



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 21 - January 4 Winter Recess

**Have a safe and happy holiday from the staff at Lajes Elementary High School.**

**CSI COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** - Encourage your middle or high school student to hone his reading comprehension and problem-solving skills at this interactive website. With a younger child, perhaps you can play as a team. At the Waterloo Interactive Battle simulator, you can choose to be Napoleon or Wellington. The computer will be your adversary. Check out this and other great PBS sites:

[http://www.pbs.org/empires/napoleon/n\\_war/ibs/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/empires/napoleon/n_war/ibs/index.html)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER** - In Middle School advisory this week, the students were able to express their thoughts and appreciation to soldiers serving downrange through the Let's Say Thanks program: [www.letsaysaythanks.com](http://www.letsaysaythanks.com). Soldiers receive anonymous messages from people all over the United States, telling them that their sacrifice is recognized.

**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/>

**MATH TIPS** - Parents: You can help your children learn their multiplication facts at [www.multiplication.com](http://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 - 2009 PSAT Exam Results Received** - Students who took the PSAT Exam in October will receive their 2009 *Score Report Plus* report this week. Parents will receive a

courtesy copy of their child's results via the mail, along with an explanatory letter and additional information about how their child can access the online College Board *My College QuickStart* program. When exam results are returned to students this week, they will participate in an overview activity and view the *Understanding Your PSAT Results* slideshow. Each student's *Score Report Plus* sheet contains the student's unique **ACCESS CODE** they can use to setup an online College Board account for the *My College QuickStart* program. This program is an outstanding tool that can be used by the student (and their parents) to access the many online resources of the College Board for the student's use (e.g., preparing for the SAT, identifying colleges that offers the majors and programs of interest, career and occupation information, and other related post-secondary educational planning resources. Parents needing more information about their child's PSAT Exam results and/or how they can use *My College QuickStart* should contact the counselor at 535-4228.

**High School Student Acceleration** - in accordance with DoDEA Administrator's Manual 1005.1, the principal may authorize accelerated withdrawal for a student who must withdraw 20 or less instructional days prior to the end of a semester due to their family being reassigned. This acceleration provision applies only to students taking high school level courses for high school credit. Acceleration ensures that a student is not adversely affected by their family's reassignment occurring before the end of a completed semester. **Note:** acceleration is not permitted for personal family leave during the Winter Break and/or early return of dependents stateside in May.

To qualify for acceleration, the student's sponsor must officially notify the school of the family's reassignment and submit a copy of their PCS Orders. The school will notify teachers of the student's acceleration and each teacher will prepare an acceleration plan wherein the student will be assigned assignments that would essentially cover much of the subject content for the remainder of the semester. When the student is withdrawn within the 20 day window, he/she will receive final grades for the semester. If more information is needed concerning the DoDEA student acceleration policy or to determine if your child might qualify for acceleration, please contact the counselor at 535-4228.

**Lajes DECA Commissary Scholarship** - seniors who are dependents of a military sponsor are eligible to apply for the local Lajes DECA Commissary Scholarship. This annual scholarship is worth \$1,500. Interested seniors may pick-up a copy of the application form from the Lajes Commissary, or download the application online: <https://www.commissaries.com> or from <http://militaryscholar.org> All eligibility requirements are listed on the application form. The deadline to submit the completed application to the Lajes Commissary is close of business on February 17<sup>th</sup>.