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## A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome all students, parents, and community members to SHAPE American Middle School (SAMS), home of the Gladiators. SHAPE American Middle School has a long and proud tradition of excellence in academics, as is demonstrated by the faculty and staff who all work in tandem to create a culture and environment where students feel nurtured and where success is continuously promoted. We focus on the intellectual, social, and developmental needs of young adolescent students while they prepare to transition from middle school to high school. Our Mission is to Educate, Engage, and Empower each student to succeed in our dynamic world. Our small school communities are divided into three grade levels for students in grades 6 -8. From the very first day of school when students enter their new classes, they are received by supportive teachers who are committed to excellence. All of our students are encouraged to use each minute to learn from their teachers, make new friends, and develop new skills as they participate in the many curricular and extra-curricular activities that we offer. I look forward to working in partnership with you to promote the success of our students.

## School News

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## [Army Engineers help DoDEA bring schools into the 21st century](#)

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Providing a 21st century educational experience for the 25,000 children of DoD personnel stationed overseas requires creativity, innovation and a whole lot of engineering. The Department of Defense Education Activity manages the education of the children of DoD personnel all over the world. Ensuring these children continue to learn and grow involves planning, constructing and maintaining top-notch facilities. It's also a key element of delivering on the Department of Defense's quality of life promises for family stationed at U.S. power projection platforms overseas.



## **DoDEA Europe schools commemorate Purple Up! Day in support of military-connected students**

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Students, staff, and families across all 64 DoDEA Europe schools celebrated Purple Up! Day on April 9, honoring the resilience and sacrifices of military-connected children during the Month of the Military Child.



## **? Celebrating Purple Up Day at SAMS!?**

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