

# C. T. Joy Elementary School

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## Our Leadership



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## National Teacher Appreciation Day, May 3, 2011

Our teachers have a very large responsibility! It is through their expertise and dedication that the next generations prepare to take over our world. In the words of Khalil Gibran "The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind."

How do you inspire each individual student to find his strengths, care about developing them and persist until mastery? Teachers at C.T. Joy, as part of DoDEA's world-wide teaching staff, are continuously involved in school improvement. By constantly refining their skills and strategies, teachers become an awesome weapon in changing our world for the better. As part of this process all DoDEA teachers are involved in a six year program titled 'Using Data to Differentiate Instruction' or UDDI as it is affectionately known. We are currently in year two reflecting on the power of flexible grouping of students and ongoing formative assessment. C. T. Joy teachers took the initiative to read and reflect on Carol Ann Tomlinson's book titled Fulfilling the Promise of the Differentiated Classroom. Newly hired teachers often bring with them skills and strategies honed in their former schools. Together all of our teachers are making a difference in students' lives!

We have, as you know, received the results from this year's Terra Nova 3<sup>rd</sup> edition testing. All of students placed at the high or middle levels using stanine scores, those are the ones on our public data wall in the cafeteria. This shows that students who have been with us for a year have made a year's growth in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies. If you look at our quartile scores you will see that almost all of our students placed in the top two quartiles. We are proud of their accomplishments! We feel that all were doing their personal best.

If you have questions about your student/s performance on the test, please feel free to call 762-5466 and ask for a conference.

## Important Dates

This month:

May 4, 2011 Do-Chun  
Field Day, 0900-1130

May 11, 2011 Last  
SAC meeting, DL @  
1500

May 11, 2011 Asian  
Pacific Heritage  
Performance, 1000,  
Gym

May 18, 2011  
Accelerated  
Withdraw for  
families PCSing.  
Contact the office  
ASAP

May 19, 2011 Last C-  
Silt, DL @ 1250

May 19, 2011 Science  
Fair, 1730@ C.T. Joy

May 20, 2011  
Wetlands Study Trip

Next month:

June 2, 2011, Career  
Day

June 3, 2011 Study  
Trip to Korean  
Market (tentative)

June 10, 2011 Field  
Day

(More dates will be  
advertised when  
finalized)

June 17, 2011 Last  
School Day for  
Students

## National School Nurse Day, May 11

Mrs. M. took on the responsibilities of being the half time nurse and half time Information Center Technician (Library Aid). She learned how to handle the various health situations that occur. Collaborating with the base clinic and the nurses at other schools, Mrs. M. has made quite a difference. She sets up trainings for the staff and for students. Before a new student can start school, Mrs. M. makes sure that the student has the required immunizations. She notifies families when immunizations are due, she keeps medicines for students who needed to take them during school hours. She takes temperatures and notifies parents when a child needs to go home or to the clinic. We will miss her when she leaves this June. Feel free to give her kudos everyday not only on May 11!

## Employment Opportunity

Next school year position of half time health aide and half time Information Center Technician will be open. If you feel as though you would like to apply for this position, please prepare a letter indicating the skills you have for this position and why you would like to work at our school. Give it to Mr. Y., in the main office. You might want to check with Mrs. M. to find out all that she does every day!

## Sayonara

Next school year, Mrs. W. has been assigned to a school in Germany. Mr. L. will teach math and science to students in Italy. Mr. R. will return to Daegu Elementary School. They will be missed!

Next school year there will be four teachers assigned to C.T. Joy. The enrollment is expected to drop to about 24 students. Dr. B., Mr. F. and Mrs. S. will continue teaching here.

## DARE Program

MGM2 Nguyen taught all of our students how to avoid taking drugs that are bad for health. He explained what they could do instead of using drugs or cigarettes! At the completion of the DARE program, MGM2 Nguyen prepared and awarded certificates to our students. He also surprised them with pizza for lunch!