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The IUS Newsletter



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Learning Lights the Way



Semester one has to come to a close and we have officially completed the first half of the school year. It is always an exciting time as we continue our march through the process of student growth and development. If you have not already seen one, you should be receiving your child's semester one report card momentarily.

On 26 January, staff members participated in our first-ever Data Day In-service. Faculty and selected staff members were divided into six groups and spent the first half of the day combing through data from our Terra Nova, PSAT and local assessments. Data boards were developed by each group to present to the staff as a whole. The second half of the day was devoted to out briefing and discussion as each group presented the analysis of their data to the entire staff. This process, developed by our School Improvement Plan (SIP) leadership team, was intended to give the staff the big picture of where we are as a school and indicate our necessary next steps. We were fortunate enough to have with us at the time both the Mediterranean Distinct Chief of Staff and the Director of DoDDS Europe to share in the process and provide feedback. They were encouraged by the outcome.

As a conclusion to this process we are developing a plan by which we will share our six data boards with the greater Incirlik community; so please be on the lookout at the school, BX, commissary, Document Processing Center or wherever we find to display our data display boards. We think you will find the displays useful and informative.

As always, your support and feedback are continually solicited.

Raynard Eddings
Principal

Lucille Sutherland
Assistant Principal

Extracting and Reporting in Kinder—H.A.



Kindergarten is learning essential counting skills everyday. In Mr. A's class, students start each day by writing the morning message and then reading it as a class.

On this day, J. learned, through the morning message, what counting by two's looks like when she writes it.

Feb. 05: Job Shadow Day. 0800-1200

Feb. 05: PTSA General Mtg. MPR, 1800.

Feb. 06-09: Wrestling Qualifiers in Ger.

Feb. 07: ACT, HS/IC, TBA

Feb. 07, 21: Robotics, Rm 128, HS, 1300-1700.

Feb. 07: MUSS Car Wash, BX Pkg. Lot, TBA.

Feb. 09-13: Creative Connections, Ger.

Feb 13-14: Wrestling Championships, Ger.

Feb. 16: Presidents' Day. No School.

Feb. 17-21: Bball & Cheerleading Championship, Germany.

Feb 19: SAC meeting, HS/IC. 1500.

Feb. 24: Half-day instruction, 12:45 release, SIP in-service.

Feb 27: PTSA Reading Night, MPR/Library

Feb. 27-Mar. 04: Book Fair, TBA

Mar. 02: Start sport-practice.

Mar. 05: Winter Spts. Banquet, MPR, 1800.

IUS School Improvement Process in Action

Extracting, Organizing, and Writing in Sure Start—L.S.

Sure Start at Incirlik Unit School is nearing the end of a month long unit that focused on the origins and benefits of healthy food, according to their teacher, Dr. L. S. The theme began with the farm. The children explored the animals and tools used on a farm and investigated what animals and plants are used, for their favorite foods. After reading *The Little Red Hen*, we made bread and butter. On the SmartBoard, the children played an interactive game to identify things commonly found on a farm, completed a story sequence of *The Little Red Hen*, and the steps for making bread. Next, we read *The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza* and compared the stories with a Venn diagram. Comparing the stories led us to discover how food is prepared in a restaurant by visiting the **39 FSS Bowling Center**. We saw a demonstration of how pizza is made, then in small groups made our own pizzas, while AFN filmed us. We enjoy seeing ourselves on the SmartBoard and hope you get to see us on TV at your house! Our pizza was delicious!



The study continued with how food gets from the farm to a store and then to our homes, by creating a flow chart of the steps in making each part of a hamburger.



We made Coffee Can Ice Cream, graphed our favorite kinds of ice cream, and read about how ice cream is made in a factory and taken on a truck to the store where we shop. A study trip to the **Incirlik Commissary** let us see how the food is stored and displayed for us to buy. Then, the children enjoyed playing in their own commissary when they returned to

school. We studied what foods are healthy and how to select food for a healthy lifestyle, by using a food guide pyramid loaned to us by **Ms. C. G. at WIC**. We were able to sort food into the proper food groups, and to select a balanced meal using play food and what foods are tasty but not healthy. We made our own version of the Food Guide Pyramid to show pictures of our cooking activities like Pattern Fruit Kabobs, Stone Soup, and our bread and ice cream. All of these activities have been made possible by the assistance of the wonderful **parents** of the children in Sure Start.

Giving Back to Our Community Through Patriotism—S.D.

A select small ensemble from The Incirlik Unit School's Honors Choir, under the direction of Mr. S. D., sang God Bless America and God Bless The U.S.A. at the annual National Prayer Observance breakfast at the Incirlik Combined Club, on January 26th. The annual National Prayer Observance is a traditional event where the president, members of congress, and other government leaders, gather to reaffirm our nation's spiritual heritage, and to seek divine guidance.



Yearbook Announcements—T.S.

Senior Parents: Please send back your senior ad order forms along with payment, and photos to be used in the layout ASAP. We need to begin the layout process.

Valentine-grams: Yearbook will be offering some "sweet" items for MS and HS students to send to friends, family, and sweethearts for Valentines Day!



Items include:

Designer chocolate pops: \$2

Long stem red, silk roses \$1

Candy hearts: \$.50

Valentine-grams include a personal message from the sender and will be delivered to the seminar classes on Friday, February 13. Students can place orders before school and during lunch at Mrs. S.'s room HS 105. Orders will also be taken during seminar. Please remember to send a few dollars to school with your child if they wish to participate.

Call for Photos! Parents, if you have taken photos of activities or fieldtrips for your child's, and would like to submit them for consideration for publication in the yearbook, please save them at a minimum of 300 dpi file size on a CD, and submit them to the office with attention to Mrs. S., the Yearbook Sponsor. Please include the grade level and class marked with your submission. We need all of the photos collected by February 13, so please hurry!

IUS School Improvement Process in Action
Giving Back to Our Community Through Athletics

Go Lady Hodjas—S.D.



Coach D. and the Lady Hodjas Basketball Team went undefeated to win the Ankara Sports Association's 2nd Annual International Basketball Tournament this weekend in Ankara. The girls won their first game against Oasis 20-2 as K. F. came off the bench to help shut down the Oasis offense. The Lady Hodjas went on to win their second game against Ankara 33-18. A. Y. hit 22 points and S. L. added in 5 points and several rebounds and also had 3 blocked shots. In the third game of the tournament, The Incirlik Lady Hodjas needed another victory to advance to the finals and they came through with a 25-13 win over the Pakistani International School. A. Y. had 10 pts, K. C. had 5, and A. H. also had 6 pts while dominating on defense and rebounds. M. H. pulled in several rebounds, had a blocked shot, and also scored her first points as a Varsity player. D. D. and T. C. H. used their speed to shut down the Pakistani fast break. In the final game of the tournament, point guard S. C. drained several outside shots and helped lead The Lady Hodjas Basketball Team to a 28-8 victory over Istanbul International, to take first place in the tournament.

Way to go Lady Hodjas Basketball Team!

Incirlik Unit School Boys Basketball

Go Hodjas—Coach T.J.

Three months of long grueling practices and pre-season boot camp drills are some-



thing of the past. The IUS boys' basketball team has reaped the benefits of hard work and effort to spring out to an impressive 6 and 1 record. The team is comprised of many talented athletes with various court talents. The long-range onslaught can come from multiple players. L. G., A. H., D. J., A. C. and D. J. Q. can drop 3-point shots from almost anywhere on the court.

A. S. is the team's offensive catalyst that can't be stopped from getting to the basket. He's a defensive player's worst nightmare. I. L. (AKA –fly swatter) defends our basket with relentless defense and dazzling block shots. J. C. is the quiet assassin that can beat you off the dribble or pull-up and drain shots. The defense is comprised of outstanding hustle play led by A. B.

The Freshmen Class has shown true leadership qualities. During the Ankara tournament, Hodja warriors displayed several inspirational feats. L. G. showed heroic abilities by getting up from the court with injuries and still battling to the end. O. W. also arose from injury to fill the stat book with points and rebounds. The sophomore class would not be outdone. A. S. took control of the entire tournament with assists, points, and impressive defensive play. A three-year Hodja and IUS Senior let the team know that the weight of the team can unquestionably be put on his back. J. C. had a superb series of games that left the International teams in awe of his fantastic play.

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As the European Tournament quickly approaches, the team prepares to hone their skills with 5 intramural games left on the schedule. With the tournament in sight, every minute of practice and court time can inch the Hodjas that much closer to the prize. The team had a bitter sweet ending to the 2008 season and devoted many hours of training in hopes of getting back under the Mannheim lights and the roar of huge crowds of High School youth. The teams' aspirations are to win first place and be the first IUS boys' team to win a USAFE Championship.



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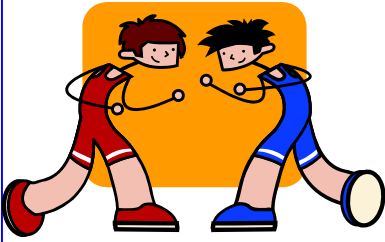
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Hodja Cheerleaders Spirit the Day!—A.R.

The Hodja Cheerleaders demonstrated their spirit last weekend while cheering the girls' and boys' basketball team and wrestlers. They got the crowd involved and cheered our teams to victory! They will continue showing their Hodja pride while working towards their European competition in February.

Wrestling Matches Off with Ankara Going Onto European Sectional Qualifiers—N.B.



The Incirlik wrestling team arrived in force prepared for victory! It was unfortunate that the Ankara team had only two healthy wrestlers. J. I. And Cs. M. faced no eligible opponents. They did, however, wrestle each other in an intramural match to maintain their edge, with a vision toward the sectional qualifiers in Germany, to be held in February. N. H. and H. M. were defeated by the Trojan wrestlers by points. Cx. M. pinned one opponent in 16 seconds, and had his second match forfeited due to his opponent's injury.

The mighty Incirlik wrestlers appear prepared and confident, as they face the European Sectional Qualifiers.

Keeping Our Athletes & Students Healthy— Nurse T.C.

February is Dental Health Month

The 39th MDG Dental Clinic Staff will be providing short educational discussions with the Elementary School students in their classrooms.

Dental Health Month-"Mouthgard Clinic"

- * Date: Saturday 21 Feb 09
- *Place: Dental Clinic - 39th Medical Group
- *Time: 0800-1200 hrs
- * Open to active duty and dependents 12 years an older (boil-bite mouthguards available for smaller children)
- *CALL for an appointment!! 676-6104/ 676-6435

Middle School: Life Skills' Focus Groups will be started with the Middle School Students during the Advisory/Seminar class period. Various Professionals from our Community will be the presenters. The first session will be about *Respect*. Various other topics will be covered, such as *Peer Pressure, Boundaries, Friendship, etc.* The plan is to involve the students in discussion and problem-solving activities, weaving in scenarios that the students are familiar with, or are likely to encounter.



School Improvement Process
A Vision Toward Our Students' Future
What does it involve day to day?
First steps, middle steps and last steps...
A Word from the High School Counselor, D.C.:

SAT and ACT

The final administration of the SAT at Incirlik Unit School will be May 2 with an on-line registration deadline of March 31. Please contact the HS counselor for registration information and assistance.

There will be two more opportunities to take the ACT here at IUS. The April 4 administration will include the optional writing portion and the registration deadline is February 27.

The final administration will be June 13 with a registration deadline of May 8.

Please contact the HS counselor for registration information as Incirlik is a “private” testing center and requires special codes for registration.

TerraNova



TerraNova testing season is fast approaching and scheduled for the week of March 9th. Please check your calendars to be sure your students will be present. All students in grades 3 through grade 11 will be involved. This is the standardized test given throughout the DoDDS system.

Awards Assembly



We are in the process of planning awards assemblies for MS and HS students to be scheduled for sometime during the week of February 9th. Exact dates to be announced later. Parents/ sponsors of all students to receive awards will be notified.

Job Shadow Day

Job Shadow Day will take place February 5. Parents, please look toward the email sent to you for detailed information regarding this wonderful event. We are looking forward to many students' participation in looking toward their future career paths. We are grateful to the Fire Department, EOD, HAWC, AFN, A & FRC, and Flight personnel for offering our students this opportunity.



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This is an outstanding opportunity, for anyone who has a high school child.

Harvard University Announcement

Harvard University announced over the weekend that from now on, undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition.

In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, 'When only 10 percent of the students in Elite higher education come from families in lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution.'

If you know of a family earning less than \$ 60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on, undergraduate students from low-income families, can go to Harvard for free...no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at:

<http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

UPDATES/REMINDERS FROM YOUR SCHOOL LIAISON

USE OF DoDDS FACILITIES: Any base agency or private organization requesting use of school facilities must do so completing USAFE Form 401, *Request For Use of School Facilities*. The School Liaison (SL) tracks and coordinates facility use between the school and installation. The SL maintains a completed copy of the 401 once coordination is complete and approval has been granted. Call 676-3750 if you have questions/concerns or email vernon.reddick@incirlik.af.mil .

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION: We are pleased to report that we have filled all but one paid school bus monitor position. Hopefully, within a short time, that one will be filled also. An applicant has been selected and we await the paperwork trail to complete itself. What this means to you is, for the immediate future, your services as a “volunteer monitor” will no longer be required on a regular basis. Beginning 1 Feb 09, there will not be a schedule published, except for those that have been hired. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Mr J. P. serves as the Lead Bus Monitor and can answer most, if not all, of your school transportation questions. Call us at 676-3750 if you have question/concerns.

Since the last publication (of this newsletter), another citation has been issued for failure to yield to a school bus loading/unloading. This is a reminder that drivers must yield to all buses loading/unloading on Incirlik AB. If you don't, you run the risk of possibly causing harm to a child, and/or earning a visit from a member of our Security Forces Squadron (SFS). There is a standing agreement with SFS that,

if a vehicle passes a stopped school bus, (without permission from bus driver or monitor) and the vehicle can be identified, potentially a citation will be issued to the driver/owner of the vehicle. For those new to Incirlik, the blue military buses double as school buses, and can be seen in housing during the hours of 0700-0800, and again, from 1415-1500 (approx times).



This is probably the only time these buses are seen in base housing. Please be safe and don't take a chance.

***Farewell to Our Registrar
Mr. Yuksel Tireng
31 Years of Service to IUS!***



We Thank 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.**
