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The IUS Newsletter



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Learning Lights the Way



“Thank you” is the theme of this newsletter. Having just completed the Thanksgiving holiday and now officially entering the holiday season it is important to acknowledge all of our parent and community partners who make school possible. Despite all of the excitement in the air and the eagerly anticipated winter break, we maintain our focus on academics and student learning. This ever-present focus would not be possible without the on-going support of our parent and greater community. Thank you for helping us continue to emphasize the “business” of school.

One important item of business is our 11 December Early Withdrawal Date. If you have not already done so, if you will be PCSing before the end of the 1st semester on 22 January 2009, it is imperative that you contact our registrar and school counselor to inform us of your plans. For those students (middle- or high school) who are in **high school** classes, it will be necessary to accelerate their program in order to provide a semester unit. High school teachers need to be informed of each and every student this affects to properly prepare advanced lessons and semester exams. In order to qualify for acceleration, students must be PCSing and in school through 11 December. Please contact the school office at 676-3109 or 676-6330 if you have questions.

Again, thank you for your on-going support and Happy Holidays!

Raynard Eddings
Principal

Lucille Sutherland
Assistant Principal

[Dec. 01:](#) Tree Lighting Ceremony, Base Chapel, 1800.

[Dec. 03:](#) Holiday Concert, Club Cplx, 1830.

[Dec. 05:](#) Girls' Basketball Scrimmage, Base Gym, 1730

[Dec. 06:](#) SAT, Tarsus American School.

[Dec. 11:](#) Early withdrawal date.

[Dec. 12-13:](#) Ankara @IUS

[Dec. 13:](#) ACT, IC HS.

[Dec. 16:](#) PTSA Holiday Concert, MPR, 1800

[Dec. 18:](#) SAC meeting, HS Information Center. 1500.

[Dec. 22-Jan 02:](#) Winter Holiday

[Jan. 05:](#) Instruction resumes

We'd Like to thank YOU!

The Incirlik Unit School faculty and students would like to give thanks for the tremendous parent and community volunteer contributions to our school family. Please accept our gratitude for all you do, as mentors, tutors, parent aides, cooks, gift wrappers, trainers, support staff during health screenings, chaperones, volunteer office staff, copy machine helpers, coaches....the list goes on!! YOUR contributions enhance our focus toward a better, more community-wide supported school.. This issue is dedicated to YOU!



"School-Community Connection"

We call it SIP

School Improvement Process for Continuous School Progress

Goal 1: All students will improve their written communication across the curriculum.

Goal 2: All students will improve their critical thinking skills across the curriculum.

Parent and Community Volunteer Contributions—We Thank YOU From the School Nurse—T.C.

Red Ribbon Week Activities/Substance Abuse Education



Community volunteers from various commands on the Base offered their time to assist the school with the **Red Ribbon Week Activities/Substance Abuse Education** for 2-12th grade students. Some of the services provided for the students were classroom and lunchtime education, free Give-Away items, Poster/Essay judging, and monetary awards for MS and HS students. The culmina-

tion of the week was a community-based Fun Run/Walk where everyone was invited.

Annual Student Health Screening

The annual Student Health Screening was completed this fall for all students. Parents and other community volunteers assisted the School Nurse with this process. It saves a lot of time and allows for less disruption when there are extra helping hands!

Staff Development

Community volunteers from MXG volunteered their time and expertise to train staff and administrators in CPR/AED skills recently. Four classes were presented to accommodate the teachers' schedules. When our community works together it benefits everyone!

IUS School Improvement Process in Action Your Parent Contribution in the Classroom—Making it Happen!



R. Z.'s class celebrated United Nations Day on October 24th. One of my student's mother, Mrs. N., who is Korean, spoke about Korea, made Korean food and showed the students the native dress,



Hobok, worn by the children on Thanksgiving and New Years. All the parents graciously sent in their own ethnic foods. With such a variety of tasty treats representing so many countries, it was an International Food Fest! The children did many activities and learned that the United Nations is a meeting place for about 160 countries' leaders to come together to solve their problems. They also learned that the UN meets in New York City, and there is a flag for each nation that flies in front of the building.



Mother's Surprise Gift sent from Iraq

Mrs. J. has sent a BIG BOX of presents to her son, T., and to his classmates in Mrs. H's room. It was such a big surprise. They are constantly keeping in touch

with her. The students and Mrs. H let her know that they are taking care of her son.



School and Home Connections

Thank you!

Deployment Support Group

From the ES Counselor's Corner—L.D.



On Saturday November 15th, Incirlik Unit School Deployment Support Group joined with the Hearts Apart Program and volunteers from the Key Spouses Group to put on a special event for families with a deployed soldier. Families met at the school for a Thanksgiving style feast. Afterward they made a special craft for the deployed family member. Then they packed these items along with cook-scrapbooks made by the support group students. They could then add a poster created by the support group and a note. After the boxes were packed, they were sealed and addressed. Each family left with a box ready to be mailed to the deployed soldier.



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The Wish Tree

“No man is more cheated than a selfish man.” Henry Ward Beecham

In November classroom guidance lessons focused on caring. As part of these lessons, students heard the story of “The Four Wishes,” a Native American folktale about four men who have one wish. Three of the four wish for something selfish and one wishes for something that will help his village. After hearing the story, the students all made wishes that were written on stars and decorated with glitter to be placed on our Wish Tree. The tree is now located in the school lobby. Come by and see the wishes the students have made. Challenge yourself and your child to do one small thing that will help this wish come true. A small gesture of kindness will cost you nothing and leave a lasting impression.



“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelou

School and Community Connections

**From the MS/HS Counselor—D.C.
Thank YOU!!**



We recently had our annual College Night here at the high school. I just wanted to express my gratitude to all the participants, but wanted you to be aware



of the excellent participation by many Incirlik Air Force personnel. We had several officers and enlisted representing their alma maters. This is also the first time we have had such a total representation from the Air Force recruiters and Air Force Academy. A big thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to a fantastic College Night presentation on November 6th. Those in attendance were able to gain valuable information on colleges and military opportunities.



That's the Incirlik Spirit!— School Improvement Through Technology

First Grade teacher, H. M., at Incirlik Unit School created a lively PowerPoint show complete with songs her children like to sing. Mrs. M. placed a laptop on a table outside of her room for the parents to view as they waited for their conference. She provided reading materials, as well, from student generated books. Parents enjoyed watching and listening to what their children do everyday.

School-Community Connection-*NOT TO MISS!*

SAT and ACT



The next SAT is scheduled to be administered on January 24. The deadline for registration is December 26. Please contact guidance counselor, Mr. C, for registration information.

The next ACT is scheduled to be administered on December 13th for those students pre-registered. If you missed this test administration, sign up for the February 7 date. The deadline for registration is January 6th. See Mr. C for registration information.

International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI)

Students in grades 10-11 interested in being selected for the 28th International Student Leadership Institute March 1-6, 2009, in Germany, should complete an application along with three rating sheets, to be considered.

ISLI brings together 75 DoDDS-E students with 75 students from nine European countries, for a week of intensive training in a variety of leadership skills, taught by former ISLI participants. This year, two students can be selected. See Mr. C for application materials.

The High School Girls Lady Hodja's Basketball Team Coach D.'s invitation to the community!



The Lady Hodja Cheerleaders, and The Base Varsity Girls' Basketball Team would like to invite the entire Incirlik Unit School and The Incirlik Community to come out to the base fitness center on December 5th from 5:30-6:30 and watch what should be a very entertaining basketball game featuring the women's base varsity team vs. The Lady Hodja's Basketball Team (making their 2008-2009 debut). Come out and support these hard working/dedicated ladies.

Gradespeed—All Eyes on Student Success

As we approach the mid-term of 2nd Quarter, we would like to encourage you to check the current progress of your student. Your Gradespeed account allows you to access information about attendance, grades and classroom assignments. If you have any questions about individual classes or grades, please feel free to contact the teachers.

If you do not yet have a Gradespeed account, there are directions attached to this email that will guide you through the process, or you can stop at the school for a printed copy. If you run into any difficulties with your account, please feel free to contact the school at 676-3109 or 676-6484 or our ET, P. M.

DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey



The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will administer its biennial Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) from November 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. The CSS provides valuable feedback to DoDEA from its most important customers – parents and students – about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement.

All sponsors with students enrolled in DoD schools from Pre-kindergarten or SureStart through grade 12 may participate by completing a survey for each school in which they have a enrolled. Students in grades 4-12 may participate by completing separate surveys for students in grades 4-5, and students in grades 6-12.

The 2008 DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey represents a departure from tradition. Historically, teachers, educational support staff, students in grades 4-12, and sponsors for each child enrolled in DoD schools from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade were asked to complete the CSS. This year, parents and students will participate in the CSS while DoDEA Administrators, teachers, educational support staff will participate in a separate survey, the DoDEA Employee Satisfaction Survey, to be administered during March 2009. As with the CSS, participation in the DoDEA Employee Satisfaction Survey is voluntary and maximum participation is encouraged in order to obtain reliable and valid data.

The surveys take approximately 20 minutes to complete and are available online at www.dodea.edu (click on the CSS graphic link). Parents who do not have access to the Internet should contact their child's school to determine other alternatives – such as using the school's computers.

Sponsors are asked to complete a survey for each child enrolled in a DoD school in grades pre-kindergarten/SureStart through grade 12. Information derived from the surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts and areas will use the survey results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of sponsors and students, which is one of many measures used for future planning of programs and services DoDEA offers. The survey results will also be used to monitor the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP), which contains the strategic direction for DoDEA for the years 2006-2011.