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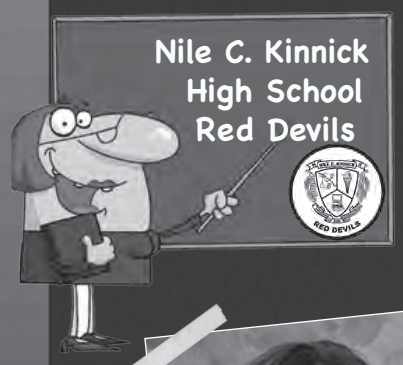
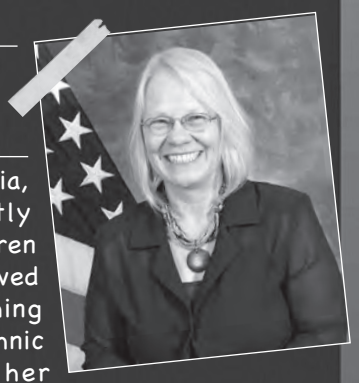


Dr. Jennifer Beckwith,
Nile C. Kinnick principal

Beckwith has been educating the military community via Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDea) Schools for 26 years. She holds a Doctorate in Philosophy from Vanderbilt University in Educational Administration; Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Southern University; an undergraduate degree in music and a minor in English Literature.

Prior to DoDEA, she served as a counselor, Talented and Gifted (TAG) teacher, middle school Language Arts teacher, high school AP English teacher and served as assistant dean of women at Xavier University in New Orleans.

Emmalie Lee,
Nile C. Kinnick
assistant principal



Born and raised in Southern California, Emmalie Lee, who most recently served as assistant principal at Edgren High School, Misawa, Japan, received her Bachelor's degree and teaching credentials from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, and her Master's degree in Special Education/Gifted Education from California State University, Los Angeles.

Prior to joining DoDDS in 1986, Lee taught in the Ontario-Montclair, California, school district.

She transitioned back to California where she taught middle school science while earning her licensure in Educational Administration from Humboldt State University.

School Advisory Committees provide parent influence outlet

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is an elected body of parents and teachers which meets throughout the school year to discuss ways to improve the school. SACs are established under Public Law 95-651 and are mandated by the Department of Defense (DoD) for all DoD Schools.

The SAC advises the principal on the following:

- Policies toward students and parents, school activities, and administrative procedures affecting students
- School Instructional programs and educational resources
- Allocation of school resources to achieve goals
- Student services such as health, special education testing evaluation, counseling, and extra-curricular activities
- Student standards of conduct and discipline.

Meetings occur monthly or quarterly. Training for SAC members is held at the beginning of each school year. Parents may wish to serve on the SAC board or attend meetings and provide input. Talk to your school liaison officer or principal to find out more SAC at your school.

Geoff Fong,
Yokosuka Middle School principal

Geoff Fong has been the Principal of Yokosuka Middle School since 2008. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and Physical Education from the University of California at Davis and a Master's degree in Education degree from Michigan State. Previously, he served as an assistant principal at Sembach Elementary School, Landstuhl Elementary Middle School, Kaiserslautern American High School, Ramstein Elementary School and Kubasaki High School. He has also been a staff developer for DoDEA Europe and Kaiserslautern School District for nine years. He participated as a facilitator, presenter, coach and consultant on a wide range of educational professional development projects with teachers, administrators and parents throughout DoDEA-Europe.