
what's up doc?



by Dr. Mary Livers

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Hello, Everyone:

This has been a fast week – of course it's been fast- it's a short week.

Tomorrow is Veterans Day. Although it's a holiday for some of our staff, many of you will be working with our kids on this day that honors our nation's most unselfish citizens. Veterans Day is a day on which we should all pause and thank our veterans, as well as those who are currently serving in the armed forces. I want to remind everyone that we still have a lot of Americans serving abroad – if you have family, or if you know people who have family members in the service, please keep in touch with the soldiers who are serving. And, if you are with a veteran tomorrow, please tell them thank-you for their service.

Today we had a large television crew filming at Jetson. It was an exciting day for staff who were able to observe the activity. The hit show is called "Breakout Kings" and airs on A&E. Ten episodes are being shot in Baton Rouge and the Felicianas, for the second season. Filming also took place at Angola and Dixon Correctional Institute. The show is a fictional drama that portrays a squad of U.S. marshals who team up with convicts to track down prison escapees in exchange for shortened sentences. As soon as we have air dates we will let you all know.

I participated in the selection of an architectural group, Barron, Heinberg and Brocato, of Alexandria, and we are moving forward with plans for the new regional center in Bunkie. Next week we will announce the name that was selected in our agency-wide naming contest.

CSoC is still going strong and I am still attending meetings. Progress is being made and we are moving forward, still targeting a March 2012 startup in five sites around the state.

DAS Karen Stubbs has been working hard on the FINS Study Commission, and they will continue to meet throughout November and December. We are looking forward to their recommendations.

I hope that all of you who have the day off Friday will enjoy the long weekend (stay warm – winter weather sure came sneaking in after the beautiful Indian summer we've been enjoying). My thanks to all of you, wherever you serve, for all you do every day to meet the mission. OJJ staff, like U.S. servicepersons, are great examples of unselfish, mission-driven people.

Sincerely,

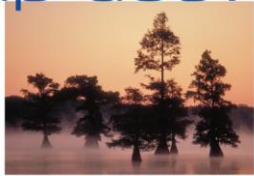
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PS: Special thanks to Veteran B17, Tail Gunner George Livers, Jr., of the 486 Bomb Squadron, World War 2.

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