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SPANGDAHLEM MIDDLE SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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**SPANGDAHLEM
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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**SPANGDAHLEMSATTENDANCE
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**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL
REGISTRAR BY 0900 IF YOUR
CHILD IS/WILL BE ABSENT FROM
SCHOOL**

BULLDOGS B.I.T.E:

- **B**reak through barriers
- **I**magine a Better Tomorrow
- **T**ake Care of Our Community
- **E**mpower One Another

Principal's Update

This year Spangdahlem Middle School has the privilege to host the 2024 Stemposium. 108 students from all over Germany, England, and Belgium will be staying on campus from January 31-February 2nd to participate in this event. We are honored to host and excited for our own Bulldogs who have been selected to attend.

With that being said, The MS gym will be closed beginning at 1400 on Wednesday and will not be available until after school on Friday, Feb 2. Please plan for these two days disrupting cheer, basketball, and choir and drama.

Students will not be able to access the Commons after school. However, alternate access (directly to the HS gym) will not be impacted.

We also ask that if your child eats breakfast at school, please attempt to come as close to 7:30 as possible to account for longer wait times. As always, thank you for your Bulldog support!

Bulldog Cares

With the new year comes potential new stressors. If your student is feeling overwhelmed, reach out to any of our wonderful school resources. See the flyer for our list.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month and SpMS is offering several ways to take part in the celebration. See the flyers for ways your student can participate.

Eastern District Middle School Festival

We are so proud of our Bulldog students who have been selected to participate in the Eastern District Middle School Honors Festival! See the flyer for list of students.

NJHS Applications

It's time to submit National Junior Honor Society Applications! Please have your student check their school email for application process and guidelines. Remember, students must have a 3.5 GPA to apply.

Sweetheart Dance

On February 14 from 2-5pm, our Bulldogs have the opportunity to "Pink Out" at the Sweetheart Dance. Entrance is free, but bring cash for snacks. See the flyer for more details.

NAEP Testing

In case you didn't catch the information last month, Spangdahlem Middle School will participate in the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 29th. This test is only for our 8th grade Bulldogs. See the attached letter.

Teacher of the Year

The nominations for District Teacher of the Year have begun. Please see the letter for information on this prestigious award and nominate your favorite teacher.

Fastnacht Season

It's that time of year again in Germany! See the flyer for Fastnachtumzuege in your region and enjoy the festivities.

Important Dates

January 31-February 2: Stemposium.
February 1-29: Black History Month
February 5-9: National School Counseling Week
February 14: Sweetheart Dance
February 16: Teacher Training, **No School for Students**
February 19: Presidents Day, **No School**
February 29: NAEP Testing
April 11: Eastern District Middle School Honors Festival

IS YOUR STUDENT (OR YOU) FEELING STRESSED OR
OVERWHELMED?

We got'cha!

Ms. Bridgewater, MFLC

Ms. Hines, ASACs Counselor

Ms. Stoneking, School Psychologist

Mr. Weyland, School Counselor

~ PLUS: teachers, nurses, principals, coaches, etc.



CELEBRATING
**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

FEBRUARY 2024

**MONTH OF FEBRUARY:
BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK
BINGO
ART AND ESSAY CONTEST**

**FEBRUARY 23:
MOVIE NIGHT SHOWING
DISNEY'S SOUL**

**FEBRUARY 26:
BLACK HISTORY MONTH LIVING
MUSEUM**

**BE
APART
OF**

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

FEBRUARY 2024

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH LIVING
MUSEUM**

Bringing History and
Culture to Life

through an Interactive Living Museum of Notable
African Americans

ART/ESSAY CONTEST

Submit your **BEST** artwork and written work in
commemoration of Black History Month!!

**SEE MRS. APPIAH FOR DETAILS AND
TO SIGN UP!!**



Congratulations!

**EASTERN DISTRICT
MIDDLE SCHOOL
HONORS FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to these amazing Bulldogs selected to participate in the Eastern District Middle School Honors Festival! The event will be held on 11 April at Patch MS in Stuttgart.

Makenzie Brown - Alto Saxophone

Elizabeth Cheatham - Flute

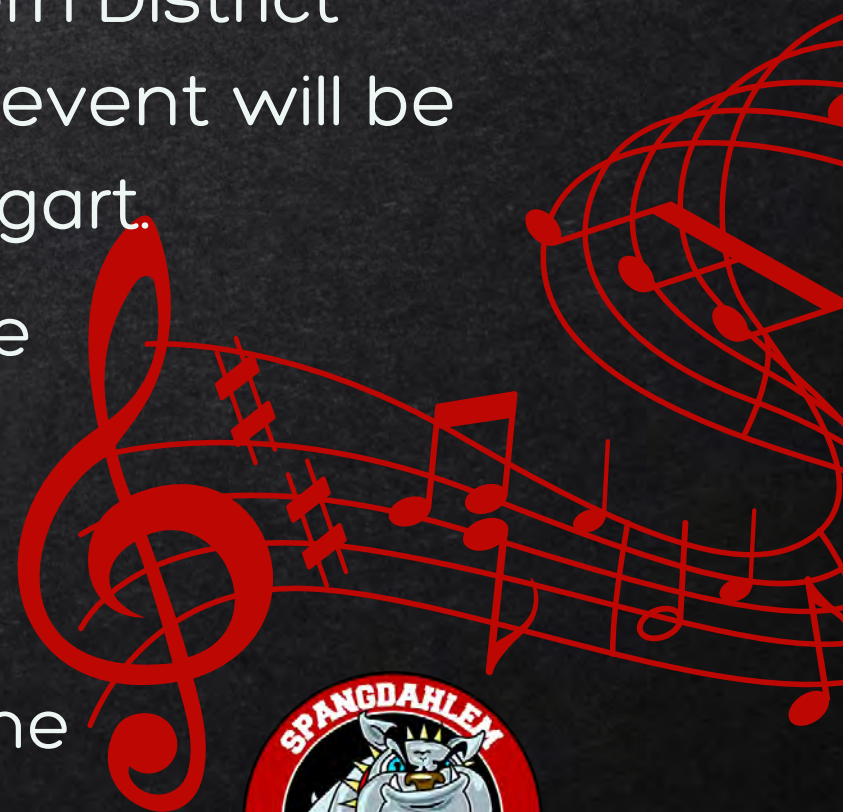
Yelena Dungca - Violin

Seth Edwards - Trombone

Rafael Linero - Baritone Saxophone

Grace Poyant - Clarinet

Camilla Weyland - Trumpet



PINK OUT at the
SWEETHEART
DANCE

FEB 14, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Entrance is FREE

Snacks will be sold





Department of Defense Education Activity
Spangdahlem Middle School
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30 November 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Spangdahlem Middle School will participate in the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 29th, 2024. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public.

Your child will take a mathematics or reading assessment. In addition to subject-area questions, students voluntarily complete NAEP survey questions. These questions provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom. Additionally, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students will be included in the National Indian Education Study (NIES). NIES describes the condition of education for AI/AN students in the United States. More information about NAEP survey questions is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?"

The assessment takes about 120 minutes for most students, which includes transition time, directions, and completion of survey questions.

The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by 31 January 2024.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. Contact Dr. Elaine Wiedemer at Elaine.Wiedemer@dodea.edu if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Spangdahlem Middle School's students will show what our nation's students know and can do!

Bulldog Proud,

Stefanie Adams
Principal, Spangdahlem Middle School



Department of Defense Education Activity
Spangdahlem Middle School
Spangdahlem High School
Office of the Principal



05 January 2024

Dear Bulldog and Sentinel Families,

We are excited to announce that the nomination period for the District Teacher of the Year (TOY) award, a prestigious award that honors our district's most dedicated and inspiring teachers, will start on **January 8, 2024**, and end on **February 9, 2024**. The DoDEA TOY Program recognizes teachers who have made a positive difference in their students' lives, schools, and communities.

As a parent, you can nominate a teacher who has inspired your child and deserves recognition. Whether it is a teacher who helped your child overcome a challenge, sparked curiosity, or supported achieving goals, we want to hear from you! Please visit the DoDEA TOY Website at <http://www.dodea.edu/TOY> to nominate that teacher and complete the online nomination form. Do not miss this opportunity to show gratitude and appreciation to a teacher who has made a difference in your child's education!

Thank you for your participation and support of this important program. We look forward to receiving your nomination!

Bulldog & Sentinel Proud,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stefanie Adams".

Stefanie Adams
Principal, Spangdahlem Middle School
Acting Principal, Spangdahlem High School

FASTNACHTUMZUGGE

IN DER REGION

03.02.2024

14:11

Zemmer

09.02.2024

18:00

Birkenfeld

19:33

Osan Monzel

10.02.2024

14:11

Speicher

Oberkeil

Koerperich

Zeltingen

FASTNACHTUMZUG IN DER REGION

11.02.2024

13:11

Bettenfeld

14:11

Wittlich

Biersdorf

Piesport

Spangdahlem

Fliessem

Landscheid

Kelberg

Bruch

Salmtal

Preist

Kyllburg

Bitburg

Orenhofen

FASTNACHTUMZUG IN DER REGION

12.02.2024

14:11

Dreis
Pickliessem
Trier
Neuerburg
Landscheid
Rittersdorf

10:00

Colone

11:11

Mainz

12:11

Koblenz

12:30

Duesseldorf

Spangdahlem Middle & High School

BREAKFAST	LUNCH ENTRÉES	LUNCH SIDES
	Monday January 29	
* Ham & Cheese Bagel	Chicken Tenders w/Honey Mustard	Oven Fries
**Cereal Assorted		Seasoned Green Beans
Fruit	Chicken Veggie Dumplings	Choice of Fruit
Choice of Juice		
Choice of Milk	Penne Mac & Cheese w/Cornbread (V)	Choice of Milk

BREAKFAST	LUNCH ENTRÉES	LUNCH SIDES
	Tuesday January 30	
Waffles w/Syrup	Spaghetti & Meatsauce w/Garlic Baguette	Roasted Broccoli
*Sausage Patty		Carrot Dippers
Fruit	Baked Spaghetti w/Garlic Baguette (V)	Choice of Fruit
Choice of Juice		
Choice of Milk	Chicken Melt	Choice of Milk

BREAKFAST	LUNCH ENTRÉES	LUNCH SIDES
	Wednesday January 31	
Muffin	Taco Pizza	Seasoned Carrots
Scrambled Eggs		Cucumber Coins
*Bacon Slices	Cheese Pizza (V)	
Fruit		Choice of Fruit
Choice of Juice	Mini Chicken Corn Dogs	Choice of Milk
Choice of Milk		

BREAKFAST	LUNCH ENTRÉES	LUNCH SIDES
	Thursday February 01	STEMposium Day
*Pancake Sausage Bites	Cheesy Breadsticks w/Marinara (V)	Street Corn
Scrambled Eggs		Dark Green Side Salad
Fruit	Beef or Chicken Nachos	Choice of Fruit
Choice of Juice	<u>Optional: w/Salad for Nachos & Jalalpenos</u>	
Choice of Milk	Market Salad w/Herbed Dinner Roll (V)	Choice of Milk

BREAKFAST	LUNCH ENTRÉES	LUNCH SIDES
	Friday February 02	STEMposium Day
*Monte Cristo Sandwich	Hamburger OR Cheeseburger	Sweet Potato Fries
Smoothie Assorted	<u>Optional: w/Salad for Burgers & Pickles</u>	Pizza Beans
Fruit	BBQ Chicken Sandwich	Choice of Fruit
Choice of Juice		
Choice of Milk	Chicken Caesar Salad w/Dinner Roll (V Avail.)	Choice of Milk

**** Item may contain Pork**

***Pork Free Menu Item**

~~~ Menu Subject to change based on product availability ~~~

~~~ This institution is an equal opportunity provider ~~~