

Wiesbaden Middle School

December 23, 2008



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Wishing You All a Very Happy Holiday Season

Please take a few minutes to complete the Customer Satisfaction Survey at:

<https://webapps.dodea.edu/CSS0809/>

We have also placed a link to the survey on our school home page at:

<http://www.wies-ms.eu.dodea.edu/>

Some Important Dates to Remember:

Jan. 10 Volleyball Teams to Ramstein

Jan. 12 School Advisory Meeting 1600 in the Library

Jan 16. Teacher In-Service to Work on School Improvement Goals

Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Holiday – No School

Jan. 23 End of 1st Semester and 2nd Quarter – No School for Students

Jan. 28 Outdoor Club – Swimming in Wiesbaden

Looking Ahead!

Terra Nova Testing March 10-11 and 17-18

DoDEA Seeking Nominations for the

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA - The Department of Defense Education Activity

(DoDEA) is encouraging principals, students, parents, teachers, community

members as well as the general public to nominate science or mathematics teachers

in grades 7-12 for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and

Mathematics Teaching (PAEMST).

Since the PAEMST program began in 1983 more than 3,900 teachers have been recognized for their dedication to teaching math and science education. The PAEMST program is administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The PAEMST is the highest recognition that a teacher can receive for excellence in teaching in the United States. Teachers that receive the award are recognized for their contributions to instructing, learning, and their ability to help students progress in math and science.

Award recipients receive a citation signed by the President of the United States, a paid trip for two to Washington, D.C. to attend recognition events and professional development opportunities, gifts from sponsors of the program from around the country, as well as a \$10,000 award from the NSF.

In order to be nominated, teachers must have taught science and/or math at the secondary level (grades 7-12) for at least five years. Individuals interested in nominating a teacher must fill out the nomination form at the NSF's website and submit this form to Kim Day or Sheridan Pearce before January 8, 2009. DoDEA will then notify the nominee of his or her nomination and provide instructions on how to complete the application.

**For more information on PAEMST please view the NSF website at <http://www.paemst.org>
703-588-3126 703-588-3710**

Dear Sponsor:

From January 26 to March 6, 2009, all 4th and 8th grade students in Department of Defense schools are scheduled to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), commonly known as the Nation's Report Card. NAEP is sponsored by the US Department of Education and is designed to test what students know and can do in subjects commonly taught in school. Students from every state will take NAEP tests. Taking the NAEP test is a positive educational experience for students. Results from this test will be used to help the Department of Defense maintain high quality schools for military dependents.

The 2009 NAEP tests are in reading, mathematics, and science with individual students only tested in one subject for no more than 90 minutes. Results are reported at the state level, that is, for DoDEA as a whole. Results for individual students or schools are not reported. Your child's grades in school will not be affected by participation in the test. Your child's participation in NAEP is completely voluntary. You may choose to have your child left out of participation in NAEP by notifying the school principal in writing using the form at the bottom of this letter.

If you would like more information about the 2009 assessment, NAEP has developed a demonstration booklet that contains samples of the types of reading, mathematics, and writing questions, as well as the background questions that students are asked. To see the demonstration booklet, please contact the school principal. For more information about NAEP, please visit its website at <http://www.nationsreportcard.gov>.

We want you to know that we appreciate the participation of each child.

Alexia Venglik
Principal WMS

REQUEST FOR STUDENT NON-PARTICIPATION IN NAEP TESTING

Student Name: _____

I do not want my child to participate in the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date _____