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Welcome to School Year 2009-2010!

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Stephen Decatur Elementary School, we welcome you to school year 2009-2010 and look forward to working with you and your child. As the new school principal, I can't wait to meet all of the children and work together with them and their parents in our beautiful school facility. Our new and returning staff members are anxious to start the new school year and continue to grow and foster an environment that is warm and inviting for all. I look forward to our students experiencing success at the highest level possible through unified cooperation and support between the staff, students, parents, and the military community!

A Parent/Student Handbook with all of the schools policies and procedures will be forthcoming, but I just wanted to make sure that you get the following dates put onto your calendar:

**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:** Class lists will be posted at the school and **at all commissaries. Class lists will also be sent out via email.**

**Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>:** First day of school for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, and for PSCD students. School hours are 7:45-2:15 for grades 1-5.

**Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>:** Kindergarten parents will be contacted for the scheduling of a home visit during this week.

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Parents who applied to the Sure Start Program will be contacted if their child has been selected for enrollment and a home visit will be scheduled for the following week. If you have a child who is turning four years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> and you meet eligibility requirements, you may still apply.

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>:** Labor Day Federal Holiday – No school for students

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>:** First day of school for kindergarten students.

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>:** First day of school for Sure Start students.