



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

Hedgehog - Weekly School Newsletter

To All: June
 The Principal's Pen
 Student Support Services/In-School Liaison Officer
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Students and parents used all the hedges for the rings of the first ceremony prior to the start of the first day of school on Monday, August 21, 2023.

September 1, 2023 Parent Newsletter of Feltwell Elementary School

Feltwell Hedgehog Highlights

The Principal's Pen

Dr. Bernadette Schuster
 Principal

The first two weeks of school

And just like that, we are two weeks into school year 2023-2024! Our 1st-5th grade students started school last Monday, August 21st while our kindergarten students started the Monday, August 28th. Our youngest learners, Sure Start students, will be starting school on Thursday, September 7th.

The first two weeks of school, often referred to as Week 0, are all about establishing expectations, procedures, and routines. Students are getting to know their new classmates and establishing friendships, reviewing what they learned in the previous year, and learning the new schedule and expectations. Our school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program is in place as part of good teaching, behavioral psychology, and multi-tiered system of support. We will continue to use incentives, positive reinforcements, and reciprocal language as well as assemblies to reinforce positive behavior at school.

We had a couple of new DoDEA policies that were implemented at the start of the school year. The DoDEA Dress Code Policy went into effect on July 1, 2023. Students are required to come to school in solid, coping, and transparent or translucent that fully covers the top and bottom from armpit to mid-thigh. Students should not be wearing hedges that obscure the face, except as a religious observance or for health purposes. Hats and head covers should not be worn inside the buildings. Read more detailed information on the school dress code page.

Current information on all DoDEA and school-specific policies can be found in the student handbooks which can be accessed here.

Students in 1st through 5th grade will now have their own laptops to use at school or at home. Each grade level will be deciding when laptops are needed at home for school work. Students began taking their laptops home after they agreed to shared expectations and agreements, and after parents signed paperwork.

The remaining grade levels will have a one-to-one computer laptop ratio for school use. As in the nature of a transient military community, we had several teachers and support staff PCS back to the United States over the summer. I am excited to introduce to you several well-qualified new employees that joined the Feltwell hedgehog community.

Terr Tomassi is our new Math Support Specialist. She

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