### *ON EARLY WITHDRAWAL*

Parents,

We are repeating this important information about early withdrawal from school for families PCS'ing only!

Per the attachments, "students must be in school all day for the last day of school prior to the accelerated withdrawal date." The accelerated withdrawal date is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

For elementary and middle school students who are PCS'ing, we are able to promote your child to the next grade level after the completion of a full day of school on May 16.

For high school students, parents must request an acceleration of courses for each student based on their PCS. To obtain full credit, high school students must complete the required class work as specified by their course instructor prior to May 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 676-3109 or at [terry.greene@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:terry.greene@eu.dodea.edu).

Terry

TERRY A. GREENE Ph.D.

Principal

Incirlik Unit School

Apr. 22-27: STEM Expo, Germany.

Apr. 24: Parent Conferences. Early dismissal for all, 1115.

Apr. 25: Honor Roll Assemblies, 4th-5th grade, 1145-1200, MPR; MS/HS, TBA.

Apr. 27-29: ASA Tournament Soccer, Incirlik@Ankara.

May 04: Peace Ambassador Assembly, 1330-1400, MPR.

May 04-05: Soccer Ankara@Incirlik.

May 15: Drama Play, HS Courtyard, TBA.

May 16-20: Soccer Championships, Ramstein.

May 17: MS/HS Art Show (courtyard) & MS/HS Spring Concert., TBA

May 20-27: Softball Championship, TBA.

May 28: Memorial Day, No school.

May 29: K-2 Field Day.

May 30: 3-5 Field Day.

June 08: HS Graduation, 1800-1930, TBA.

June 14: End of 4th quarter/2nd semester. Instruction ends.

## ON EARLY WITHDRAWAL



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, EUROPE  
UNIT 29649, Box 7000  
APO AE 09002-7000



November 15, 2011  
EUR-11-005 w ch-1

MEMORANDUM FOR SUPERINTENDENTS, DoDDS-EUROPE  
PRINCIPALS, DoDDS-EUROPE

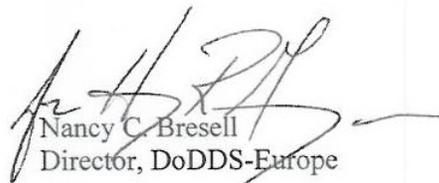
SUBJECT: Accelerated Withdrawal Due to PCS SY 2011-2012

The DoDEA provision for permitting the early withdrawal of students with full semester credit is based on careful consideration of the unique circumstances found in the DoDDS system. This policy recognizes that due to military necessity, families are occasionally required to move prior to the end of the school year and that children should not be penalized for this. The 20-day limit provides reasonable flexibility without compromising academic standards or placing the student in an untenable position in regard to mastery of curriculum content. This provision was never intended to apply to, or be extended for, the convenience of family travel, visits, or other discretionary reasons. The policy therefore requires that students present verification of the date of their sponsor's departure, i.e., Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or other official orders, to school officials in order to receive consideration for full academic credit. Students who withdraw prior to the 20-day limit receive a "withdrawal" grade rather than a final grade.

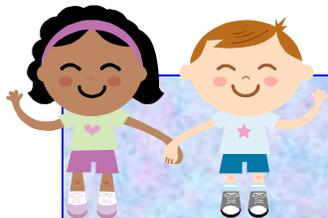
The accelerated withdrawal dates for SY 2011-2012 are as follows:

- Most DoDDS-E Schools: December 14, 2011 (First Semester) and May 17, 2012 (End of SY). Students must be in school all day on the last school day prior to the accelerated withdrawal date.
- AFNORTH, Bahrain, Geilenkirchen, Kleine Brogel, and SHAPE Schools: See individual school calendars. Students must be in school all day on the last school day prior to the accelerated withdrawal date.

You should be confident of my complete support should you be questioned or challenged in the enforcement of this policy.

  
Nancy C. Bresell  
Director, DoDDS-Europe

cc:  
Deputy Superintendent, CIA, DoDDS-Europe  
Service Liaisons



## *Kindergarten Registration*

Kindergarten registration will take place the week of Monday, May 7 through Friday, May 11. Please visit the Registration Center, from 8:00 to 11:00 and 13:30 to 4:00 to complete the paperwork. Registration for Kindergarten students will close on Friday, May 11.

For registration, you will need your child's birth certificate, shot records, and your orders. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2012.

If you have questions about re-registration, PCS'ing, or Kindergarten Registration, please call Seda Mazlum at 676-6330.

Thanks for your support in meeting our deadlines!!

Terry

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

## *Gym Construction*

Parents,

We are pleased to announce that the construction on our gym has finally begun. The next time you are on campus you will notice the fence around a large part of the gym that will help remind our students and teachers that it is a construction area and is off limits. During this initial phase of the construction, our elementary classes will continue to meet in the small elementary gym. Also our elementary playground will not be impacted by the construction.

We're hoping to have the construction completed and the gym returned to us by November 1 of the coming school year!

If you have questions, please call me at 676-3109 or email me at [terry.greene@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:terry.greene@eu.dodea.edu).

Thanks for your support!!

Terry

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



## *I.U.S. Rocks– Again!—A.J. G.*

Incirlik Unit School hosted a family reading night at the end of March. It was for



PreK– 8th grade students and boasted a Rock-n-Roll theme. With the help of many volunteers the night was a great success, not to mention a ton of fun. The music teacher, Mr. D., prepared students to perform rock songs



to kick off the event for their families. After a yummy hot dog meal, provided by the PTA, everyone was released to different musically themed stations.

The students and parents enjoyed several different stations created by our dedicated teachers. There was the “Rock Around the Clock” book walk with free books to the winners, a “Mad-Libs” station for students to create crazy stories, and a “Choose Your Own Adventure” SmartBoard station.



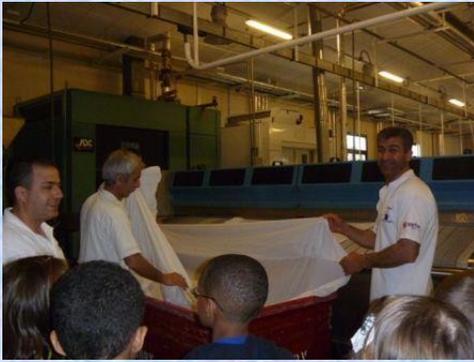
Students were loud and rowdy at the “Charades on Parade” station while the “Rock-n-Read” rocking chairs, “Book BINGO” and “Design a Bookmark” stations were much more chill. Every place either had free books, bookmarks or candy to give away for participating.

Middle school students were treated to their own stations and wore backstage passes to gain admittance. They explored the world of Google Earth, sang at the top of their lungs at the karaoke station and examined why “Love is a Battlefield” and other metaphors.

Rock-n-Read was a great family night and we are all looking forward to next year!



## *A Field Trip to the Laundry Facility—R. Z.*



Ms. Z.'s class went on a field trip to the base laundry facility. Mr.L. showed the class the huge washing machines that clean the dirty clothes and linens.



The class learned that one man that works at the facility invented a machine that makes hangers. It's now cheaper for the base to make hangers in Turkey than to buy them from the States.



Students were fascinated by the machine that dries the sheets and folds them. The dry cleaning area was also fun to see.



## *Incirlik ES Health Club Visits Base Health Expo*

*—J. S.*

The Incirlik Elementary School Health Club visited the Health Expo sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center on base. After a “healthy” walk to the expo, the students were exposed to numerous aspects of healthy living such as the importance of proper nutrition and maintaining healthy blood pressures. They were also educated on habits to avoid, such as smoking and drinking alcohol. The students also hit up numerous “fun” stations such as the aqua-massage for stress reduction, the fire safety station and the under-the-influence driving goggles station complete with a derby drive.



One of the most impressive aspects of the trip was the care and interest each student took in picking out information that they wanted to take home to share with their families. They also took great joy in filling up their swag bags with goodies and entertaining items. On the way home they asked to go again, but alas we will have to wait for next year. The ES Health Club gives thanks and two thumbs up to all participants of the Health Expo of Incirlik, Turkey!



## Leadership & Wellbeing Seminars—J. S.

**For:** 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades (up to 20 openings-first come first served)

**When:** Weekends Starting-April 29<sup>th</sup> Sundays 2pm-5:30pm

**Why:** to develop leadership skills through understanding the sorrows and triumphs of others.

This course is designed to teach preteens/teens the cost of being a bystander as an individual and to show what happens when an entire population takes on the role of a bystander. This course is being offered in an effort to curb callousness towards others, and to increase leadership capabilities as well as broaden students' scope of awareness about the world around them. In learning about the struggles of others, I anticipate that their appreciation for what they do have in life will rise and with that a deeper respect for others will develop. My additional hope is to galvanize them to band together and work towards a healthy goal for a cause and to define and plan on the goals for their life. It is known that people who have goals that they work towards, are more grounded, more self-confident, healthier, and are leaders among their peers.

**Content:** In each weekend seminar, students will watch a documentary or docudrama that highlights an issue or problem occurring in the world. After, we will brief out on what we watched and tie it to individual discussion topics such as relationships, how we treat each other, how to be leaders and avoid by-standing behavior. Finally, we will watch a popular culture movie where students can relax, snack, be kids, and decompress. *For students that complete every seminar, I will host a pool party at the end of the school year.*

**DISCLAIMER: CONTENT IN THE DOCUMENTARIES IS NOT FOR EVERY STUDENT. TOPICS COVER IDEAS SUCH AS WAR, CHILD SOLDIERS, MURDER, GENOCIDE, GLOBAL WARMING ETC. PLEASE ASK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOVIES IF INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM.**

Why should my child do this?

**Middle School-ers:** Students in middle school are the most vulnerable to being influenced by their peers as they struggle to establish themselves as teenagers. They are very impressionable and are at risk for being bullied or turning into bullies themselves or even a bit of both. This will offer them a chance to broaden their world view and realize that there are many others in the world that are facing challenges that are greater than own. It will also not only develop a greater appreciation and a sense of self, but teach them ways not to be a bystander or be bullied. Each child will get a leadership seminar certificate of completion. It will be something they can put in their resumes for college, scholarships or jobs after high school. I will also write recommendations for each student.

**High School-ers:** In addition to all that the middle school students will get out of it, High School students will get the opportunity to develop their goals for school and for after graduation. They will be expected to take on leadership roles in the school next year and if they are at another school they will have the tools to act and lead independently as the young adults they are turning into. Again recommendations will be written for each student that they can use in their resume's and college applications.

## D.A.R.E. Graduation Galore

### —S. S. E., ASACS Counselor

On April 4, 2012, Mr. Smith's M.S. Health Classes weren't just winding down the third academic quarter at IUS—they were celebrating the completion of D.A.R.E. and the ASACS LifeSkills Curricula. The PTA sponsored a lunchtime pizza party for the students who learned important skills related to: healthy choices, decision-making, communication and problem-solving.

Third and fourth grade teachers; Ms. P., Ms. R., Mr. W. and Ms. M. also welcomed our DARE Officers, A1C S. D. and A1C C. S., into their classrooms on a weekly basis this quarter. Their students learned about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and violence, and even used the material designed for fifth and sixth graders! Generous parents sent in mountains of cookies to help celebrate the April 4, 2012 afternoon graduation.

Once our kindergarten students complete D.A.R.E. next quarter, we will be able to say that all IUS K-8 students have been taught the skills that will allow them to make IUS the drug free/ bully free environment that we all seek to create.



The students surprised the D.A.R.E. officers by presenting them with huge thank you cards.



**Mr. W.'s Class—DARE Graduates**



**Ms. M.'s Class—DARE Graduates**



**Ms P.'s Class—DARE Graduates**



**Ms R.'s Class—DARE Graduates**



**Quarter 3, 6th grade Class—DARE Graduates**



**Quarter 3, 7th grade Class—DARE Graduates**



Quarter 3, 8th grade Class—DARE Graduates

\*\*\*\*\*

### *IUS Boasts of Remarkable Talents*



One of our very own, H. O., has submitted to the *Euro Film Fest*, an original music video that she wrote, recorded and produced.

Please take a look and enjoy.

The title is *incOrigin1* and you will see K. K. in the icon.

<https://euschools.eduvision.tv/Default.aspx>

## *Spring Sports Schedule:*

### Spring Coed Soccer

April:

April 27th – 29th Incirlik @ Ankara  
for ASA Tournament

May:

May 4th-5th Ankara @ Incirlik  
May 16th -20th Soccer Championships  
(Ramstein)



### Softball

May 20th -27th Softball Championships  
(TBD)





## *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.

### **The following IUS Goals were met as of June 2011:**

**Goal 1:** By June 2011, 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 2011, 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.

**NCA Accreditation:** Our accreditation took place May 4 - 6, 2010. We passed with five commendations, as well as being referred to as the “Model School for Continuous School Improvement” and a “Model School Turn Around.”

***IUS 4 - EVER***