

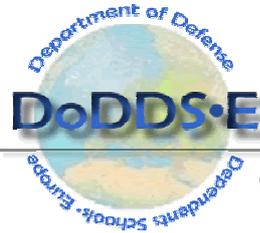
# Wildcat Newsletter

The Parents & Students Newsletter

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Parent Newsletter Article for November  
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November is a significant month as DoDDS-E celebrates American Education Week and begins administering the biannual DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey. This survey provides valuable feedback from students and parents about the quality of education your child is receiving.

This year's survey represents a departure from tradition in that the survey will be administered to students in grades 4-12 and parents or sponsors for each child enrolled in DoDDS-Europe schools from Pre-kindergarten/SureStart through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. As with prior Customer Satisfaction Surveys, participation remains voluntary (but highly encouraged). Administrators, teachers, and educational support staff will participate in a separate survey in a few months.

The surveys were developed through a review process of various groups, including teachers' unions, Teachers of the Year, superintendents, principals, students and the Education Directorate staff members at the DoDEA headquarters. Some questions were adapted from the *Phi Delta Kappa Gallup Poll of Public's Attitudes Toward Schools*. The 2008 CSS contains more parent/student specific questions, particularly with regard to guidance and counseling.

The survey is available November 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009, and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. It is available online at [www.dodea.edu](http://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 or receiving a paper copy that can be mailed to DoDEA headquarters. Information derived from the surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts, and area offices 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 DoDDS-Europe and our DoDEA headquarters offers.

The results of the survey have a significant impact on the educational programs your child receives in DoD schools. I strongly encourage everyone to spend 20 minutes on this worthwhile project.

American Education Week 2008 is scheduled for November 16-22, 2008. The theme this year is *Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*. The annual American Education Week (AEW) spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. Please contact your school for more information regarding American Education Week activities.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 31: No School, Teacher Work Day
- ◆ November 3: Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- ◆ November 6 & 7: Parent teacher conferences-No School
- ◆ November 11: Veteran's Day, No School
- ◆ November 27: Thanksgiving, No School
- ◆ November 28: Recess Day, No School
- ◆ December 12: No School, School Improvement Day

**Student Performance Goal 1:** All students will improve their critical thinking across the curriculum.

**Student Performance Goal 2:** All students will improve effective communication skills across the curriculum

## Other Notes

-We will now be sending out the Daily Bulletin via email to keep parents up to date!

-Don't forget to "fall back" and change your clocks this weekend!

-No School on October 31<sup>st</sup>. It's a teacher record keeping day!

-Parent - Teacher conferences are November 6 & 7. **Parents are welcome to walk in on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> to meet with teachers!** No school either day!

## ACT Testing

Saturday, October 25, 2008

\*ACT Test Takers - meet at the front door of the high school no later than 7:30 A.M.

BRING:

1. I.D. card
2. Admission ticket

3. International Fee Waiver (blue form)

4. 4-function, Scientific, or Graphing Calculator

5. Mailing Address

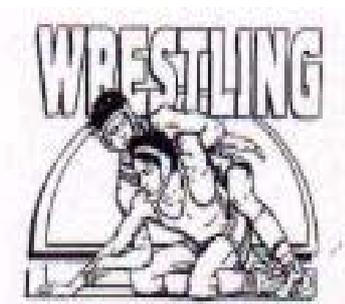
6. Telephone #

7. No. 2 pencils

8. Erasers

## Winter Wrestling

Get into the action with the Naples High School Wrestling team. Wrestling begins in mid-November. The Wildcat Wrestling Team are preparing for this season, so come come and join the team and help us dominate Division II. Whether one wrestles to earn a European Finals berth or to become a European champion, stay in shape for other sports, or to learn a new sport, wrestlers enlist in a proud community of athletes known for courage and dedication. To have a successful season it is not always just about having a winning season,



but it is also up to the student-athletes to come together to build the school program. I anticipate having a great season and look forward to working with everyone. If you have any further questions, please contact the school.

## Asian Auction

The Naples High School PTSA and Booster Club is holding an Asian antique and furniture auction on Saturday, November 8 at the High School gym. The preview and silent

auction begin at 11 a.m. Live auction begins at 12 noon. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school.



Math help in room 224 every Thursday after school!

## NHS DIRECTORY

From off base...replace 629 with 081-811

- ◆ Main Office 629-4061
- ◆ Fax 629-4078
- ◆ Attendance (8-12 am) 629-4185
- ◆ Nurse's Office 629-4010
- ◆ Registrar/Counseling Office 629-4536
- ◆ Transportation 629-4481/2

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes of mind."

William James

# Counselor's Corner

## Five Key Skills for Academic Success

It's never too early or too late to help your child develop the necessary skills for academic success. Here are five important skills that are important for any school-aged child:

- a. **Organization:**  
Whether it's keeping track of materials or remembering to bring home the lunch box, children need to be organized in order to succeed in school. Make a checklist of things your child needs to bring to and from school every day. Put a copy of this checklist near his/her bedroom door and one in his/her backpack. Find out how your child keeps track of his/her homework and how he/she organizes their notebook/binder.
- b. **Time Management:**  
Learning to schedule enough time to complete an assignment may be difficult for your student. Track assignments on a monthly calendar. Work backward from the due date of larger assignments and arrange them into nightly tasks. Designate a time for nightly
- homework and help your child to stick to this schedule.
- c. **Prioritization:**  
Sometimes children fall behind in school and fail to hand in assignments because they simply don't know where to begin. Ask your child to write down all the things he/she needs to do, including non-school-related activities. Ask him/her to label each task from 1 to 3, with 1 being the most important. Check in frequently to see how the list is evolving and how your child is prioritizing new tasks.
- d. **Concentration:**  
Whether your child is practicing his/her second-grade spelling words or studying for a trigonometry test, it's important that he/she works on schoolwork in an area with limited distractions and interruptions. Adjust his/her working area as they get older, for example younger children may need to be near you as they work on homework. Older children may enjoy the privacy of their room as long as distractions are kept to a minimum.
- e. **Motivation:**  
Link school lessons to your child's life. If he/she is learning percentages, ask him/her to figure out the price of discounted items next time you shop. Link your child's interests to academics. If he/she is passionate about music, give him/her books about great musicians and various genres of music. Encourage your child to share his/her expertise, by regularly asking him/her about what he/she is learning in school.

Often what hold children back from trying is the fear of failure or the memory of a time they didn't do well. You can help break this cycle by celebrating your child's successes, no matter how small, and by giving him/her opportunities to succeed academically.

Article adapted from <http://www.greatschools.net>

## Health Promotions

Do you have a family member who has a food allergy food sensitivity or other food-related medical issue such as Celiac disease? Do you know someone who does? Are you having a difficult time finding specialized food products here in

Naples? Would you be interested in participating in a group here on the base to gain support, information and education from others in a similar situation? USNH Naples Health Promotions is willing to help support the forming of this group if there is interest. Please contact Health Promotions if you are interested in more information.

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Go Wildcats!

We're on the Web!

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# FIRST ANNUAL



# Lumpia Rolling

**WHO:** The Class of 2009

**WHAT:** Handmade Lumpia

*-Made to order & frozen*

*-Bagged in sets of 20 rolls*

**WHERE:** Order via email to Ms. Bork

**WHEN:** Orders will be taken from now until November

**WHY:** To raise money for graduation

**COST:** \$20 a bag

**DETAILS:** Lumpia will be made with beef and will include cooking instructions