

## Welcome to DoDDS Okinawa

Dear Educator,

Welcome from the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) Okinawa District, located in Okinawa, Japan! In August you will arrive on the 67 mile long island and start to familiarize yourself with your school as well as the host nation community. It will be both a challenge and an adventure that you will enjoy. There are approximately 7900 students, dependents of Air Force, Marine, Army, Navy, and civilian personnel, enrolled in our thirteen schools, each located within a fifteen mile radius. Our educators work together to provide a quality educational program that extends and accelerates achievement for all students. Our parents and the military community are true partners with us in the education of their children – our students. You're headed to a sub-tropical paradise, a great community, and a terrific school district.

As a teacher new to Okinawa, you will receive correspondence from the principal of your new school as well as a packet of information from my office. We will request information from you which should be returned as soon as possible in order to ease your transition to our schools. To learn more about our district and schools, I suggest that you visit our webpage at <http://www.okinawa.pac.dodea.edu>. From there you can link to the webpage of your assigned school, the webpage of the DoDDS-Pacific DDESS-Guam Area Office, and the webpage of DoDEA.

As you begin to plan your travel to Okinawa, I recommend that you schedule your arrival between 1 and 15 August in order to receive completed sponsorship assistance. Should you decide to arrive on island sooner than the beginning of August, please understand there may be very limited on-base and off-base temporary billeting.

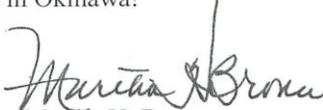
On the following page you will find a questionnaire. Please complete and return it to the following email: [okinawanewstaff@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:okinawanewstaff@pac.dodea.edu). You can use this email to correspond with this office should you have questions or need assistance as you prepare for your move. The information requested on the questionnaire will assist personnel in this office and at the schools prepare for your arrival. As soon as you finalize your travel plans, forward your flight information to this office via the email address in this paragraph. If travel plans change, you should update this office.

Below is additional contact information you are welcome to use at any time should you have additional questions or concerns:

Telephone number (when dialing from the US): 011-81-98-961-1204

FAX number (when dialing from the US): 011-81-98-961-1399

Our office will be contacting you again next week with more information. We look forward to hearing from you soon and working with you here in Okinawa!

  
Martha H. Brown  
Superintendent

Name:			
Mailing address (current and stateside):			
Number of people arriving (including yourself):		Email address (current):	
Arrival date? (You will cross the international dateline so check your tickets carefully for the arrival date.)			
Are you bringing pets?		If yes, what kind (e.g., cat, dog, etc.) and how many?	
Explain any special requirements (e.g., medical, dietary, living arrangements, etc.):			
Summer Contact Information	Name of contact person who can reach you during summer: Phone: Address: Email:		
Other information you consider important:			
<b>Please email this information to us as soon as possible.</b>			

Please FAX or email a copy of your orders as soon as you receive them:

FAX from outside Japan (including the USA): 011-81-98-961-1399 or 011-81-98-936-6819

FAX from commercial source: 098-936-6819 or 098-961-1399

FAX from a DSN line (military phone): 634-1399