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MEMORANDUM FOR AREA DEPUTY DIRECTORS  
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SUBJECT: Constitution Day

This year, Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-W.VA) fathered a law that requires all federal employees and schools receiving federal funds to show a program on the Constitution to bring awareness to this great document. The focus of this program is to provide training on the foundations of the United States government. Constitution Day will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> commemorating the signing of the document on September 17, 1787.

DoDEA schools are requested to use the week before or after September 17, to implement instruction (Pre-K-12) that highlights the Constitution. Resources available to support this project include:

1. *100 Documents That Shaped America*. This book is in our school information centers.
2. The National Archives Website has a scan of the U.S. Constitution at [http://www.archives.gov/national\\_archives\\_experience/charters/constitution.html](http://www.archives.gov/national_archives_experience/charters/constitution.html).
3. The Library of Congress has a repository for Constitutional documents and information at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/bdsds/bdsdhome.html>.
4. The National Constitution Center has a virtual tour of the museum to explore the Constitution at <http://www.constitutioncenter.org/explore/ForKids/index>. Their resources include such topics as Interactive Constitution, Constitutional Timeline, Governing Principles, Founding Documents, and Perspectives on the Constitution.

Your assistance in ensuring the commemoration of this event is appreciated. Questions or concerns regarding this information should be directed to the DoDEA HQ POC, Yvonne Bolling, who may be reached by email or phone (703-588-3146).

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