



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS PACIFIC/
DOMESTIC DEPENDENT ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS - GUAM
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
UNIT 35007
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March 18, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR SUPERINTENDENTS AND PRINCIPALS,
DODDS-PACIFIC/DDESS-GUAM

SUBJECT: Calendar Information for School Year 2008-09

Attached is the updated calendar for school year 2008-09. In recognition of the importance of providing this information to parents and military commanders for advance planning, I request you give it the widest possible dissemination. Please note the key provisions:

- The first day for students will be Monday, August 25, 2008.
- Winter Recess will be from December 22, 2008, to January 4, 2009. Classes resume on January 5, 2009.
- Spring Recess will be April 6-10, 2009.
- The last day for students will be Thursday, June 11, 2009.
- Accelerated withdrawal dates will be December 10, 2008, and May 13, 2009.

While this is a calendar for DoDDS and DDESS-Guam schools Pacific-wide, individual schools and districts will have additional release days for training, parent-teacher conferences, and other activities. Every effort will be made to ensure that parents have adequate notice on any other non-school days for students, and that these dates are coordinated in the community.

If you have any further questions or concerns, you may contact Mr. Dave Menig, Chief of Staff at my office.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N C Bresell".

Nancy C. Bresell
Director

Attachment:
As stated

DoDDS-PACIFIC/DDESS-GUAM 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 20

Reporting date for non-administrative educator personnel for orientation, classroom preparation, and professional development.

FIRST SEMESTER – (92 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS)

2008

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Monday, August 25 | Begin First Quarter & First Semester |
| Monday, September 1 | Federal Holiday – Labor Day |
| Monday, October 13 | Federal Holiday – Columbus Day |
| Thursday, October 30 | End of First Quarter (47 days of classroom instruction) |
| Friday, October 31 | No school for students – Teacher work day |
| Monday, November 3 | Begin Second Quarter |
| Tuesday, November 11 | Federal Holiday – Veterans’ Day |
| Thursday, November 27 | Federal Holiday –Thanksgiving |
| Friday, November 28 | Recess Day |
| Wednesday, December 10 | Accelerated Withdrawal Date (Fall Semester) |
| Monday, December 22 | Begin Winter Recess |
| Thursday, December 25 | Federal Holiday – Christmas |

2009

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| Thursday, January 1 | Federal Holiday – New Year’s Day |
| Monday, January 5 | Instruction Resumes |
| Monday, January 19 | Federal Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Thursday, January 22 | End of Second Quarter & First Semester (45 days of classroom instruction) |
| Friday, January 23 | No school for students – Teacher work day |

SECOND SEMESTER – (91 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS)

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|---------------------|---|
| Monday, January 26 | Begin Third Quarter & Second Semester |
| Monday, February 16 | Federal Holiday – Presidents’ Day |
| Thursday, April 2 | End of Third Quarter (48 days of classroom instruction) |
| Friday, April 3 | No school for students – Teacher work day |
| Monday, April 6 | Begin Spring Recess |
| Monday, April 13 | Instruction Resumes – Begin Fourth Quarter |
| Wednesday, May 13 | Accelerated Withdrawal Date (Spring Semester) |
| Monday, May 25 | Federal Holiday – Memorial Day |
| Thursday, June 11 | End of Fourth Quarter & Second Semester (43 days of classroom instruction) |
| Friday, June 12 | No school for students – Teacher work day Last day for non-administrative educator personnel |

School Year 2008-2009

Instructional Days – 183
Work Days – 190

SCHOOL YEAR 2008-09

| MONTH | HOLIDAY/ (RECESS) | INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS | WORK DAYS |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| August | 0 | 5 | 8 |
| September | 1 | 21 | 21 |
| October | 1 | 21 | 22 |
| November | 2 (1) | 17 | 17 |
| December | 1 (7) | 15 | 15 |
| January | 2 (1) | 18 | 19 |
| February | 1 | 19 | 19 |
| March | 0 | 22 | 22 |
| April | 0 (5) | 16 | 17 |
| May | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| June | 0 | 9 | 10 |
| TOTALS | 9 Federal/(14 Recess) | 183 | 190 |

| Instructional Days per Quarter | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter |
| Aug 5 | Nov 17 | Jan 5 | Apr 14 |
| Sep 21 | Dec 15 | Feb 19 | May 20 |
| Oct 21 | Jan 13 | Mar 22 | Jun 9 |
| | | Apr 2 | |
| Total 47 | Total 45 | Total 48 | Total 43 |