



# Kinser Elementary School



"Home of The Clippers"

## Parent Newsletter

Unit 35037 FPO AP 96373-5037

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~ Michelle Moore-Robinson, Principal~

### Mark your calendars!

- Sept. 20 PTO Festival Volunteer Meeting at 1800
- Sept. 21 Early Release 1045
- Sept. 28 SAC Meeting 1430 Room 131
- Oct. 1-2 Fall Picture Days
- Oct. 3 No School
- Oct. 5 Early Release 1045
- Oct. 9&10 Hearing & Vision Screenings from 0800-1430

**100% ID CHECK**

**Please be prepared to show proper ID when visiting the school or picking up students.**

### Continuous School Improvement

#### Vision Statement

Kinser Elementary School, in partnership with students, teachers, parents, and the community, provides our students with an education designed to ensure that each student is equipped with the academic knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the future.

#### Goal 1

All Kinser students will understand what they read and write in all school subjects.

#### Goal 2

All Kinser students will become proficient users of graphical representation of data in all curricular areas.

Mon. Sept. 17	Tues. Sept. 18	Wed. Sept. 19	Thurs. Sept. 20	Fri. Sept. 21
Day 3	Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3 Early Release
Mon. Sept. 24	Tues. Sept. 25	Wed. Sept. 26	Thurs. Sept. 27	Fri. Sept. 28
Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4

### From the Principal



Dear Parents,

#### Kinser's Annual Tsunami Drill

You have cause to be proud. Our entire student and staff body participated in our annual tsunami drill. This year we had the opportunity to plan our drill in tandem with the base evacuation drill. We had the support of the Provost Marshal's Office, MCCS and the Base Antiterrorism Specialist. Our school drill was facilitated by our Administrative Officer. In a span of thirty minutes, we were able to evacuate 435 students and 70 faculty and staff members, climb nine flights of stairs, conduct an accountability check on the roof and return to campus. Practicing these types of drills helps us be prepared should the need arise. Great job staff and students!

#### Open House was a Full House

On September 13 the campus was alive with families visiting for Open House. During this time parents had the opportunity to visit classrooms, listen to important information being shared by teachers, view student work, and visit enrichment and support specialists that service our students. The PTO and Boy Scout troop joined in by providing another opportunity for our families and students to sign up as members. Thanks to all who came out and took part in this important event.

*Michelle Moore-Robinson,*  
Principal



#### See the attachments for:

- K-5 and Sure Start September Lunch Menus
- Student Rights and Responsibilities

***Kinser School Motto: "A place where every child succeeds, while having fun learning"***

# School News

## 2012-2013 Kinser School Advisory Committee

- Lisa Tunstall, Parent Representative – Chair
- Paul Bolan, Parent Representative
- Kimberly Barber, Parent Representative
- Diana Mizell/Natasha Zack, School Liaison Officers
- Kelley Kruzel, Parent Representative
- Sandra Gillen, Teacher Representative
- Marie Rush, Teacher Representative
- Michelle Moore-Robinson, Principal

### Our First SAC Meeting is Friday, September 28 at 1430 in Room 131

**What is SAC?** SAC stands for School Advisory Committee. It is a committee that consists of parents and faculty members elected by parents and staff. The purpose of SAC is to advise and make recommendations to the principal in areas such as: school policies, instructional programs, allocation of resources, pupil services, student standards of conduct, and discipline and issues that affect the whole school. Parent input is vital to the SAC.

**How do I bring an idea before the SAC?** There are three different ways to present your thoughts at a SAC meeting.

- The first method is to address an individual SAC member and ask that they present your ideas for you. This is an informal method and will most likely receive an informal response in return - i.e.: a verbal response to the matter in question.
- Second, you can submit a written request. Agenda input forms are available at the front office.
- Third, you can attend a SAC meeting and present your topic during the open session of the meeting. All topics discussed during open session will be subject to a time limitation. This is done so that all people who wish to speak at a SAC meeting will have the opportunity to be heard. Please submit the agenda input form so that you can be added to the agenda.

**How often does SAC meet?** Kinser SAC meets four times a year. The meetings are open to all parents.

**How will my topic/issues be addressed?** All topics brought before the SAC will be attended to in either written or oral responses, depending on the need of the issue. Most issues will not be resolved during the meeting they are presented. The principal needs time to research the subject so that all concerns receive the proper responses they deserve.

If you have a problem or an idea that affects just your child's classroom, a particular student, teacher or administrator, the SAC members can not address these topics. This type of problem would best be handled one on one with your child's teacher or administration. If you are unsure your subject is one the SAC can address, just ask a member and they will be able to guide you in the right direction.

Description above gleaned from various DoDEA Schools

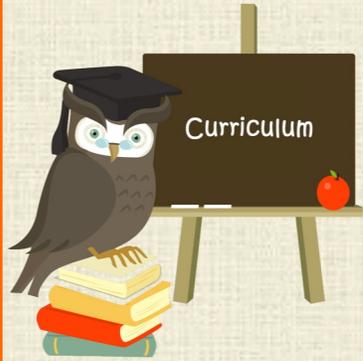
### Trained Teachers Impact Student Achievement



DoDEA knows and recognizes that the key influence on student achievement is good teaching. To have good schools we must have good educational and instructional leaders. Just as military members must attend trainings and engage in exercises and inspections, educators must participate in professional development. These professional development days may be Continuous School Improvement (CSI) days, In-service trainings, or half day professional development sessions. In an effort to continuously meet the needs of all students, training days have been scheduled throughout the school year. Please take a minute to review the important dates attached to this newsletter.

**Mark your calendars and post these dates in a visible location.**

# School Curriculum & Policies



## What Will My Student Learn This Year?

Curriculum standards specify what students should know and be able to do. They are important because they set high levels of learning and performance for students. They focus on what is important in each curricular area and are a basis for assessment across the curriculum.

For a copy of the program guide for your child's grade level, visit the DoDEA Website for the [Curriculum Program Guide](#)

## Early Childhood Education (Pre-K through Grade 3)

Early childhood programs involve a community of learners committed to the education of your children.



Some of the guiding principles that stress the commitment by DoDEA include:

- Young children reach different levels of learning and development at different times.
- Programs for young children must provide opportunities for individual activities and flexible groupings.
- Families of young children are essential partners in the educational process.

To view all early childhood guiding principles and to see subject specific principles visit:

[DoDEA— Early Childhood Education](#)

DoDEA has implemented an attendance policy effective immediately. It is important for parents to review this policy and become familiar with the expectations for attendance. Ms. Moore-Robinson will discuss the attendance policy at the first PTO and SAC meetings. Visit the DoDEA website to view a message from Marilee Fitzgerald, the Director of DoDEA, as she talks about the policy. You may access the page and policy here > [DoDEA Attendance Policy](#)

 **be here!**



## The Kinser Parent-Student Handbook School Year 2012-2013

The primary purpose of the Parent-Student is to provide the students and parents with useful information about all aspects of our school. It is our expectation that all of our students and parents will read through the information presented in the handbook in order to familiarize themselves with our school routines and procedures. Should there be an area that is not covered or if you have a question about individual procedures, policies, and/or routines, please contact us in the office.

The handbook is posted on Clipper Net for easy retrieval anywhere you have an internet connection. Please contact us in the office if you have any questions. We have also attached an acknowledge form that we would like for you to sign and return by parent conference dates, November 8-9.



**PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK**  
School Year 2012-2013

Unit 35037  
FPO AP 96373-5037  
DSN: 637-3000  
Camp Kinser Marine Corp Base

# School News

## Students Rights and Responsibilities DoDEA Administration Instruction 2051.2



These guidelines are provided in DODEA Manual 2051.2. The following areas of responsibility are outlined in the guide:

- Access to Learning
- Personal Appearance
- School Discipline
- Sexual Harassment
- Freedom of Expression
- Student Government
- Protection of Personal Privacy

DoDEA Regulation 2051.2 (Feb. 26, 1997) is a guide for students and their parents concerning student responsibilities. The DoDEA Manual 2051.2 balances the constitutional guarantees to students to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures and to engage in free expression against the duties of the school to provide a safe and secure environment in which all children have a fair opportunity to learn. It supports the DoDEA Strategic Plan, Goal 6: Safe Schools, which states that by the year 2000, every school in the United States will be free of drugs, violence, and the unauthorized presence of firearms and alcohol, and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning. The entire instruction can be accessed via this [link](#) on the Parent Deck of Clipper Net.

### School Chain of Command

Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers to discuss social and academic problems as they arise. Delay in finding solutions to these problems frequently has serious effect on academic achievement and possibly relationships. When problems or concerns arise, parents should contact the teacher(s) immediately. The school believes that frequent communication between parents and teachers is essential to ensure that the best possible learning situation is afforded to each child.

#### Teacher

↓  
Ms. Michelle Moore-Robinson  
Principal  
Kinser Elementary School

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Mr. Michael Thompson  
Superintendent, Okinawa District

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Dr. Joyce Lutrey  
Area Superintendent of CIA, DoDEA Pacific

↓  
Ms. Martha Brown  
Senior Civilian Leader Pacific

↓  
Marilee Fitzgerald  
DoDEA Director



Do you have a child between the ages of 3 to 5 years old demonstrating difficulties in any of these areas:

- Physical/Motor Development
- Cognitive Development
- Language Development
- Social Development
- Self Help Skills

Please call Marion Marsh at 637-5327 for a confidential developmental screening.  
Concerns for children age 0-3:  
Contact EDIS @ 634-2747



Kinser Elementary School actively seeks to locate and identify school age children who may have educational disabilities and may be in need of special education or related services. If you have questions or concerns about your child's speech & language skills, academic skills, or other developmental skills, contact:  
Marion Marsh 637-5327

*Early identification and intervention is one of the keys to future school success.*



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## Nurse's Notes

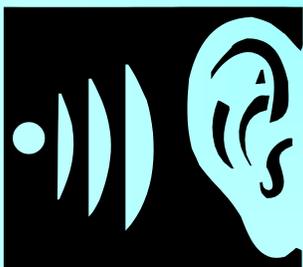
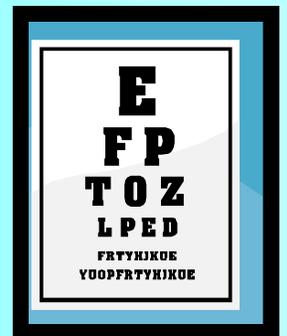
The School Health Room is operated by a registered nurse and it is open during school hours for emergency medical care of illnesses and injuries sustained in pursuit of the school program and to conduct the school health program. The school nurse is not a substitute physician for health problems arising at home. If a student is too ill to function in the classroom, parents will be called or authorized person will be requested to pick up the student. Please keep the main office up-to-date with current home, duty, emergency contact information and telephone numbers for the best care of your child(ren). Students may go directly to the Health Office **ONLY IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**.

You will be contacted by the school nurse and requested to pick up your child should any of the following circumstances occur:

- Fever of 100.0 degrees F or more
- Vomiting two times within 24 hours
- Severe diarrhea
- Head lice
- Pink eye or other communicable disease
- Any other reason deemed necessary

## Vision and Hearing Screening

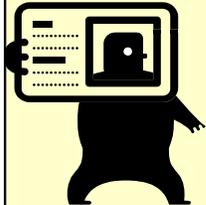
When in doubt, keep a sick child at home; if a child vomits, feels hot, or complains about their eyes, ears or stomach BEFORE school please keep them home. Children are expected to participate in outdoor recess if they are in school.



Vision and hearing screenings will take place on October 9th and October 10th. Volunteers are needed for both days. Please e-mail me at [tina.jenkins@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:tina.jenkins@pac.dodea.edu) if you are interested in volunteering.

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## Be Prepared - Have Your ID



Visitors are always welcomed at Kinser. For safety and security purposes, all visitors are to stop by the main office upon entering the building to obtain a visitor's badge. Be sure to have your identification handy as from time to time you will be asked to show it. A sign is posted on the front door as a friendly reminder to have your ID ready when visiting or picking up your child.



## The DoDEA Zero Tolerance Policy on Weapons

Students occasionally bring to school items which they might not think of as weapons, which could possibly be used as weapons. DoDEA has a zero tolerance policy on weapons. Students who bring weapons to school will receive notice of proposed expulsion from school, and the incident and the proposed action will be deliberated by the administration. Any incidents of weapons in the school will be reported immediately to the military police, the District Superintendent's Office, and DoDEA Headquarters.



According to DoDEA Regulation 2051.1, April 2008, Disciplinary Rules and Procedures, "Weapons are items carried, presented, or used in the presence of another person in a manner likely to make a reasonable person fear for their safety. They include, but are not limited to guns, look alike (replica) guns, toy guns, plastic guns, knives, razors, razor blades, box or carpet cutters, slingshots, nun chucks, any flailing instruments such as a fighting chain or heavy studded chain belt, objects designed to project a missile, explosives, mace, pepper spray, or any other similar propellant, or any object concealed, displayed, brandished in a manner that reasonably provokes fear." Weapons could include items not designed as weapons, such as locks, bats, or even nail files, if they are used or intended to be used to hurt others. Weapons can be any items used to hurt someone.



## Safety Patrol



**Description:** Safety Patrol helps all our KSES students follow pedestrian safety rules before and after school. The patrol members are on duty 7:30 am to 8:00 am and 2:05 pm to 2:30 pm in the afternoon.

**Requirements:** Students in fourth and fifth grade are eligible to sign up for Safety Patrol. Trained in the beginning of every quarter, Safety Patrol members must be on the job without fail! They must also meet grade requirements to remain on patrol. Applications will be given to students in the near future.

**Meetings and Events:** Safety Patrol members meet regularly with Mrs. Jenkins for training, to problem solve, and to be rewarded for responsibility!  
*Safety Patrol Sponsor- Tina Jenkins*

## Lunch Reminders

We want everyone to enjoy their meals. Students who pack their lunches should select foods that do not require heating to eat. For safety reasons, hot water and microwaves are not available for student use.

For safety and security reasons, parents who would like to dine with their students during lunch need to stop by the office to pick up a visitor's badge.



School Meal Service  
AAFES

## Lunch Account Online Access

Parents may now access their child's lunch account online at [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com). If you need your child's AAFES student ID to create your account or more information, you may call the BX at 637-5127 or e-mail Kinser's Cafeteria Manager at [diebertn@aafes.com](mailto:diebertn@aafes.com).

# PTO News

## Kinser PTO Board Members 2012-2013

President: Cortney Swieczkowski

Secretary: Ingrid Carricker

Teacher Rep: Valerie SanJuan

Vice President: Christy Martin

Treasurer: Vanessa George

Teacher Rep: Alice Dickinson

Volunteer Coordinator: Sami Wooley

### SAVE THE DATE! Annual Fall Festival October 19

On September 20th at 6pm there will be a meeting in the PTO Room(802) for those interested in volunteering to help with the festival.

Beginning October 1, purchase 5 tickets for \$1 or 4 for \$1 at the door.

### Fall School Pictures



October 1st or 2nd!

Please see your student's teacher for information about their assigned day.



### BOX TOPS Incentive

The class that collects the most [Box Tops](#) at the end of each quarter will receive a pizza party courtesy of the PTO.

Thank you in advance for supporting our school!



### FYI

- Become a member of PTO for just \$10 per family.
- Volunteers are always needed. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, [Sami Wooley](#), and let her know what you are interested in helping with. Tag-a-longs are welcome!!
- The PTO has a new home! Come see us in room 802!

### Popcorn Wednesday Is Back!

Time to round up those quarters and loose change as Popcorn Wednesday begins September 19!



Students may purchase a bag of fresh popcorn for 50¢ each Wednesday.

Also, this year you may pay through December for \$5.50 or just \$13.50 for the whole year.

Popcorn money must be sent with your student to be collected by the classroom teachers. No popcorn money will be accepted after 0810.

All proceeds go to the PTO fund to help support the students and their teachers!



Find us on [Facebook](#)  
Let us help keep you in the know of what is going on in your PTO!



# September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	 <b>Labor Day</b> No School	Day 2 4 <b>Kindergarten</b> <b>First Day</b> <b>Boohoo</b> <b>Breakfast for</b> <b>Kinder Parents</b> <b>8:15am</b>	Day 3 5	Day 4 6	Day 1 7 <b>Early Release</b> <b>Day</b> <b>10:45am</b> 	8 
9 	Day 2 10	Day 3 11	Day 4 12 <b>Tsunami Drill</b> <b>@ 1000</b>	Day 1 13 <b>Sure Start First</b> <b>Day</b> <b>Schoolwide</b> <b>Open House</b> <b>4:15pm</b>	Day 2 14	15
16	Day 3 17	Day 4 18 	Day 1 19	Day 2 20	Day 3 21 <b>Early Release</b> <b>Day</b> <b>10:45am</b> 	22 <b>Kinser Fest</b> <b>(Reschedule</b> <b>Date)</b>
23 <b>Kinser Fest</b> <b>(Reschedule</b> <b>Date)</b>	Day 4 24	Day 1 25	Day 2 26	Day 3 27 	Day 4 28	29
30	<b>October 1</b> <b>School Picture Days</b> Please see your student's teacher for information about their assigned day.	<b>October 2</b>	<b>October 3</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Teacher Training</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>October 4</b>	<b>October 5</b> <b>Early Release</b> <b>Day</b> <b>10:45am</b> 	

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sept 22-23 Kinser Fest- Hawaiian Luau  
 Oct. 3 Okinawa District Advisory Council Meeting (ODAC)  
 @ Bob Hope Primary 1830

## SCHOOL EVENTS

Sept 3- Labor Day- No school  
 Sept 7- Early Release at 10:45am  
 Sept 12- Tsunami Evacuation Drill  
 Sept 13- Sure Start first day  
 Schoolwide Open House at 4:15pm  
 Sept 21- Early Release at 10:45am

# Contacts

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Building 1040

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**Kinser Elementary School Internet:**

<http://www.kinser-es.pac.dodea.edu>

**Kinser Clipper Net:**

[LOGIN.KSES.PAC.DODEA.EDU](http://LOGIN.KSES.PAC.DODEA.EDU)

**PTO Contact:**

**E-mail:** [schoolforkids@gmail.com](mailto:schoolforkids@gmail.com)

**Okinawa District Superintendent**

Mr. Michael Thompson

**Okinawa Deputy Superintendent**

VACANT

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**E-mail Address**

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**Staff Email Addresses:** You may contact any DoDDS Pacific staff member by using the following address:

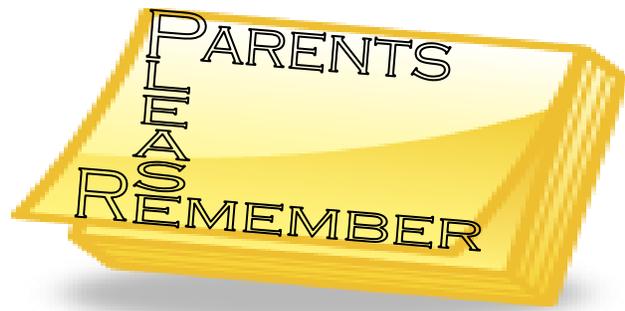
[firstname.lastname@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:firstname.lastname@pac.dodea.edu)

**Kinser School Mascot:** The Clipper Ship

**Kinser School Colors:** Blue and Yellow



## From the Office

**Notification of Absence:**

If your student will be absent from school please call the office at 637-3008 as early as possible to notify us. Students absent without a phone call or note from their parents will be classified as unexcused. Unexcused absences will not be given the opportunity to make-up class work missed.

If your child will be out of school for 2 or more days, please notify the office at least 1 week prior to their last day. Forms must be completed by the office staff and teachers prior to the student's departure.

**Tardies:**

If your student is late arriving to school, the parent or guardian is responsible for signing them in at the Main Office or sending a note with the student. Students must obtain a re-admit slip from the office. Tardiness will be recorded during each nine-week period.

**Parent Contact Information:**

We need for every parent to ensure the main office has updated contact information on file. In case of an emergency or to simply contact you for sharing information, having viable phone numbers and email addresses makes this possible. Email [sherry.finnimore@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:sherry.finnimore@pac.dodea.edu) with your updates.

## How to Access Clipper Net

The Clippernet (<https://clippernet.pac.dodea.edu>) is our school Intranet. It is one of the many ways we communicate with parents and the community. Many teachers maintain web pages that showcase student work as well as current happenings in classrooms. There are also links to important information from DoDEA, the current newsletter, and a calendar of upcoming events. Because we are under the DoD umbrella, we were required to switch to a secure site last year. This has caused problems for many parents because of required certificates. The certificates required are available from DISA at [http://iase.disa.mil/pki-pke/function\\_pages/tools.html#trust](http://iase.disa.mil/pki-pke/function_pages/tools.html#trust), you will need InstallRoot 3.15A.

Your username and password is the password your child uses to access the school network. As a general rule, the login name is first.last and the password is Kses# followed by the first 4 digits of your child's student number. The login sheet provided to each student includes their network login, Clippernet login, and Successnet login information. Many teachers provide copies of these to parents.