Richard E. Byrd Elementary School 2nd grader Matthew Ringling, helps carve a face on a pumpkin during classroom Halloween activities while classmates Eri Shay and Mika Limes look on as their teacher Buffy Bennett assists. Students dressed up as storybook characters for their Halloween celebration.

Photo by Nancy Turner

(Right) DC1 Steven Zezulka helps EM2 Adam Henley with his firefighting equipment during a continual firefighting training session for Sailors assigned to the visiting Los Angeles-class attack submarine *USS Buffalo* (SSN 715) at the ATGWP firefighting trainer Oct. 26.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Mercil

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E. official mascot Daren the Lion, portrayed by MASN William DeMolee, from Worroad, Minn., greets children from The Sullivans Elementary School Oct. 28. CFAY personnel visited the school to discuss the importance of remaining drug free.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Brock A. Taylor

Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS) Yokosuka staff pose for a group photo after being accredited with the Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt five-star accreditation award for the 5th year in a row. The award recognizes best lodging in the U.S. Navy. NGIS operations can earn a three, four or five-star rating based on the quality of facilities, amenities, service and financial management. Each year, only half of Navy installations are inspected. Only commands attaining a five-star rating are recognized as award winners. A five-star rating is awarded for the overall excellence of an installation's entire NGIS operation, including enlisted and officer quarters, distinguished visitor quarters and flag officer quarters. A five-star rating also means the operation has captured the concept of stellar service to their customers.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

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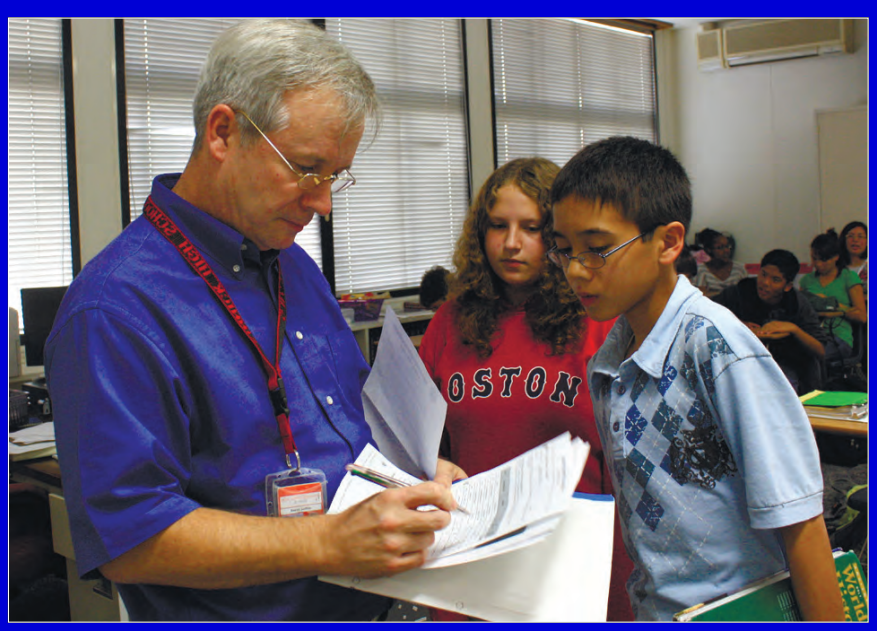

Nile C. Kinnick High School (KHS) Honors History, AP Government teacher and KHS Junior Class sponsor Dan Lufkin assists students from his Honors History 9 class.

Photo courtesy of Vicki Boehler

Where is your home town?	Levittown, Pa.
How long have you worked for DoDEA?	Eleven years.
What is your favorite food?	Lasagna.
What is your life goal?	To live a long, healthy and happy life.

Pet of the week

The Pet of the week this week is Hamlet. He is a kitten, still under six months old. He is playful, a riot to watch and loves snuggling on the couch. He is looking for a home that will love him just the same when he's all grown up. Right now his favorite toy is a scratching post tower that he can climb all over. Hamlet loves the other kittens, so he'd do well with other cats too. Do you have room in your lap for this tiny guy? To find out more about Hamlet or any animal at Pets Are Worth Saving (P.A.W.S.), contact them at 243-9996, by e-mail to usskittytalk.yokosuka@gmail.com or visit the P.A.W.S. website at www.pawsyokosukajapan.com.

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