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LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month of October

Friday	October 2
Monday	October 5
Monday-Thursday	October 5-8
Monday-Friday	October 5-9
Tuesday	October 6
Wednesday	October 7
Friday	October 9
Monday	October 12
Wednesday	October 14
Monday-Wednesday	October 19-21
Friday	November 6

Energy Awareness Month

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports mailed to parents.
Flu Shot Clinic at 1430-15:30
Intermediate Chorus Auditions (Grades 4-5)
Fire Prevention Week
Volleyball Game at 1900
USAFE Jazz Band Clinic for students
No School for Students - Teacher Training Day (CSI)
Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)
Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
School Pictures
Deadline for On Line ACT Registration

CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (CSI) - While some of you may be familiar with our School Improvement Plan (SIP) as our school improvement was formerly called, the name has changed this year. We are now "CSI Lajes" (Continuous School Improvement). What does that mean for our teachers, our students and our community? It means we as a community are committed to continuous school improvement and highest student achievement.

On October 9, teachers and parent representatives will be looking at Terra Nova results and individual student progress. Teachers will be looking at standardized assessments and investigating new strategies to better meet the needs of our students. Our target areas are to improve their vocabulary and develop problem solving skills in order to better prepare them for twenty first century work and life.

USAFE BAND'S JAZZ ENSEMBLE "Check Six" will conduct musical clinics for the students at the Lajes Elementary High School at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal on 7 October 2009. This is part of the USAFE Music in Our Schools program. This 14-member group includes two vocalists, and performs American jazz music from the 1940's to the present. Many members of the band are experienced teachers who can assist the students with musical

advice & inspiration, as well as answering any questions they might have about the US Air Force Bands & Music program. Students and parents are invited to attend the concert at the CAC on October 9. Select teachers will be offering extra credit to students who attend the concert.

NURSES CORNER - The Immunization Clinic has just received their injectable flu vaccine and they have the mist. Flu Shot Clinic on Monday, October 5th, 2:30 to 3:30 PM in the Multi Purpose Room. Parents are also able to bring their children for flu shots beginning at 2:45 as we help promote a healthier school environment this flu season. This shot clinic is for the typical flu, not H1N1.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - The Fire Department will be conducting several activities during the week of October 5. Students will take a study trip to the fire department on October 6. The fire truck will be at the school on October 6 at 0930 to present fire safety and related information to different classes. Spokesmen for the fire department will be available to speak in classrooms. Sparky, the fire dog will make an appearance.

SCHOOL PICTURES - School pictures will be taken October 19-21. We could use volunteers to help with picture taking, for a few hours. Those who volunteer will receive a free photo package. Please e-mail the lajespto@yahoo.com to sign up for volunteering. More information will be forthcoming.

INTERMEDIATE CHORUS AUDITIONS - Auditions for our Intermediate Chorus (Grades 4-5) will take place next week, October 5-8, immediately after school in the Elementary Music Room. Auditions should take no more than 30 minutes. It is only necessary to audition one time, in order for the Music Educator to determine your child's voice range (Soprano or Alto). If your student is interested in singing in the Intermediate Chorus and working to prepare for our December Concert, please read over the note sent home with your student, discuss the expectations and return the permission slip to the Music Educator. We will begin regular rehearsals Tuesday, October 13 for Sopranos and Thursday, October 15 for Altos.

COACHES CORNER - On Tuesday, the Lady Falcons had their first match against the junior team of Praia. We had two students who dominated the back row hits while two other students rallied up the points with their consistent serves. We didn't have a win, but we did have an exciting third game with scores of 21-25. The girls have worked hard and cannot wait for their upcoming matches. Their next match against the Praia Junior Team will be on Tuesday, October 6 at 1900. This will be an intensive match and will prepare the girls for the European tournament. Fundraisers have been underway. A BIG HUGE THANKS goes out to all of the parents who have volunteered at the terminal and at the car wash. This Saturday, the girls are participating in a lock-in that will involve many team building activities and of course, fun volleyball play.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER - The Lajes Middle School is pleased to announce that it will continue their Looney Tunes theme this school year. Each Advisory group will choose a Looney Tune's character to represent them. The doors of each Advisory teacher's classroom door will be decorated to represent that character. Additionally, the Lajes Middle School teachers will present Tooney Awards to the students. Each student will receive a Tooney Award sometime during the year for a unique individual talent or characteristic.

ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH - October is Energy Awareness Month. We plan to help students focus on energy awareness and solutions to one of the world's current problems. During the month of October, Lajes Elementary High School will partner with the Base to sponsor various activities at our school on the topic of Energy Awareness for the month of October. Students at the elementary level will be creating mats that will publicize the need to conserve or find alternate sources of energy. Students will be working on these mats during Art class. The finished

products will be out on display across the Base to remind people to think about energy conservation and energy awareness. Fourth and fifth grade students will be contributing by predicting future sources of energy and future means of transportation. All the different entries will be placed inside a container and become part of a time capsule that will be symbolically buried in locus for posterity. A study trip of our Eco-Island club members to the Serra do Cume to view the wind farm will take place on Thursday, October 22.

ECO-ISLAND CLUB - will begins its session on Tuesday, October 13. Participants, with the assistance of the Energy Management 65 CES/CEAO, will audit the school for energy common sense. The Energy Management, 65 CES/CEAO will also sponsor an Eco-Island Club study trip to the geothermic site in Aqualva and the wind farm on Serra do Cume mountain on Tuesday, October 20. This is part of an October Energy Awareness program for Lajes E/H School.

PARENT COMMUNICATION - Communicating with your child's teacher or the school administrators is easy. The email addresses are listed at the top of the page. Teachers' email addresses are FirstName.LastName@eu.dodea.edu Please email us with any questions and/or feedback.

GRADESPEED - DoDEA is using an online gradebook application which helps parents and students' access assignments and grades online. Go to <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/gradespeed/> to find out further information or go to <https://dodea.gradespeed.net/gs/> to request a password. Please note: The "Notes to Teachers" feature does not notify teachers about incoming messages. Therefore, to contact your child's teacher please send a written note, call or use their DoDEA email address.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK - The Student/Parent Handbook is posted on our website for your reference. <http://www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu/>

COUNSELOR NEWS -PSAT/NMSQT Exam at Lajes - The Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be administered on Wednesday, October 14 to all Lajes juniors, sophomores, and to selected 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. All students taking the PSAT Exam will have the opportunity to participate in a PSAT Orientation activity to fully familiarize them with PSAT Exam. Students will also receive a copy of the *Student Guide to the PSAT* and an actual PSAT Practice Test they can use to help them prepare for the exam. Parents of the students taking the PSAT Exam will receive a mailing containing explanatory information about the testing their child will be taking. The PSAT Exam will be administered off-campus (at the Community Activity Center) from 0800 - 1130. The \$13 testing fee will be paid by DoDEA for all 10th and 11th grade students and for AVID students in 8th and 9th grades. Any 7th grade students and non-AVID 8th and 9th grade students wanting to take the PSAT Exam must pay the \$13 Testing fee. To find out more about the PSAT Exam, go to the PSAT/NMSQT website <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html> for more details. You may also contact the counselor at 295-57-4228 if you have any further questions.

OPT-OUT MILITARY RECRUITERS FORM - If you and/or your senior do not want Military Recruiters to receive requested student data for your senior student, please come by our office and pick up the Opt-Out Military Recruiters Form. The data is to be completed and returned to the counselor. If you have any questions, please call 295-57-4228.