

BAMBERG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Home of the High Flying Eagles

Everyone Achieving Goals Leading to Educational Success

VISION

Inspiring Learning and Success for All

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment



School Newsletter

March 6, 2012



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Women's History Month

*...To ignore the vital role
that women's dreams and
accomplishments play in*

Women's Education-
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

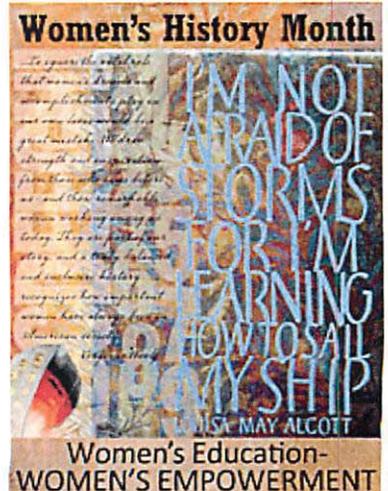
Celebrating Accomplishments

"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded."

-Maya Angelou

March is Women's History Month, a time to reflect on the valuable contributions of many great women throughout history. The theme of the 2012 celebration is "Women's Education – WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT." The purpose of Women's History Month is to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history: to take one month of the year to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women, in hopes that the day will soon come when it's impossible to teach or learn history without remembering these contributions." Visit the [Women's History Month Project](#) for more information.

Jon Johnson Lewis





TEST TIPS



The TerraNova will be given to our 3rd – 6th grade students during the week of **March 12th** through **March 16th**. The TerraNova is a national test that reflects educational standards and aligns closely with our DoDDS curriculum. All DoDDS students in grades 3-11 take the TerraNova each year.

A concern of many is helping our children become “test wise,” that is, to understand and apply test-taking skills. Please remind children of the following:

- ✚ Listen carefully to all directions. Pay attention during the sample questions. Ask for clarification if you still don't understand.
- ✚ Much of the TerraNova is multiple-choice. Read all answer choices before choosing your answer.
- ✚ If you are unsure of an answer, eliminate any choices you know are wrong, and then choose from those that are remaining.
- ✚ Do not spend too much time on any one question. If you skip the difficult questions, remember to come back to them and mark an answer later.
- ✚ When you are asked to write your answers, write in complete sentences and tell all you know about the question.
- ✚ If there is a story to read, check the questions first and then read the story.
- ✚ Do not rush through the test. Use your “middle” speed.
- ✚ Try to answer every question within the time limit.

PARENTS - Please encourage your children to:

- ✚ Get plenty of rest the nights before testing
- ✚ Set their alarm so they won't be rushed in the morning
- ✚ Eat a healthy breakfast
- ✚ Get to school on time
- ✚ Do their best

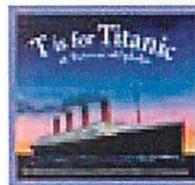
📧 Please do not schedule any morning medical appointments during the week of **March 12th – 16th**, as this time is used for testing.

📧 Contact us if you have any questions/concerns about the testing – CIV: 0951-3007616 or DSN: 469 – 7616/8884.



IMPORTANT DATES!

DATE	EVENT
Woman's History Month MAR 1 – 31 st , 2012	
06 MAR	World Spelling Day
07 MAR	World Math Day
08 MAR	World Science Day
09 MAR	Mighty Minds Performance Bamberg Music Club - 1300 MPR PTA Bingo & Meeting BES MPR 1730 - 1930
12-16 MAR	TerraNova Testing Week
15 MAR	Anti Bullying Plan Signing 1500-1530(3:00-3:30 PM) BES MPR SAC Meeting
19-23 MAR	Make Up TerraNova Testing
23 MAR	Principals' Coffee 0900 – 1000 Room 129
26 MAR	PTA Sponsored Author's Visit Mike Shoulders
30 MAR	CSI Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
06 APR	Teacher Work Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
09-13 APR	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
16 APR	Classes Resume



PTA Sponsored Visit Mike Shoulders, Author

A retired Tennessee teacher, Michael Shoulders is an author of children's books and a presenter of workshops on the writing process. His latest book “T is for Titanic” joins a collection of other books such as “M is for Magnolia” and “1 Mississippi, 2 Mississippi”. Bamberg ES PTA is sponsoring Mr. Shoulders who will conduct four assemblies to our students on Monday, March 26, 2012. The assembly program is as follows: 8:50-9:35 for first and second grades, 9:45-10:30 for PreK and Kindergarten, 12:45-1:35 for third and fourth grades, and 1:40-2:35 for fifth and sixth grades. Parents are invited to attend these workshops. You can check out Michael Shoulders at his website www.michaelshoulders.com





"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."

March 2nd is Read Across America Day!

BES Celebrates NEA'S Read Across America

On Friday, March 2nd, Bamberg Elementary School gathered together for a "Read Across America" assembly to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. LTC Morris and MSG Waldron were our special guests. LTC Morris read a Dr. Seuss favorite Green Eggs and Ham and MSG Waldron lead the Reader's Oath. BM/HS students, along with many guest readers, joined in the celebration by visiting classrooms and reading books to the students. Each year the school participates in this event to promote the importance of reading.



READERS' OATH

Words by Debra Angstead

I promise to read
Each day and each night.

I know it's the key
To growing up right.

I'll read to myself,
I'll read to a crowd.
It makes no difference
If silent or loud.

I'll read at my desk,
At home and at school,
On my bean bag or bed, By the
fire or pool.

Each book that I read
Puts smarts in my head,
'Cause brains grow more
thoughts
The more they are fed.

So I take this oath
To make reading my way
Of feeding my brain
What it needs every day.

FAVORITE BOOKS

- PreK – Clifford the Big Red Dog
- K The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- 1st Green Eggs and Ham
- 2nd, 4th & 5th Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- 3rd The Lorax
- 6th Hunger Games



Continuous School Improvement (CSI)

On Friday, March 30th, the staff of Bamberg Elementary School will be participating in a day dedicated to professional development focused on our schools' goals for continuous school improvement (CSI) listed below. You are welcome to attend any part of the day's activities which will include a review of the CSI process and a variety of training sessions addressing instructional techniques for helping students improve achievement in writing and problem solving. Topics such as technology, inclusionary practices, and effective strategies for differentiated instruction will also be explored. Staff members from BES, as well as from the Bavaria District Office, will be the presenters for these sessions. On behalf of the BES staff, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education.

CSI GOALS

SmartGoal 1: All students will improve problem-solving skills by 3 – 5 % when solving mathematical problems across the curriculum independently and cooperatively as measured by TerraNova 3rd Edition, grade level determined standardized assessment and/or school based problem-solving assessment by 2012.

SmartGoal 2: All students improve their written communication skills by 3-5% in written skills across the curriculum as measured by TerraNova 3rd Edition, Adopted Curriculum Writing tests, and/or school based writing assessments (6+1 Rubric) by 2012.



World Education Games



Bamberg Elementary School is participating in a great competition with students in schools around the globe. The dates of competition are:

- ✚ World Spelling Day 6 March 2012
- ✚ World Math Day 7 March 2012
- ✚ World Science Day 8 March 2012

For those interested, more information can be found on www.worldeducationgames.com.



BES PTA Presents

A BASKET BINGO NIGHT

Friday March 9, 2012
Doors open at 5:30pm
BES Multipurpose Room



If you bring in drinks, finger foods/ snacks, or dessert receive a free bingo card! If you join the BES PTA receive 2 free cards!!! Lots of great prizes and fun for the whole family!!!

Bingo will start at 6:15 pm. Open to all ID card holders of all ages. However only those over the age of 18 must claim prize.

