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2CR commander reflects on the importance of reading to children

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ROSE BARRACKS, Germany – A good way to get involved with the local community could be to spend a Saturday reading to school age children about the importance of being a good person.

The Grafenwoehr/Vilseck Parent to Parent team hosted the Military Child Education Coalition's Tell Me a Story (TMAS) event with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment Commander Col. Keith A. Barclay as the guest reader Nov. 3 at the Rose Barracks School Age Center.

Barclay read a story to children called "The Three Questions". The book's theme is to inspire young children to be generous and do things for others. Themes such as curiosity, valor, mercy, gratitude and forgiveness are also included in the book.

After reading the book, Barclay engaged in conversation with the children and parents to allow them to ask questions and inquire about the lessons that were learned from the book.

"Reading is important," said Barclay. "We have a responsibility as leaders of the community to set an example."

Maria Mendelson, the parent-to-parent trainer for Grafenwoehr and Vilseck, explained how this type of event helped the local community.

"It shows that leaders are connected with the community and they are willing to give their time to come and read to families and children," said Mendelson. "It shows that the Army is concerned and is partnered with the community to help empower parents."

After the event, Barclay expressed his gratitude for being able to participate and read to the children and their parents.

"This was an honor for me to come here and do this and I would absolutely do it again," said Barclay.