

On The Prowl

Ansbach Elementary
School (AES)

17 April 2015

Principal's Note

Celebrating the Month of the Military Child



AES and DoDEA join the Department of Defense and the military community in celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child. Throughout the month, AES will plan events that recognize and show appreciation for our military children. We know that military children face many challenges that are unique to

their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and moving frequently. Deployments and family separations can be stressful times for children.

AES is part of the wide community support network available to families. Teachers, counselors, and psychologists guide honest and open discussions with students to help with easier transitions and adjustments, connected with military children. Our most important contribution is to remain focused on the educational mission and provide a stable environment for the children in our schools especially during these times of stress.

This year, AES is inviting everyone to "Purple Up!" which is an annual campaign created four years ago by Operation Military Kids (OMK). OMK is an organization dedicated to military children. During the month of April they encourage community awareness and support of military children. OMK also asks the nation to join together for an event they call, "Purple Up! For Military Kids" and wear purple on a designated day in April.

AES is encouraging everyone to wear purple on April 23rd as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. OMK chose purple because it is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue.



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Apr 24—Battle of the
Books

Apr 30—Family
STEAM Night

PRIDE Club

PRIDE Club's Upcoming Event:

- Arbor Day—Friday, April 24 at 1400

Cougar Cub PRIDE Starts Inside!



P—Positive
R—Responsible
I—Independent
D—Determination
E—Empower

PCS Orders

Families, if you will be PCSing soon or will not be returning to AES next school year, please stop by the office and let us know.



Lost & Found



Please check the Lost & Found for any items you may have lost/misplaced while at school this year. All unclaimed items will be donated on May 1st.

Yearbook Sales

AES 2014-2015 yearbooks will be here in May. If you did not pre-order a book, there will still be a chance to purchase one. The PTSA will be selling book each day after school for \$25. Get one before they are all gone!!

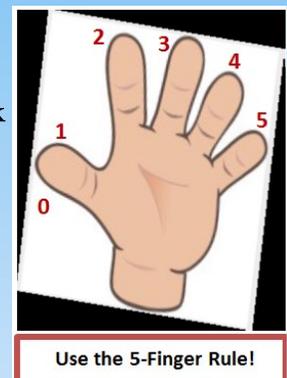


Library Corner

Reading Tips for Parents

- Make reading a special time and let your children see you read.
- Talk about what you are reading to build background knowledge.
- Read different types of text (books—fiction and non-fiction, magazines, pamphlets, flyers, comics, newspapers, etc.)
- Ask higher order thinking questions. Examples: “What do you like about...?”, “Did the author do a good job of ...?”, “How could this topic be useful to you?”
- Build a strong partnership with your child’s teacher.
- A “right fit” book is a book that your child can enjoy reading on their own. Reading just right books helps your child develop as a reader. To find a book that is just right for your child, try the 5-Finger Test.

Here’s how it works: Turn to a page in middle of a book with a lot of words. Have your child read the page aloud, holding up a finger for every word he/she doesn’t know. When finished with the page, look at how many fingers are up.



- 0-1 Fingers:** the book is easy for your child
- 2-3 Fingers:** This book is a *just right* choice.
- 4-5 Fingers:** The book is too hard.

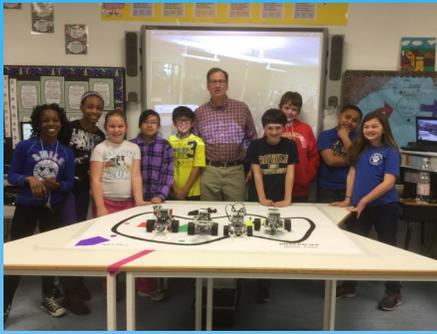
AES Media Center needs volunteers!!

If you can give a few minutes or even a few hours a week of your time, it would be deeply appreciated. Our students need the library for reading improvement, leisure reading, and research. Volunteers are truly essential to assist with many projects and in keeping our books accessible for checkout. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Ms. Joan in the library.

AES Library Needs Your Empty Kleenex boxes

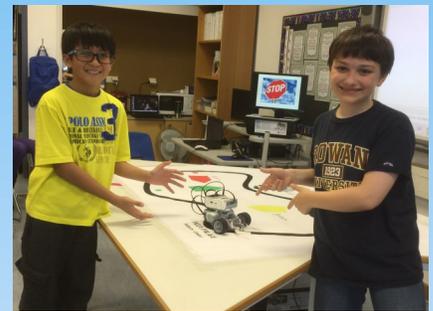
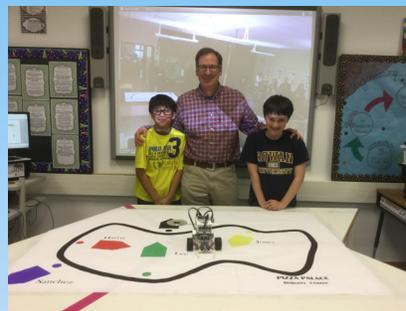
With our new library book shelving, we have a BIG need for empty Kleenex boxes to fill the open space behind our shelved books. With this space filled, books can’t get lost behind other books and students are also able to read titles/call numbers more easily since the books are even with the edge of each shelf. Please drop off your donated empty tissue boxes to the AES library during school hours.

Robotics Club



Jerry Thompson's 5th grade at AES fielded four teams in the DoDDS-E Robotics Competition. A total of five schools participated from three districts: Lajes, Vicenza, Aviano, Brussels, and Ansbach. Each school fielded multiple teams.

One of AES's teams, Ninja Pizza Squad, placed 1st overall and was the big winner of the day. The Ninja Pizza Squad team members were Austin Eckert and JR Reyes. Their victory came from teamwork and contributions of all members of the class. All participants had a great learning experience as well as a awesome time participating via Lync with other teams.



Chess Club



Chess Club members participated in a chess tournament on March 28 at the Middle/High School. Once again, the team took home the honors!!

Congratulations to David Mahlkuch who won 1st place, Jonathom Rayman who came in 2nd place, and Richard Rayman who came in 3rd place.

GO CHESS TEAM!

S.T.E.A.M. Night



Family S.T.E.A.M. Night will be on Thursday, April 30 from 1600-1830. Families are asked to bring newspaper to the event. AES PTSA will have spaghetti dinners and concessions available for purchase.

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AES Student Dress Code Policy

As the seasons change and temperatures being to rise, please be mindful of the dress code policy that is enforced at AES.

Reminders:

- Shorts are appropriate when temperatures are at least 20°C/68°F
- Tank tops **MUST** be worn with shirts underneath them.
- Flip flops are not permitted; however, sandals are allowed.
- Jackets and sweaters are still needed.

Dress Code Policy

Category	Inappropriate Clothing	Inappropriate References	Inappropriate Length or Size
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats of ANY kind • Hoods • Bandanas • Do-rags • Distracting Cosmetics/ Jewelry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gang Affiliation • Alcoholic Beverage or Tobacco reference • Hats hanging off pants or pockets 	
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaghetti straps, racer backs, tank tops • Muscle Shirts, Under Shirts • Straps less than 2" • Bra Straps Showing • Open Midriffs • Halter and Tube tops • Sheer/See-through • Off Shoulder/ Open Back • Inappropriate References 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gang Affiliation • Alcoholic Beverage or Tobacco • Drug Reference • Obscene/ Lewd • Provocative/ Revealing • Indecent References 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any shirt shorter than waist band of pants or skirt • Biggie or Oversized • Too Small
Shorts Skirts Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive holes or any holes above finger tips • Worn below the waist, sagging. Pants must fit appropriately. • Leggings, jeggings, and tights may only be worn with appropriate length shorts or skirts over them. • Pajama Pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leggings, jeggings, and tights may only be worn with appropriate length shorts or skirts over them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL SHORTS AND SKIRTS MUST BE <u>LONGER</u> THAN THE FINGER TIPS with or without tights and legging.
Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top must comply with shirt requirements and the hem must comply with skirt requirement. 		
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socks/Bare Feet • Flip flops • Slippers • Heelies 		Students must wear shoes at all times.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible Underclothing • Chains • Spikes/Studs • Sun or Costume Glasses • Costumes • Only 6th grade may wear lip gloss and mascara. 		

AES Calendar April 2015

Date	Event	Time	Point of Contact	Place
Apr 22	Earth Day—5th Grade Field Trip	N/A	Mr. Thompson	N/A
Apr 23	“Purple Up” Celebration— Everyone wear purple	N/A	Mrs. Tate	Multipurpose Rm
Apr 23	Jump With Jill Rock Concert	0900	AES PTSA	Multipurpose Rm
Apr 23	Honor Roll/STAR Assembly	1300: K—2/3 1345: 3/4—6	Mrs. Tate	Multipurpose Rm
Apr 24	Battle of the Books	0900—1300	Mrs. Thompson	Rainbow ES
Apr 24	Arbor Day—PRIDE Club	1400	Mrs. Tate/Mr. Saunders	N/A
Apr 30	Family STEAM Night	1600-1830	Mr. & Mrs. Thompson	Multipurpose Rm
May 4	No School—Teacher InService	N/A	N/A	N/A
May 14	Acceleration Date	N/A	Mrs. Butler	AES Office

GO COUGAR CUBS!!!

AES Clubs’ Schedule April—May 2015

Date	Club	Time	Club Sponsor	Place
Daily	Moby Max Mornings	0730—0800	Mrs. Lockman	Rm 108
Thursdays	Chess Club	1430—1530	Mr. Kay	Library
Mondays	Battle of the Books	1430—1515	Mrs. Thompson	Rm 15
Wednesdays	Homework Club	1430—1530	Mrs. Hickey	Rm 122

News You Can Use

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Reminders

- ◆ **Students are allowed on campus at 0755.**
- ◆ **Our late bell rings at 0815. If your child arrives after 0815, they will be considered late and a parent will need to sign them in.**
- ◆ **If your student's after school schedule changes, please make sure they know before they leave home. We will not be able to give a student a message during instructional hours.**

Lunch Menu 20 April —1 May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Apr 20 Hamburger on Bun, Grilled Veggie Burger, Chicken Caesar Salad, Baked Beans, Steamed Diced Carrots, Fresh Red & Green Grapes, Chilled Pineapple Chunks, WG Banana Crunch Bread, and Milk	Apr 21 Crunchy Chicken Fingers, Spicy Italian Sub, Golden Cheese Sandwich, Sweet Green Peas, Sweet Kernel Corn, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Fresh Orange Wedges, and Milk	Apr 22 Peppery Chicken Pasta, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Veggie Garden Salad, Bowl Savory Green Beans, Golden Deli Roasters, Chilled Sliced Peaches, Crunchy Sliced Apples, and Milk	Apr 23 Tuna Tetrizzini, Honey BBQ Pork Riblets, ABC Salad, Mixed Greens Side Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Banana, Fruit Swirl, and Milk	Apr 24 Baja Fish Sticks, Chicken Fried Rice*, Confetti Corn Salad, Black Turtle Beans, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Fresh Red & Green Grapes, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, and Milk
Apr 27 Crunchy Chicken Fingers, Pulled Pork Taco, Spicy Black Bean Salad, Mixed Greens Side Salad, Steamed Diced Carrots, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Swirl, and Milk	Apr 28 Turkey Sausage Omelet, Maple Chicken Sausage, Chef Salad, WG Blueberry Pancakes, Golden Deli Roasters, Sweet Green Peas, Chilled Sliced Peaches, Fresh Red & Green Grapes, and Milk	Apr 29 Turkey Hot Dog on Bun, Beef Steak & Rice, Cheese Salad, Sugar Snap Peas, Fresh Carrot Sticks, Chilled Pineapple Chunks, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, and Milk	Apr 30 Golden Chicken Tenders, Grilled Citrus Fish Filet, Italian Pasta Salad, Savory Green Beans, Sweet Kernel Corn, Chilled Mandarin Oranges, Crunchy Sliced Apples, WG Apple Cinnamon Bread, and Milk	May 1 TBA