



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

Weekly Update January 6th, 2025

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THE TORO BULLETIN – WEEK OF JANUARY 6TH, 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Toro Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a restful winter break. We're excited to kick off 2025 with enthusiasm and fresh beginnings at Rota Elementary. Please note the upcoming National Day of Mourning on January 9th, and consider nominating a teacher who inspires your child. Don't miss out on our exciting programs and opportunities this year. Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Warm Regards,

Ken Kirk

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **National Day of Mourning:** All DoDEA schools will be closed on Thursday, January 9th. President Biden has declared this day a National Day of Mourning in honor of the late former President Jimmy Carter. As part of this proclamation, all DoDEA schools will be closed. We understand that this closure may cause some inconvenience, and we appreciate your understanding as our nation comes together for this time of reflection and remembrance. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

- **Nominate an Inspiring Teacher:** We are thrilled to announce that the nomination period for the prestigious District Teacher of the Year (TOY) award will run from January 6 to February 14, 2025. This DoDEA TOY Program honors teachers who make significant positive impacts on students, schools, and

communities. Parents can nominate teachers who have inspired their children, whether by helping overcome challenges, sparking curiosity, or supporting goal achievements. Visit the DoDEA TOY Website at <https://www.dodea.edu/toy> to submit your nomination online. Show your appreciation to a deserving teacher and contribute to recognizing their extraordinary dedication. Thank you for your support!

- **School Yearbook Pre-Order:** Don't miss out on the opportunity to pre-order the 2024-2025 Rota Elementary School Yearbook at a special price! The pre-order period ends January 31, 2025. Simply scan the QR code on the flyer to purchase yours today. Order your copy now to capture the memories of this school year!
- **Fifth Grade Yearbook Dedications:** Celebrate your fifth grader's accomplishments by dedicating a special message to them in the yearbook! Submit your 2-3 sentence message and 2 photos (maximum) by scanning the QR code or emailing them to rotaesyearbook@gmail.com. The deadline is March 31st. Don't miss this opportunity to personalize their yearbook memory!
- **Volunteer Crossing-Guard Program:** We are seeking parent volunteers to help cover crosswalks during morning student arrival. If you're interested in contributing to student safety, please contact the school Principal, Mr. Ken Kirk, at kenneth.kirk@dodea.edu.
- **Exciting News from the Library:** Get ready for a brand-new library experience with MackinVision, our new library management system and online catalog, launching in January! Enjoy personalized recommendations, easier eBook access, an interactive library map, and access to eBooks anytime, anywhere via Class Link (<https://launchpad.classlink.com/dodea>) using your @student.dodea.edu email and password or QuickCard. We can't wait for you to explore all the new features!

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Feeling Overwhelmed Supporting Your Child's Mental Health?:** Join our free monthly support group! Learn practical strategies and discover helpful resources while managing your own stress. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. in the EDIS Building Conference Room. Call 727-4029 to reserve your space.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- **Lego Robotics Clubs:** The Lego Robotics Club is still accepting applications for students interested in joining the 4th and 5th grade Robotics Club. Interested parents should complete the application found here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/81R6n3tEwx>

The application period will close Wednesday, January 8th. The club will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

THE NURSE'S CORNER

- **Health Reminder for Parents:** To maintain a healthy school environment, please keep your child at home if they exhibit any symptoms such as fever (100°F or higher), new rashes with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, draining skin sores, worsening respiratory symptoms, eye redness with discharge, or general unwellness. Your cooperation is essential in preventing the spread of illness. For questions, contact the

school nurse.

PTSA NEWS

- **PTSA: So Much More Than You Think!** Your PTSA is hard at work behind the scenes, making our school a better place. We organize fun events like Field Day and the Winter Bazaar, fund raise to provide new supplies and learning tools, run weekly programs, and even support our teachers with funding and appreciation events. Consider becoming a member or volunteer—we always welcome new help!
- **Calling All Volunteers!** Rota ES PTSA needs your help! We're looking for volunteers to support our school community. Scan the QR codes (see image) to join our WhatsApp chat or Facebook page and find out how you can get involved. Every bit of help makes a difference! Questions? Email us atDGFPTSAVOLUNTEER@gmail.com.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

- Stay informed by checking out the Rota ES annual calendar along with this month's school and lunch calendars.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **NOW HIRING Educational Aides and Substitute Teachers:** Join our team and support military-connected students! We're looking for enthusiastic individuals for entry-level federal positions that offer professional growth, flexible part-time schedules, competitive wages, and benefits—all without a college degree required! For more details, please refer to the attached flyers.

CONTACT US

Office Hours:

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Daily)

Doors Open to Students at 7:50 a.m.

Instructional Hours

8:05 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. (Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri)

8:05 a.m. to 1:35 p.m. (Wednesday)

Note: Late arrivals must be signed in by a parent.

Phone Numbers

Off-Base: 856-82-0220

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Report School Attendance

rotaes.attendance@dodea.edu

School Registration Inquiries

rotaes.registrar@dodea.edu

STAY CONNECTED

Additional Resources: Stay connected and learn more about our school by visiting our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RotaDGFes/> or exploring our website at <https://rotaes.dodea.edu/>.

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