

# LA DELFINA

NAPLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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First Week of Classes  
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## Upcoming Dates to Remember



### Please note...

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**SIP Day - No School**

During our latest **fire drill** it was brought to our attention that **parents and visitors are not signing in** at the front desk when entering the building.

This means that during an emergency we have no accountability for all of the people inside the building and the fire department has stated that this is essential.

**It is important during the school day to sign in at the front desk so that we know who is here at all times.**

Base security also asks us to do random ID card checks in accordance with security measures in place throughout the support site. **Please ensure that you have an ID available at all times.**

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## NAPLES ADMINISTRATION

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PTA Corner  
♦ **NES PTA offers tons of volunteer opportunities for parents to be involved in their children's education. Please contact the volunteer coordinator Sandra Polk @ 629-7389 or slmpolk@yahoo.com**

# SUMMER IS OVER ◆ NO TOYS AT SCHOOL ◆

**E**very morning this year we have had children bringing in game systems to school as well as other electronic toys and collector cards.

**T**he school handbook states that **no toys are to be brought to school** and are not allowed on the playground, bus, classrooms etc...



**PLEASE REMIND  
YOUR CHILDREN  
THAT...**

**All toys will be confiscated  
BY THE BUS  
MONITORS, PLAY-  
GROUND AND  
LUNCHROOM  
MONITORS AND  
OTHER STAFF  
MEMBERS.**

## Registration Advice For New Families And Their Sponsors

**S**tudents registered by 11:00 begin classes the following day, unless the parent requests a later date. Any student registering after 11:00 **will not start** until the second school day.

**F**or Example; A family registers at 11:01 on Monday, the student will start Wednesday.

**A**ll incoming military families are **required** to have the DSE 803 form to confirm command sponsorship of dependents and DEROS/PRD dates.

**T**his form **must be signed** by their unit or military personnel office **before they can register**. The DSE 803 can be found at the schools or online at

[http://www.eu.dodea.edu/enrollment/docs/milStatus\\_SY0809\\_DSE803.doc](http://www.eu.dodea.edu/enrollment/docs/milStatus_SY0809_DSE803.doc)

***If you have extended you will need to bring in your new orders and a new 803 form reflecting your updated rotation date.***



## Notes from the Nurses



### **A new school year, a new round of illnesses!**

Currently children and adults in our school are suffering from a variety of stomach viruses, sore throats, strep throat as well as fevers. **Please encourage your students to wash their hands!** Please encourage children to wash hands after, after using the bathroom, before and after eating, after coming in from outside, and coughing and sneezing in their hands. The water fountain is another area where germs are easily transmitted! **We are asking parents to send in water bottles for the students.**



Please remember that children who do not feel well are going to have a difficult time learning in school. Please keep your child home from school until they have been symptom free for 24 hours **without** medication (tylenol, motrin, etc.) Children having a **fever of 100, vomiting, or diarrhea will be sent home**, and can return when they are symptom free for 24 hours.

**Update all contact information with the front office.**

**Vision and Hearing Screenings** are tentatively being scheduled for the week of October 6th. Kindergarten, as well as grades 2, 4 and 6 will be screened, as well as any children that parents or teachers have vision and hearing concerns about.

## FLAV-OR-ICE FRIDAYS FOR FALL



Every Friday after school, in the front of the school by the buses, the PTA is sponsoring FLAV-OR-ICE FRIDAYS. These events are to help fight heat related problems and the PTA is only charging 25 cents per pop-



## NES DOLPHIN PRIDE

Show your school pride by wearing your NES T-shirts every Friday this year.



If you don't have an NES T-shirt you can contact a PTA board member, pick up an order form or wear a navy blue shirt.



## Scholastic Book Club NEEDS YOU!!!

Who: Scholastic Parent Volunteers

What: Collect Order Forms, Place Orders Online, Distribute Books

When: A few hours a month



Why: Books are the gift of forever, opening the path to imagination, Creativity and learning. Each classroom must have a parent volunteer!

Please contact Renee Smith at 081-812-1646

Or [TandRSmith@gmail.com](mailto:TandRSmith@gmail.com)

## “Girl Scouts. Where Girls Grow Strong.”

### Naples Girl Scouts

Are excited to begin a new year.

Currently taking registrations

and Looking for volunteers.



Please visit the Girl Scouts table at the MWR movie night Friday, September 12 from 7:30-8:30 in the field next to the Fit Forum. For more information please contact us at [naplesgs@yahoo.com](mailto:naplesgs@yahoo.com)

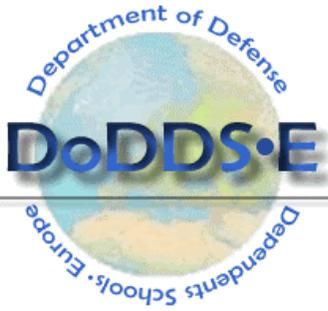
## FALL PHOTO DEADLINE



The packets that have gone home with your student for fall portraits are due back to us no later than September 19th.

Please remember to send in your order forms and payment so your child's photo will be in the year-book.





**Office of the Director, DoDDS-Europe  
Diana J. Ohman, Director**

**Parent Newsletter Article for September 2008**

Welcome Back to School

Welcome back to school. The summer is an opportunity for everyone associated with schools to relax, recharge and prepare for the new school year. I am certainly ready to begin the new year with renewed enthusiasm and commitment, and know that the administrators, educators, and staff across DoDDS-E feel the same.

Over the past several years DoDDS-E has closed, consolidated, and opened new schools across Europe to accommodate the ever-changing face of the Department of Defense in Europe. These changes brought many challenges and I am proud of all DoDDS-E staff members for continuing to provide a stable learning environment during these transitional years. Regardless of what comes our way this year, our teachers will continue the traditional business of teaching. Our students will continue the exciting business of learning.

Although we have been faced with shrinking resources, military base transitions, and numerous deployments within our communities, our students continue to excel. The recently released *TerraNova* scores show that DoDDS-E students score well above the national average in all subject areas, in all grade levels, and in all ethnicities. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. Curriculum specialists are developing more challenging courses to better prepare our students for the fast-changing world they will face after school. Manpower specialists are reviewing staffing needs to ensure that our schools have adequate staffing, not only for the academic areas, but in the areas of visual and performing arts, and health and physical education. Facilities specialists are working with base officials, engineers, and contractors to ensure that the school facilities are safe, secure and conducive to learning. Our teachers will participate in professional and staff development sessions to improve skills and remain up-to-date on curriculum and current educational trends.

Even with all our resources, manpower and training, we still need and want your help and involvement in your child's educational program. Involved parents can make a substantial difference in the academic life of their children and in our school and community. The entire school community has a role to play in supporting parental engagement in our schools. Please do all you can to maintain positive, regular and open communication with your child's teachers throughout the year. Together our educational community will continue to prove that ALL students can succeed.

Have a great year.

DIANA J. OHMAN  
Director, DoDDS-Europe



## BOX TOP CORNER!!

This year every 50 Box tops = Free Book.

The Students name, grade and teacher must be on the bag or envelope to ensure your child receives credit for the Box Tops they turn in. This will continue all year and we will hand out books 3-4 times during the year.

For a Box Top to count it must have a valid date visible. If you turn in a Tyson's Label, that will count as two Box Tops.

When clipping Box Tops, Please be careful not to cut off the date in the corner. Otherwise we can not use that Box Top.

Also, be on the lookout for products with BONUS BOX TOPS in the commissary!! A new contest will start Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>, look for the new collection sheet coming home.

If you need more collection sheets, please email [Darlene.harris@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Darlene.harris@eu.dodea.edu).

## AGENDA UPDATE!!!

Attention 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Students



The pre-paid agendas have been distributed by class. There are extras available for purchase through your child's home-room teacher.



## NES Band Club



The club members (5th and 6th grade students) will practice 1 day per week and perform on concert band instruments of the students' choosing (such as trumpet, trombone, saxophone, clarinet, & flute); students are to provide their own instruments. The club will focus on note reading, proper playing techniques, basic music history, instrument maintenance as well as reinforce musical literacy and rhythm reading skills in preparation for middle school band classes.

There will be an informational meeting for interested grade 5 & 6 parents *and* students on Wednesday, Sept. 24 in NES Cafeteria regarding instrument rentals, rehearsal times, in addition to student instrument tryouts. Parents, please note the following: last year the meeting was so well-attended that I decided to stagger the meeting times to facilitate student tryouts and answer questions.

### Meeting Agenda:

5th grade tryouts: 6:00-7:00

~ 6:30 - 5th grade Parent Meeting

6th grade tryouts: 7:00-8:00

~7:30 - 6th grade Parent Meeting

Please phone: 340-976-1493 or email: [lisa.mansfield@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:lisa.mansfield@eu.dodea.edu)

[See you there!](#)