



Kinser Elementary School



"Home of The Clippers"

Parent Newsletter

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~ Michelle Moore-Robinson, Principal ~

Important Dates

- Sept. 15 Kinser Open House 1615-1730
- Sept. 15 Sure Start Begins 0800
- Sept. 21 ACDE Visitation 0740-1500
- Sept. 21 Picture Day
- Sept. 23 Early Release 1045
- Sept. 23 Teacher Training 1045-1440

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 students will improve their literacy skills across all curricular areas.

Goal 2

All students will improve their problem solving skills across curricular areas.

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| Mon. Sept. 12 | Tues. Sept. 13 | Wed. Sept. 14 | Thurs. Sept. 15 | Fri. Sept. 16 |
| Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 1 | Day 2 |
| Mon. Sept. 19 | Tues. Sept. 20 | Wed. Sept. 21 | Thurs. Sept. 22 | Fri. Sept. 23 |
| Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 1 Early Release |

From the Principal



Welcome to School Year 2011-2012!

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be the new principal of Kinser Elementary School. I hold a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from North Carolina A&T State University and a master's degree in Educational Administration from Michigan State University. I have been an educator for 19 years serving as a classroom teacher, staff developer, literacy facilitator and curriculum specialist.



I believe in building and sustaining an educational environment focused on academic excellence for students. I am excited to be a part of the Kinser Elementary family. I bring to the Okinawa District a rich background in literacy education, staff development training and a love for kids and learning. I enjoy being an active participant in the learning that goes on in the classrooms and a facilitator of the instructional practices that impact how we help students achieve their goals. It takes the combined efforts of all stakeholders to nurture a school community that is attentive and responsive to the aspirations and needs of the students. I anticipate establishing and maintaining partnerships with the community that yield support for our programs and initiatives.

The Kinser Staff is committed to providing our students with a first rate education and instilling a joy for learning in a safe and secure learning environment. On behalf of the faculty and staff, we extend to all of our families best wishes for a productive and successful school year.

Sincerely,
Ms. Moore-Robinson



See the attachments for:

- Student Transportation Office and F& R Lunch- Updates
- PreK- First Grade and Elementary Lunch Menus

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

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September 09, 2011

Dear Parents of Kinser Students,

You are cordially invited to participate in Kinser Elementary School's upcoming Advisory Council for Dependent Education (ACDE) Visit by serving on our Parent Interview Team.

On September 21, 2011, the ACDE will visit our school. The ACDE recommends to the Principal Under Secretary of Defense and the DoDEA Director programs and practices that ensure a quality educational system. The review is led by a team of representatives of education institutions and agencies, professional employees organizations or unions, and parents of DoDDS students. During the review, the council conducts interviews with a range of school stakeholders, reviews school documents and performance data, makes professional observations and recommendations for improving educational programs and services. The council shares its findings in oral and written format. The school uses the findings from the council to further its continuous improvement efforts.

The advisory council will be interviewing several stakeholder groups. We would like the team to interview you as part of the Parent Group, at 1:50 p.m. in room 131, located across the hall from the main office. The group interview will last approximately thirty minutes. We believe that you have experience, knowledge, and insights that would enhance the council's understanding of our school.

Please reply to this invitation by September 16, 2011 to the Principal's Mailbox at [Principal *KinserES@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Principal_KinserES@pac.dodea.edu) or notify us in the main office. We look forward to your participation in this exciting and valuable process.

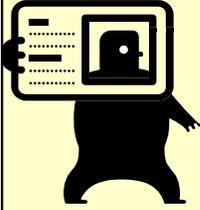
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Moore-Robinson". The signature is written in black ink on the aged paper background.

Michelle Moore-Robinson
Principal

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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



OPEN HOUSE 2011

You are cordially invited to attend Open House on September 15 at 1615 starting in the gym. Families will have the opportunity to rotate visiting students' classrooms, support specialists, meet with the educational technologist and information specialists to set up computer and library accounts. Open house will proceed as follows:

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| 1615 | Welcome, Introduction of the Staff, and Announcements– in the gym |
| 1630 | Session 1– Families visit Classrooms/Specialists/Information Center |
| 1645-1650 | Rotation time |
| 1650 | Session 2– Families visit Classrooms/Specialists/Information Center |
| 1705-1710 | Rotation time |
| 1710 | Session 3– Families visit Classrooms/Specialists/Information Center |
| 1730 | Open House Dismissal |



Stop by the PTO table to sign up for membership and purchase a Kinser shirt. New colors are available.



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.

Students at Kinser in grades 1-5 were briefed on this policy, shown examples of toy weapons they may not think are weapons, and told of possible consequences if the policy is validated.

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.

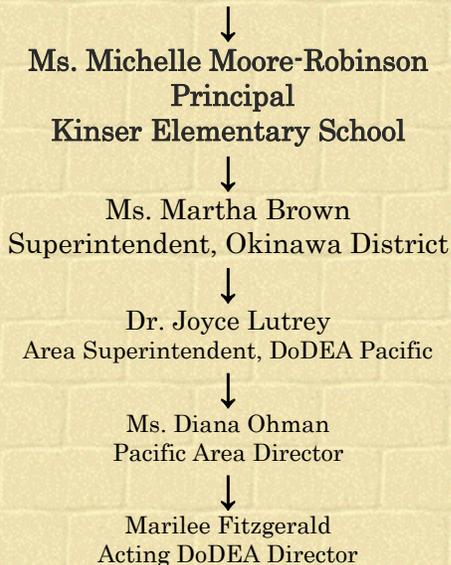


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School Chain of Command

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



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 Janice Cantu 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:

Karen Ricketts 637-5301

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



School Meal Service
AAFES

LUNCH ACCOUNT ONLINE ACCESS

Parents may now access their child's lunch account online at www.mealpayplus.com If you need your child's AAFES student ID to create your account, you may call the BX at 637-5127 or Kinser's Cafeteria Manager diebertn@aafes.com for more information.



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

PTO News

Kinser PTO Board Members 2011-2012

President: Ryshauna Jerkins

Secretary: Cheri De Luca

Teacher Rep: Addy Shiroma

Vice President: Dana Jasper

Treasurer: Heidi Wallace

Teacher Rep: Chris Bradeen

Volunteer Coordinator: Daphne Hunnicutt

Fall School Pictures



Wednesday, September 21

Sponsored by the PTO

Popcorn Wednesday Is Back!

Time to round up those quarters and loose change as Popcorn Wednesday has begun. Students may purchase a bag of freshly popped corn for 50¢ each Wednesday.

Popcorn money must be sent with your students to be collected by the class room teachers. **No** popcorn money will be accepted after 0810. Free popcorn on September 21 if you wear your school T-shirt!



All proceeds go to the PTO fund for purchasing supplies and materials for our students.



The PTO Board would like our parents to participate in collecting Box Tops for our school.

There are 3 ways to earn Box Tops for the school:

The first way: Clip Box Tops off of participating products and send them to the school.

The second way: Shop On Line, create an account on the Box Top website www.boxtops4education.com. When you get onto the website, click on "Join Box Tops" in the top right hand corner and follow steps 1, 2 and 3 to become a member. Type in the school name Kinser Elementary. Make sure it says FPO AP address. Once you are logged in, click on "Earn, Shop Marketplace". Over 100 retailers (i.e. Gap, Old Navy, Wal-Mart, Target, etc.) have partnered with Box Tops. For every \$10 spent, the retailer will credit our school with a set number of Box Tops. Each retailer has signed on for a different amount of Box Tops to be earned.

The third way: Shop Reading Room log in and click on Reading Room. You will be taken to the Barnes and Noble website and we can earn up to 6 Box Tops for every \$10 purchase.

Thank you in advance for your supporting our school throughout the school year.



PTO School Store



Open Wednesdays 0900-1430
for membership, T-shirts, dolls, etc.

Membership Drive



The first class that reaches 100% membership will receive an ice cream party.

Fall Festival Planning

Fall Festival is scheduled for October 14th from 1700-2000. We would appreciate donated baked goods for the cake walk. Please contact Daphne Hunnicutt at dl_hunnicutt@hotmail.com or call 090-6020-0592.

BOX TOPS Incentive

The class with the most Box Tops turned in, at the end of each quarter will receive a pizza party courtesy of the PTO.

The PTO will do final counts and award the class with the highest number of Box Tops.



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Ms. Martha Brown

Okinawa Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Paul Dellacroce

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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

Kinser School Mascot: The Clipper Ship

Kinser School Colors: Blue and Yellow



From the Office

- **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 lavesca.love-moore@pac.dodea.edu with your updates.

New Attendance Policy—In Effect



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 Acting Director of DoDEA as she talks about the policy. You may access the page and policy here > [DoDEA Attendance Policy](#)

***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

How to Access Clipper Net

To log into the Kinser Intranet (Clipper Net) you will need a "Username" and "Password". Contact Ms. Lysaught, to set up your account access.

GradeSpeed

4th & 5th Grade ONLY

GradeSpeed incorporates a parent portal allowing parents to sign up, log on, and see their student's grades. If you haven't signed up and would like to, please contact the office for more information. Please note: Attendance is maintained through ASPEN and not GradeSpeed. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance please call the office.

Keep Informed

GradeSpeed underwent system upgrades this summer. To ensure connectivity and access to your child's grades, all parents in fourth and fifth grade will need to setup new accounts and passwords for this school year. Ms. Lysaught, our ET will be available to assist you. Follow the link to email [Kinser ET](#).