

Seoul American Elementary School

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“Home of the
Dolphins”

Mission Statement

Seoul American Elementary School provides standards based instruction in a safe learning environment which fosters independent thinking and respects cultural diversity through collaboration among staff, students, parents and community.

School Improvement Goals

Goal 1:

All students will improve reading comprehension across the curriculum.

Goal 2:

All students will improve informational writing across the curriculum.



Principal's News

Dear Dolphin Families:

This week marks the midpoint in our first quarter of the school year. I am hoping that you are getting input and advice from your child's teacher on how you can best support school efforts at home. We are working hard to improve student's ability to read, write, and make appropriate inferences, across all grade levels, when working with non-fiction text. We know that our students show the greatest weakness in this area, and we are collaborating to increase student achievement in these important aspects of their learning.

Please join in, as we are also working to increasing volunteerism at our school. Make sure you have completed and submitted the Garrison required background checks, so that you can spend time with the youngsters in our school. SAC (School Advisory Committee) and PTO are other great ways to become more involved in our school community! Do not hesitate to contact our front office to learn more about these important groups.

I HARDLY PASSED DRIVER'S EDUCATION, MYSELF! I ask you to keep this in mind, as I join the staff in reminding folks of the guidelines for use of the Kiss and Drop zones. We know you think it will be "just a minute," but no cars should ever be unattended at all.

Please remind those you see using our playground afterhours that the equipment is designed for children under the age of twelve. We want everyone to be safe and our equipment ready for our youngsters when they come to school. Also, no dogs on school grounds: ever. As you can imagine, we love dogs, but the safety issues related to pets in the play area are a concern. Thanks for your understanding and compliance!

All the best,

Melissa L. Klopfer

Principal

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School Hours

Front Office

7:00 am – 4:00 pm

School Day

8:00 am – 2:25 pm

Important Dates:

This Month:

Oct 2: Chusok, No School

Oct 12: Columbus Day

Oct 13-16: School Pictures

Remainder of 2009:

Nov 6: End of 1st Quarter /
Teacher Work Day

Nov 11: Veteran’s Day / No
School

Nov 12-13: Parent-Teacher Conf /
No School

Nov 26-27: Thanksgiving Recess
/ No School

Dec 4: 11 AM Dismissal / 1/2
Teacher Work Day

Dec 16: Accelerated Withdrawal
Date

Dec 21: Start Winter Recess

AAFES Lunch

Lunch Price: \$2.05

Milk: \$0.60

Additional Items: \$0.75

All Visitors

Please remember to sign in at the main office before proceeding to the classrooms.



Safety Section

Dear Parents,

Student may not be dropped off before 0750 in the morning.

Please know that student safety is our primary concern and there are no adults on duty before 0750. We look forward to seeing our wonderful students every morning and appreciate your understanding.

Thank you,
SAES Administration



Registrar’s Corner

We sent an Information Update Form home last month with each child. Some forms have been returned incomplete and some not at all. We need the information in case of an emergency. You will receive a courtesy call from the Registrar concerning incomplete or missing contact information.

If there are any changes to your phone numbers, physical or mailing addresses, DEROS date (bring supporting documentation), etc., please contact the Registrar’s Office to update your contact information.

Please bring a copy of your orders to the Registrar’s Office if you are going to PCS anytime during the 2009-2010 school year. You must begin out-processing your child(ren) two weeks prior to you actually PCSing.

Call 736-7748 with any concerns.

Counselor’s Corner

DOLPHIN DELEGATES

Dolphin Delegates is a Peer to Peer program that would allow students the opportunity to demonstrate your leadership ability and people skills. As a “Dolphin Delegate,” responsibilities would include assisting with student orientations, welcoming of visiting dignitaries, representing SAES during school functions, and helping with various transition issues as they arise. Suffice to say that we consider this a program for aspiring leaders in our school. I am also requesting that any nominees be available to serve at SAES or SAMS next year.

SAES Counselors
Seoul American Elementary School

SAES PTO

Box Tops

We are collecting Box Tops for Education this school year. Students can bring in as many Box Tops as they want. Please place them in a bag marked with the student’s name and turn them into their teacher. Thank you for your support of our school.

Popcorn Sales for October

The Popcorn Sales for October will be held October 16th and 30th. Children need to bring \$.50 in to their teacher that morning if they would like popcorn. On the day of the sales, orders are in by 9:15am and deliveries begin; with Kindergarten classes' orders delivered first so they can have their popcorn either at lunch time or snack time at school. The rest of the orders are delivered by 10:30. We try to be done by 10:30 so

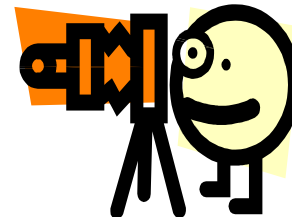


the teachers/children have options on when to have the popcorn during the school hours. Some teachers use the popcorn during their classroom's snack time.

Use U.S. currency only and not Korean currency please.

SAES School Picture Days!

It's time again for our annual school photos. You are invited to take this opportunity to order school photographs for Christmas or friends. We have contracted with *Campus Photography International* to provide this service to our school. **All** students will be photographed regardless of purchase.



To order portraits of your children, go to www.CPIphoto.net, click on **Order Now** or use the order form that will be sent home two or three days prior to our picture day(s).

- Make your package selection in advance. **Online** use your credit or debit card. Payment by **order envelope** is by check, money order or cash.
- Online orders may be placed up to five days after photography (photo are not visible online).

If not ordering online:

- Return the envelope and payment with your child **on** the photo date. (Do not return the order envelope if you order online.)
- Your child, order envelope, and payment must arrive together at the camera.
- Please use *one envelope per student*, **NOT** one envelope for multiple children.
- Please make checks payable to *CAMPUS PHOTOGRAPHY*, **NOT** the school.
- Post-dated checks up to two weeks are accepted.
- Only pre-paid orders are produced and returned to school.

Your advantages with the pre-pay program are; you receive the actual package, not just a small proof. Your satisfaction is guaranteed or you will receive a 100% refund. This program allows a faster return of the finished package.

A telephone number and email address for **any** questions are on the flyer/order form and website. Please use either of these for any questions you may have regarding the school portrait program.

Membership Drive!

Dear Parents:

The SAES PTO has started its annual Membership Drive! We are striving for 100% membership! With over 1200 students in our school this is quite a challenge! To help build class spirit, we are holding a contest to see which class reaches 100% first! Remember every membership counts! Complete the attached form and cheer your student's class on to win the Pizza Party! We all benefit from your membership! In the past we have been able to support our school with valuable programs like Weekly Readers and Brain Pop. We hope to be able to support these programs again this school year but we need your help. If 10 parents of students join, that gives the PTO \$100.00 to donate. However, if 20 parents of students join in a class, then just imagine the programs we can support!

Thank you for your support of our membership drive!

PTO Membership Chair

The PTO may be reached at SAES.PTO@gmail.com

Hispanic Heritage Month

Two Kindergarten classes recognized the strength and hard work of Hispanic Americans; whose zeal for family and country has helped shaped our society. The children engaged in several activities such tasting foods, playing games and visiting the Media Center to listen to a book entitled Fiesta!



Continuous School Improvement (CSI)

Continuous School Improvement (CSI) is a DoDEA requirement worldwide. Its goal is to improve both teaching and learning. Our school improvement plan allows us to develop processes, practices, and policies to achieve DoDEA's [Community Strategic Plan](#). While general goals are determined by DoDEA, individual schools are responsible for determining the needs of their unique student population. Currently we are working to achieve growth with two goals.

The school's two student performance goals are:

- All students will improve reading comprehension across the curriculum.
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Parent Involvement Committee

The Parent Involvement Committee would like to welcome parents to attend and participate in our school-wide committee. We meet every 4th Tuesday. Our next meeting will be in Room 206 on October 27th at 2:35. Our new school-wide committee is responsible for getting parents involved in the learning process for all students. We are not the PTO, but we will be working with them to help students continue being successful. Join us.

SAES School Advisory Committee

SAC News:

The SAES School Advisory Committee (SAC) had our first meeting on 9/08/09 at 3:30pm - 4:30pm in the Dolphin Theater. We introduced returning and newly elected members/executive officers. We discussed the SAC goals, school enrollment, upcoming community park and safety concerns along with other topics. SAC meets every second Tuesday of the month. Our October meeting will be on 10/13/09. Special meetings other than the scheduled ones can be called anytime when there are issues to be addressed. Parents and educators are highly welcome to attend and those who would like to share their concerns, please contact the Principal, Assistant Principals, or any of the SAC board members listed below.

The purpose of the SAC is to advise the principal and school officials on matters affecting the operation of the school and, also, may make recommendations to Installations Advisory Committee (IAC) regarding support provided by the military services to dependents' schools. SAC is comprised of minimum ten voting members (5 parents & 5 teachers -this school year we have 12) and non-voting regular guests who attend the meetings. They are the Principal & Assistant Principals, Commander, Deputy Commander & CSM of USAG-Y, Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent, Child Youth Services/School Liaison Officer and any parents and/or educators of our SAES. We all collaborate together in the best interest of our student's safety and quality education. Please come, Dolphin parents and teachers, and join us at our SAC meetings.

Information Center

FALL INTO BOOKS

Stop by the SAES Library to see our colorful, book-titled trees. The students have been busy reading books and adding the titles of those books to the fall leaves around the library. This is exciting for us and the students to see what books are being read especially with the 2100 new books that were added to the library since August. Don't forget to ask your student what books they have been reading. Also remember to stop by the SAES library to sign-up for a community patron account. With this account you can check-out additional books to have at home. As always volunteers are very welcome in the library. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Lost Book Policy

We understand that sometimes books get misplaced or we simply forget about them. If the item is lost, please replace it with a new, hardcover book of equal or greater value. Replacement books may be purchased at any book retailer, including the Yongsan PX, online booksellers, or local bookstores. The school can not accept payment for a book. Please submit the receipt with the replacement book. Thank you for your prompt assistance. Your assistance allows the SAES Information Center to maintain a current and exciting inventory for all of our young readers.

The Art Room

Hello from the Art Rooms. We are in the process of getting our rooms together for the New Year and would appreciate our parents help in getting us up and running. Below are a few items that you may have in your home that we could use in the art rooms to start us out.



- Margarine tubs w/lids
- Plastic Frosting Containers w/lids
- Old Candles
- Old greeting cards/ x-mas cards etc.
- Calendars/Magazines
- Yarn/Lace/Rick-Rack
- Fabric/Felt
- Buttons/Beads/Glitter(Large)
- House Paint/Spray Paint any color or kind
- Hand Towels

If you don't want it let us have it.

Thanks from the Art Teachers of 2009-20010

Reading Counts!

On Saturday's the library will be open from 8:30to 10:30 for students from First Grade through and including 5th grade, for those students who want to read and take a Reading Counts test. Mrs. Fahey, a certified Reading Specialist will be in the library to assist students in choosing a book that is appropriate for their lexile level and meets the interest of the reader. Reading that is carefully selected based on students reading levels and matched to their interest is one of the best ways to foster a life long reading habit and strengthen a child's' reading skills.

Scholastic Reading Counts is a program that offers students computerized quizzes which test their reading comprehension. The program is designed to help motivate students to read through immediate feedback on the quizzes they take. Students can also rate the books they have read. Older students can monitor their progress. Assessment and evaluation are part of the program with computerized readouts that let the child, parents and teachers know the progress a student is making.



Research has shown that reading achievement correlates with the amount of time spent reading. It is through reading that a child's vocabulary and background knowledge can be enhanced. Here at SAES we hope that teachers, families and communities can work together so our children can become successful readers!

We hope to see you there!

SAES Volunteers

In support of current garrison policy regarding volunteerism and working with children, SAES will like to inform those interested in volunteering, that all volunteers must undergo background checks. If you wish to volunteer and have not done so, please print and completely fill out the attached Release of Information Form. The form may also be picked up at the front office. Adhering to this process, you will receive temporary access to the school and receiving long-term access approximately 3-to-4 weeks later, with approval from the garrison command.

Also, volunteers do need to register online with myarmylifetoo.com. Please contact the front office for additional information.

Nurses Notes

Nurses office Hours: 7:45-2:45

The Nurses thank-you parents for updating your child's immunizations and for your support. Special Thanks to our wonderful parents who volunteers in assisting the Nurses' Office.

We now have one nurses' office in Building 7000 Room 100 next to theGym.

Immunization Updates - Those students who still need immunizations must get the immunizations and provide a copy of the updated shot records to the School Nurses ASAP. DOD Directive 1342.6/ DoDEA Instruction 6205.1 mandate that students have current immunizations or your child will be dis-enrolled from school.

IPPD (TB) Skin Test, required annually in Korea - The 121 (Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital) will not be administering TB tests at the school this fall as in previous years. Please make arrangements for your child to have their annual testing done and bring a copy of the shot record to your school nurse no later than 14 Nov 09.

Medications - Students with medical conditions that require the use of inhaler, Epi Pen, or other prescribed medications that must be taken on as needed or scheduled basis must leave these medications with the nurses. It is imperative to the health of your child that these items be brought into the nurse's office ASAP. Students are not allowed to carry any medications while at school.

Hold Harmless Letters are required annually for any students who need to take medications at school including, over the counter medications. All medication MUST have a Pharmacy label with child's name and instructions for usage.

Emergency Contact Information - Please make sure to update emergency contact information at the main office. We need parents' home, work and cell phone numbers, as well as the phone number of an emergency contact who is authorized to pick up your child when you are not available. This is extremely important in the event your child become ill or injured.

Substitute Nurses are needed to help in the nurses' office this school year in the absence of nurses. Please see school secretary for the sub packet.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering either to help in the nurses’ office or with various health screenings, please call and leave your name and phone number.

COMING SOON - Health Screening Information: Vision, Hearing, and Scoliosis Checks. Look for more information.

As always your school nurses stand ready to assist you at any time. Just give us a call at 736-4192.

SAES is now on Facebook and Twitter

Keep up to date with all of our latest events and classroom highlights or even share your thoughts with us.



You can search us on Facebook at **SAES Dolphins** and add us as a fan.



Find us on Twitter at **SAES_Dolphins** and follow our feeds.

We look forward to seeing us online to get the latest information to you.

The Music Room

Piano Lesson # 2

Goal: The student will know the notes on the piano/keyboard by memory without looking at a chart.

Objective 1: The student will play the “Little River Song.”

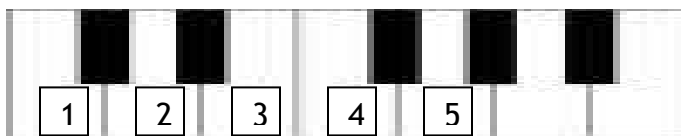
Procedure:

1. Hold up your right hand in front of you and count the following numbers by rote using only the assigned finger numbers until you know the sequence by memory.

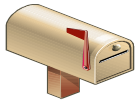
“123453, 53, 53, 123453, 54321”...”There’s a little ri-ver, flow-ing, flow-ing, there’s a little ri-ver, flowing down the stream.”



2. Take finger #1 on the right hand and place it on the note on the left side of the pair of two black keys.
3. Now place the rest of the fingers adjacent to finger 1 on the piano keys with each finger having its own note and try the same sequence mention step #1 on the piano or keyboard.



School Mailing Address



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