



FALCON PRIDE

LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	December 4	PTO Movie Night, Base Theater, 1900
Tuesday	December 8	Parent Workshop (from 1430-1530 in Room 108)
Thursday	December 10	Holiday Concert at the Auditório do Ramo Grande, 1930
Saturday	December 12	Drama Production at the CAC at 1830
	December 21 - January 4	Winter Recess

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION - Winter weather will soon be upon us, bringing flu and cold season, as well as unexpected weather conditions. Please make sure the school has the following current and correct information: home, work and cell phone numbers, email address, and Emergency Contact Person who is authorized to pick up your child if you are unavailable to do so. This information periodically changes so please make sure we have accurate contact information.

PTO MOVIE NIGHT - The PTO is sponsoring a movie night at the base theater. Paid admission for elementary will include popcorn, cookie and a drink to enjoy. Parents are required to stay and pay for the featured movie "**Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs!!!**"

2009 HOLIDAY CONCERT - The Lajes E/H School Fine Arts Department will proudly present the 2009 Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 10, 2009. The concert will be held at the Auditório do Ramo Grande in downtown Praia da Victória, beginning at 1930. All musical ensembles at the school will perform. Doors will open at 1900. For further information or directions to the theater, please contact 295-57-4151.

2009 FALL DRAMA PRODUCTION - Will be at the Community Activity Center on December 12, at 1830. The cast and crew of the Lajes High School Drama Troup are pleased to present John Lennon and Me, a play in 3 acts by Cherie Bennett, and published by Dramatic Publishing. Young Stella Grubner (self proclaimed Star) is facing adolescence as a victim of a debilitating and fatal disease. She lives in a hospital for young people with similar illnesses, but she is one unique kid who has never given up on her own survival. This is the story of new friendship, new teen-age love, new insight into others' needs, and new hope that remains even after tragedy in the life of this young, funny, irreverent and brave girl. Come share Star's laughter and her tears on December 12.

LYP SNACK BAR - LYP snack bar will be closed on Tuesday, December 1 and 8 due to Portuguese holidays. It will also be closed as of Monday, December 14 until further notice.

PARENT WORKSHOP - "Sounds Like Fun"-Lajes ES/HS presentation. This workshop is offered to help parents support their child's speech sound development. Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 1430-1530 in Room 108 (Speech Room). For more information or to reserve a spot (adults only please), send an email no later than December 4, 2009 to diane.mcdaniel@eu.dodea.edu

BIG GIVE CLASS COMPETITION - Students at Lajes are collecting donations for the **20th Annual Lajes BIG GIVE**. Students are collecting new or gently used items to donate to others in need. Each elementary classroom and each grade level at the middle & high school has a collection box in their classroom. Each grade will be tracking how many pounds of donations that they can collect in order to compete to be the biggest givers at Lajes. We will be collecting food, clothing, toiletries, toys and other necessities for this drive. *-All donations are welcome* **The class that collects the most pounds of donations will win a Pizza Party!!! SPONSORED BY THE LAJES E/H SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**

NURSES CORNER – There have been several cases of head lice reported by parents and discovered at school over this past week. Please monitor your child's head for any signs over the next two weeks as we work in partnership to break the cycles of transmission. Head lice are common and easily transmitted through direct head to head contact or by sharing brushes and combs, etc. Should you find lice or their eggs (called nits) please call the School Nurse, at 295-57-6108 so she can then screen classmates. You can also call her if you have any questions or concerns.

LAJES E/H SCHOOL INTERNET - The Lajes EHS internet page has been updated with a link directly to Gradespeed. This link will work for students or parents. There is now also a link to the Web Master, who can help with questions about Gradespeed as well as questions/problems with our internet. Links and information are continuously being updated on our site. Check here for the latest edition of the Falcon and the current school calendar. <http://www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu/>

COMMUNICATIONS INTERVENTION COMMITTEE NEWS - Learn vocabulary and feed the world! www.freerice.com is a great site for vocabulary practice. As you answer correctly, questions get harder. As you answer incorrectly, questions get easier. For every correct answer, 10 grains of rice are donated to the UN World Food Program. New subjects on this site include art, chemistry, English grammar, foreign languages, geography, pre-algebra, and multiplication tables.

INTERNET SAFETY FOR PRETEENS AND TEENS - Staying connected through social networking site is an important item in the life of today's teens. This article from has good hints about how to keep your teen's and preteen's safe online. <http://lifestyle.msn.com/your-life/family-parenting/articlegh.aspx?cp-documentid=20985104>

DoDEA CHAT ROOM PROGRAM - The Public Affairs Office of DoDEA Headquarters is hosting a series of three Chat Room programs that will focus on the College Admissions process. The link to view the first program is <http://www.dodea.edu/pressroom/video/cfm?cld=chatrm>. The featured guest for the first program is Dr. Andrew Flagel, Dean of Admissions at George Mason University. Dr. Flagel provides invaluable tips on applying to schools and an insight into what admissions officers are looking for in the admissions process. The remaining two Chat Room programs will be accessible later in November. The featured presenter for the second Chat Room program is Holly Anderson, a specialist from the U.S. Department of Education outlining the many web resources available for student

and parent use relative to career decisions to be made after high school. The third and final Chat Room Program will feature Stephanie Gross, another specialist from the U.S. Department of Education, who will focus on a "walk through" exercise in accomplishing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARBOOK - Yearbook request forms will be sent home with your children. We will be collecting the yearbook forms and money every Friday.

THE FALCON YEARBOOK - of Lajes Middle School / High School is on sale every morning, at 0745 in the lobby. This year's book will be filled with memories, activities, academics, superlatives, and so much more to get middle and high school students "in the picture." The initial cost to reserve a book is \$45.00. However, the price will increase as the year goes on. Be one of the first to reserve your copy at the lowest price available!

MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER - Middle School math students at Lajes E/HS are working on a variety of exciting activities in their classes. Students in Math 6 are working on a unit that pulls together many of the key number topics related to number theory and rational numbers, some new - such as exponents, prime factorization - and some already familiar - such as fractions, decimals, and percents; and primes, composites, factors, and multiples. Math 7 students are learning about proportional reasoning and scale. Students in Math 8 are working on probability and may come home with a few extra games for family night!

MATH TIPS - Parents: You can help your children learn their multiplication facts at www.multiplication.com. Click on the middle box "New!...", then click on the left box "Self Correcting Quiz." Your children can type in the answers, click "Finished" and find out which ones were missed! The site also has flashcards and more.

COUNSELOR NEWS -

SAT/ACT - If parents have questions concerning any of the testing items listed below, please contact the counselor at 295-57-4228.

1. Specific information about online registration for either the SAT and/or the ACT can be obtained by contacting the counselor at 295-57-4228