

ROTA REMINDERS

FROM DAVID GLASGOW FARRAGUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

February 18 – President’s Day – Holiday – No School

February 20 – Parent Town Hall Meeting

February 22 – School Improvement – Early Release at 1330

Below is the information sent earlier in the October 31“Rota Reminder regarding MyData:

Beginning this school year, 2012-13, thirty-seven schools in the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will be participating in the *Aspen* (electronic/digital) *Gradebook* and *myDATA Button* Pilot. I am proud to announce that your Rota Elementary School is on the cutting edge and is participating in this pilot for 4th through 6th grades. The *myDATA Button* is a portal that provides instant access to grades, schedules, attendance information , and emergency contact information for students and parents. The *myDATA Button* allows parents and students access anytime, anywhere, from a MAC or PC computer that connects to the Internet. The *Aspen Gradebook* will progressively replace *GradeSpeed* as the official source of student grades and information. All DoDEA schools used *GradeSpeed* last school year in 4th through 12th grades, and those schools not participating in the pilot continue to use *GradeSpeed* for this school year.

4th through 6th grade teachers at Rota Elementary School will be using *Aspen Gradebook* to input grades and assignments for students similar to *GradeSpeed* last school year. The *myDATA Button* portal will now replace the *GradeSpeed* connection. Our teachers have recently receive their training and time to work with the new system, and Rota is ready to unveil it for parents. Please see attached for more information regarding the *myDATA Button*. I encourage all parents to come by the main office and sign up for this feature, or you may download, print, sign and return the Form 700 and return it with your child. Again this feature is only for students in 4th through 6th grades.

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Walter Wilhoit, Principal

[Rota Elementary School](#): Home of the Toros

In honor of ADM David Glasgow Farragut

Lunch Tickets

Parents, we need your help! Rarely does a day go by that a lunch ticket without a name is found on the playground or along the sidewalk leading to the cafeteria. Rarely does a day go by that a

student does not ask for assistance because he or she has lost a ticket or dropped a ticket only to be snatched up by the wind. Parents we need your help! Thank you to those families who send lunch tickets with a child's name written in ink. If you have not been doing so, please ensure your child's name is on their ticket when it is sent to school. This will greatly improve our lunch procedures.

Some of the cafeteria meals are very popular: pizza, pancakes, and hot dogs. On these days some children use two tickets to purchase two trays. On occasion some student purchase even more, as many as three or four trays. This seems excessive. When asked, these children assure us that it is alright with mom and dad. Beginning next week, students will be limited to two trays unless parents have notified the office that their child may purchase more.

Did you know tickets for extra milk are available from the Navy Exchange. These tickets, pink in color, can be purchased at the Customer Service Counter or in the Mini-Mart. Students may get them to add on to their tray or to drink with their home lunch.

The NEX is currently working to implement an automated ticketing system to eliminate the use of paper tickets. The NEX anticipates to initiate this program sometime next school year. Until then, please assist us in encouraging responsibility among our students by ensuring that all children leave home prepared for lunch either with a lunch ticket or a home lunch. There is no opportunity to borrow a ticket or charge a lunch. DGF Elementary is not able to provide a lunch or lunch money to students who forget to arrive at school prepared. Every effort will be made to reach a parent when a child does not have a lunch. In the event a parent cannot be contacted, the clinic can provide something small to tie the child over.

Applications for free and reduced-price lunches may be obtained from the front office or the Rota School Liaison Officer. Applications must be renewed each year. Parents enrolling their child for Sure Start are required to complete a meal assistance application.

Questions regarding the free and reduced lunch program should be directed to the School Liaison Officer. Questions regarding the meal program and menus should be directed to the NEX. Questions regarding the lunch program in general may be directed to the school office.

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Walter Wilhoit, Principal

More School News

From **February 25 – 01 March**, DGF Rota ES will be participating in the celebration of **Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America Week**. There are school-wide activities planned for each day of the week as well as some extra activities planned for individual classrooms.

Guest Readers from all commands are needed for Friday, March 1st. If you would like to be a Guest Reader, please contact DGF School Liaison Officer, Barbie Peters at 727-1104, 956-82-1104, or e-mail: Barbara.Peters@eu.navy.mil

School Health News: LICE

Spring weather is coming upon us and with it at times, appears head lice. I would like to take this opportunity to address this subject that causes much concern, head lice. Head lice (Pediculosis) are usually transmitted through close personal contact with another infested individual. This is can occur by sharing personal items which have contact with the head, such as combs, brushes, caps, sweaters and coats. Head lice can crawl very quickly. They cannot jump or fly.

Inspect your child(ren), often, by carefully examining the nap of the neck and behind the ears for a small grayish-tan, wingless insect. Head lice lay eggs (nits) very close to the scalp. Nits are much easier to see and detect than lice. They are small whitish specks which can not be easily brushed or shaken off the hair shaft.

Remind your child(ren) not to share or try-on other's clothes especially caps, scarves, sweaters or coats.

The information below may help in the treatment and eradication of head lice from your family and home.

1. If one child in your family has evidence of head lice and/or nits, inspect all family members daily for at least four weeks. This is to keep the spread of head lice in check. Treat each family member, who has evidence of lice, with a lice shampoo. Follow the instructions that came with the shampoo. The second washing in 7 to 10 days is *crucial* to the process.
2. Wash in very hot water all clothing, towels and bed linens. Dry clean items that cannot be washed. Stuffed toys, etc. may be placed in a sealed plastic bag for two weeks. Vacuum all carpets, upholstery and mattresses, or set these items outside for at least 72 hours.
3. Clean combs and brushes of the entire family either by soaking in the medicated shampoo (or by boiling in water) for at least 10 minutes.
4. Since some eggs may not be killed with the first shampoo treatment, **DO NOT** miss the second shampooing in 7 to 10 days. This shampooing is to kill newly hatched nymphs (immature lice).

The condition is not something to be ashamed of because it has nothing to do with cleanliness, who you are, or where you live.

Head lice can be very annoying and frustrating. Persistence and regular examinations are needed to keep head lice in check.

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MC&FP February 2013 eMagazine

eMagazine Readers

We are proud to present the February 2013 edition of the Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) eMagazine!

Please visit <http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/mcftp/emag> to read about the latest MC&FP program updates and information.

The February eMagazine unveils our newest web application, Plan My Deployment. Also, find information about changes coming in 2013 to the Transition Assistance Program, filing your taxes, Military Saves Week, how to talk to teens during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, and much more.

Our next issue will be published in April.

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Contact Information

Please remember that you can call the school office at 727-4185 or 727-4187 for more information or with questions about the school. If you would like to talk with your child's teacher, you can send a note with your child, or you can call the office and we will pass a message to the teacher. If your telephone or contact information changes during the school year, please let us know. Thank you.

School Calendar Attached

We always try to attach a copy of the Rota Schools Calendar to each Rota Reminders if the size of the message permits. This is a consolidated calendar that provides parents with information for both Rota Elementary School and Rota High School.

You are welcome to visit our school web site: <http://www.rota-es.eu.dodea.edu/>

For additional information regarding DGF PTSA, checkout the FaceBook page.

School phone numbers of interest:

School Office 727-4185 & 727-4187

School Fax 727-3940

Nurse 727-3944

Counselor K-2 727-6491

Counselor 3-6 727-4417

Special Education Chair 727-4435

Transportation 727-4143 & 727-4219

School Liaison Officer 727-1104

For additional community activities for children, please check the MWR web site: www.rotamwr.com