

The BEAR ESSENTIALS

Aukamm Elementary School



January 2009

Our school goals are:

All students will improve their non-fiction writing skills across the curriculum.
All students will improve their problem solving-skills as applied across the curriculum.

UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR



05 Jan: School Starts
15 Jan: Reflection Submissions Due
16 Jan: No School –

Teacher Work Day

19 Jan: Federal Holiday – ML King's Birthday

22 Jan: Last day of the 2nd (first Semester) quarter

23 Jan: Teacher's Work Day

26 Jan: First Day of the Third Quarter

29 Jan: Honor Roll Ceremony @ 10:45

Looking Ahead

Feb 12: NAEP Testing for 4th Grade

Feb 14: Valentine's Day

Feb 16: Federal Holiday – Presidents' Day



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Notes from the Office

Dear Parents,

As we are getting a little further into the school year, the office is finding that many of our students have outdated contact information. We realize that emergency contacts often move away and that home, work, and cell numbers change from time to time. We ask that you take a moment to send a note or to stop by our office and ensure that we have the most current information on file in case we have to reach you. Valid e-mail addresses are important to us as well, as this is often how we disseminate school news to parents. We are also finding that we have no addresses on file. We need both your CMR and your street addresses.

Please remember to contact us at (0611) 705-6260 if your child will be absent. It is important that we are able to track outbreaks of the flu, stomach viruses, strep throat, etc. Thank you for taking a moment to help us better serve your family.

We would like to remind all parents to take the customer survey on how we at Aukamm Elementary are doing.

By going to <http://www.dodea.edu/datacenter/cssCertificateInfo.cfm>, you can help us to improve items here at Aukamm.

Sincerely,

The Secretary



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Policy and Legislation

08-ESPL-005

Date: November 26, 2008

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
POLICY MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Minimum Age Requirement for Pre-Kindergarten, the Sure Start Program,
Kindergarten, and First Grade Dependents

It is the policy of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) that a child must be 5 or 6 years of age by September 1 of the enrolling year for entrance into kindergarten and first grade respectively. Entrants into pre-kindergarten or the Sure Start Program must be 4 years of age by September 1 of the enrolling year. This Policy Memorandum reflects a forthcoming DoD Instruction, "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Schools," and the reissuance of DoD Instruction 1342.26, "Eligibility Requirements for Minor Dependents to Attend Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS)," and supersedes any previous guidance for the minimum age requirement for kindergarten and first grade for school year 2009-10.

The only permitted exceptions to the September 1 date are for kindergarten and first grade transfer students who meet the criteria outlined in the attached. Parents of a child who meets these criteria may request a waiver from the principal.

Shirley A. Miles
Dr. Shirley A. Miles
Director

Attachment:
As stated

EXCEPTIONS TO THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN
AND FIRST GRADE

Transfer Enrollment

The prior enrollment of the student must be from a duly accredited program; i.e., a school recognized by the local education agency from the sponsor's assigned sending state. (If a student wants to transfer from a school which is not recognized, he or she must meet DoDEA's age requirements)

The elementary school principal is authorized to make an exception to the minimum age requirement for space-required students when one of the following criteria are met:

(1) A student who was enrolled in, and attended his or her prior school shall be allowed to continue enrollment at grade level in DoDEA; commensurate with the student's current grade level, including kindergarten, while in a school of a local educational agency in the assigned sending state, or the Non-DoD Schools Program; at the time of transition, regardless of age.

(2) A student that has satisfactorily completed the prerequisite grade level in the local educational agency in the assigned sending state, or the Non-DoD Schools Program, shall be eligible for enrollment in the next highest grade level in DoDEA, regardless of age.

Note:

Children entering a DoDEA school from a British program should adhere to the following grade equivalencies:

<i>British Grade</i>	<i>American Grade</i>
<i>Reception</i>	<i>Prekindergarten</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>First Grade</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Second Grade</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Third Grade</i>

**Completion of the "Reception" program does not constitute grounds for an exception to the basic age requirement for DoDEA kindergarten enrollment.*

Guide to Supervise Your Child

USAREUR Child Supervision Guidance (2009)

** Children with a history of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Developmental Delay, behavioral problems, impulsivity, psychiatric problems or other impairments should not be given the degree of self-management/responsibility allowed in this policy.

HOME ALONE?

Birth - 5th Grade - NEVER

- Grades 6 & 7 - Up to 6 hours (in 24 hour period) with ready access to adult supervision (**NEVER** overnight)
- Grades 8, 9, and 10 - yes (**NEVER** overnight)
- Grades 11 & 12 - yes (may be alone for up to 48 hours, but an adult neighbor or adult friend must check on them at least every 12 hours)



BABYSITTING?

Birth - 5th Grade - NEVER

- Grade 6 - may baby-sit siblings only, for up to 3 hours with ready access to adult supervision
- Grade 7 - up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision (**NEVER** overnight)
- Grade 8, 9, & 10 - Up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision (**NEVER** overnight)
- Grades 11 & 12 - yes



UNATTENDED IN VEHICLE?



- **Birth - 3rd Grade - NEVER**
- Grades 4 & 5 - yes, for up to 10 minutes (keys removed and handbrake applied)
- Grades 6 & 7 - yes
- Grades 8, 9, & 10 - yes
- Grades 11 & 12 - yes

UNATTENDED OUTSIDE?

Birth - 4 years - NEVER

- K - 3rd Grade - If in a playground or yard, (**MUST** be in sight or hearing distance from a parent or supervising adult at all times)

Grades 4-5 - If in a playground or yard with ready access (**in person**) to adult supervision at all times

- Grades 6 & 7 - Up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision
- Grades 8 & up - Yes



Aukamm's Mission Statement

**Aukamm Elementary School
is a team of life-long learners.
Together we will:**

- **B**e kind and courteous citizens
- **E**xpect the best
- **A**sk, think, solve, and explain
- **R**esearch and use information
- **S**eek knowledge through technology





Nursing Station

GERM CAMPAIGN - Help keep Aukamm healthy. The flu and cold season is here. All the students and staff will be working hard at Aukamm to keep our environment healthy.

- 1) All classes are bumping up the hand washing.
- 2) Students coming in from recess to lunch are going by way of the restroom to wash their hands before eating.
- 3) The germ/hand washing posters are going up around school.
- 4) The health office bulletin board is supporting hand washing, germs, tissues, etc.
- 5) Supply has desktop cleaner for every classroom. The recommendation is that the desks and tabletops be cleaned daily with the cleaner and disposable paper towels.
- 6) The nurse will be visiting classrooms to discuss hand washing/passing of germs, coughing into the sleeve, staying healthy, etc.

HEAD LICE - Thank you parents for frequently continuing to check your child's head. Head lice are a nuisance but with patience, persistence and vigilance the concern will stay under control.

FEVER FREE - If your child has been ill he/she must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. For school purposes a temperature of 100 degrees or higher is considered as having a fever.

Notes from the Library



Yearbook 2008/09

The above picture was drawn by one of our fourth grade students. It was the 3rd-5th grade winning drawing in our recent Bear Art contest and will appear on the front cover of this year's Aukamm yearbook.

We would like to continue the military tribute theme inside the yearbook, but to do that we will need your help.

One, or if we get enough photos, two pages of this year's yearbook will be dedicated to photos of Aukamm families who have spouses who have returned from deployment this year, and to those who are still deployed.

Our request is that you submit a photo of your reunited family, or that you come by the school and let us take a picture of your family for the yearbook. We think this will be a wonderful memory for our students in years to come, and a real keepsake for featured families. If your spouse is still deployed, would they send us a photo for the yearbook?

Can you help us out? It is easy to think that your photo is not that important, but it really is - we want every family's photo if we can possibly get them.

The Media Specialist and the Yearbook Club

Every year the Aukamm Yearbook sponsors an art contest. The purpose of this contest is to have student art to put in the yearbook. We can't fit every picture in, but we do manage to put in a lot! Be sure to look for your picture in the yearbook, even if you did not win the contest!

The prize that these students get for winning this contest is to have their Bear Art pictures on the cover of this year's Aukamm Yearbook.

**Friday Spirit Day, Show your Aukamm Pride and
wear your Aukamm Colors! !**



Don't Forget!



PTA Donation Tree

PTA has set up a tree in the school lobby. It has ideas of items or volunteer time that teachers would like donated to their class. If you get a chance, check the tree and make a donation!

Volunteers of the Month for November

Aukamm PTA

Aukamm School



REMEMBER TO KEEP CLIPPING THOSE BOXTOPS!

Have your students turn in the Box Tops in a baggie with his her name and the teacher's name by the last day of the month. Each student who turns in Box Tops will receive a treat during lunch the following week. Each student that brings in ten or more Box Tops will go into a drawing for a prize. Also, each quarter the class turning in the most Box Tops will earn an Ice Cream Sundae party. Be sure to check the Box Tops for an expiration date. Please clip the Box Tops close to the lines, but not so close that the expiration date is cut off. Box tops with out an expiration date are unless!

Happy Clipping!

Reflections 2008-2009 WOW! Sponsored by Aukamm PTA



Reflections is a chance for students to create works of art for fun and recognition.

Students submit in one of 6 categories: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, or Film Production.

Students are to interpret the theme WOW! for their entries.

Students at Aukamm may enter in Primary - Grades K-2 or Intermediate-Grades 3-5.

Students are reminded that all entries are to be an original work.

All entries must be the work of one student.

Entry forms and handouts with the rules for each category are available at the display outside the PTA room or may be requested through the school office.

All entries must be submitted to Aukamm PTA or

Aukamm school office by January 15, 2009 at 3:00pm.

All entries must have the official entry form attached with no other identifying information.

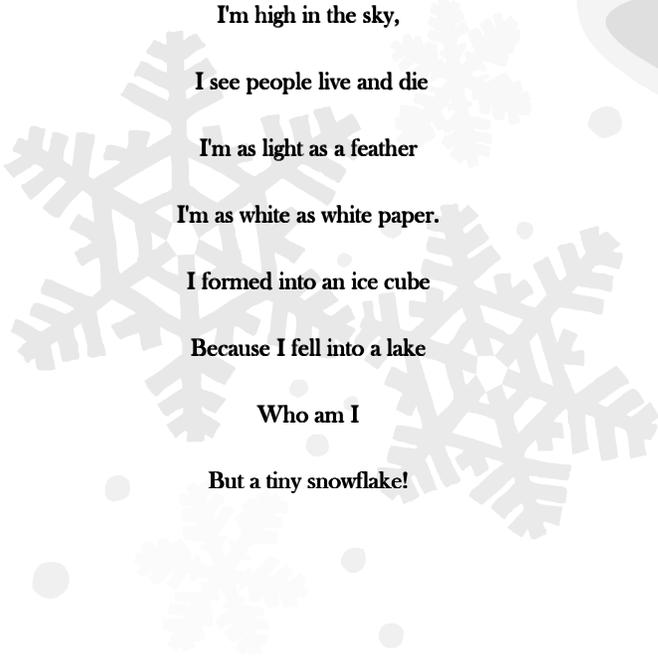
Winners will be honored at the Reflections Celebration on Thursday, January 29, 2009.

5th Grade Poems



I was walking in the snow
When what do you know
I saw eight tiny reindeer
And the guy in the back
His eye had a twinkle
I knew that second
He had to be Kris Kringle!

Who Am I?



I'm high in the sky,
I see people live and die
I'm as light as a feather
I'm as white as white paper.
I formed into an ice cube
Because I fell into a lake
Who am I
But a tiny snowflake!



Winter Snow
Winter snow
How it covers
My front yard with beauty.
Snowflakes dance
While I laugh with glee.
Snow angels on the ground
Wherever I step.
Oh, how much
I love the snow
and how much
It loves me!

Things Happening Around the School



A 5th Grade class enjoying their holiday party.

A parent spends time with her daughter during a class holiday party.



A 3rd Grade class has won Aukamm's Spirit Day again, winning them a pizza party.

January's Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Orange Ginger Chicken w/ Veggies or Teriyaki Chicken Dippers Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli & Carrots Chilled Pineapples Fruited Jell-O Milk	6 WG Cheese Pizza or Baked Chicken Tenders w/ Roll Green Beans Garden Side Salad Chilled Peaches Fruited Jell-O Milk	7 Chicken Alfredo / Lasagna or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Carrots & Cauliflower Chilled Pears Cinnamon Toast Fruited Jell-O Milk	8 Cheese Pizza Dippers Yogurt & 1/2 Cheese Sand- wich on WW Fresh Carrots Sticks w/ FF Dip Apple Quarters Goldfish Pretzels Fruited Jell-O Milk	9 Popcorn Chicken Chef Salad Mac & Cheese Garden Side Salad Soft Wheat Pretzel Fruited Jell-O/ Fruit cup Milk
12 BBQ Riblet Baked Chicken Drumsticks Broccoli Applesauce WW Roll Fruited Jell-O Milk	13 WG Cheese Pizza Cheeseburger on WG Bun Fresh Carrots & Celery w/ FF Dip Chilled Pears Fruited Jell-O Milk	14 Turkey Sausage Cheese Omelet French Toast Sticks Baked Tater Tots Banana Milk	15 Hamburger on WG Bun Ham & Cheese Sandwich Oven Baked Potato Wedges Fruit Cup Ice Cream Fruited Jell-O Milk	16 Teacher Work Day --- NO SCHOOL
19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	20 WG Pepperoni Pizza Grilled Turkey & Cheese on WW Seasoned Corn Garden Side Salad Fruit Cup Fruited Jell-O Milk	21 Soft Taco w/ Cheese Chicken Quesadilla Carrots, Broccoli & Cauliflower Chilled Pears LF WG Blueberry muffin Fruited Jell-O Milk	22 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Chef Salad Green Beans Chilled Fruit Cocktail Garlic Toast Fruited Jell-O Milk	23 Teacher Work Day --- NO SCHOOL
26 Orange Ginger Chicken w/ Veggies or Teriyaki Chicken Dippers Chicken Rice Steamed Broccoli & Carrots Chilled Pineapples Fruited Jell-O Milk	27 WG Cheese Pizza or Baked Chicken Tenders w/ Roll Oven Baked Potato Wedges Garden Side Salad Chilled Peaches Fruited Jell-O Milk	28 Chicken Alfredo Ham & Cheese Sandwich Carrots & Cauliflower Chilled Pears Cinnamon Toast Fruited Jell-O Milk	29 Cheese Pizza Dippers Yogurt & 1/2 Cheese Sand- wich on WW Fresh Carrots Sticks w/ FF Dip Apple Quarters Goldfish Pretzels Fruited Jell-O Milk	30 Cheeseburger Mac Chef Salad Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cup/ Fruited Jell-O Animal Crackers Milk

