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LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	August 26	K-5 Class Lists Posted at 1400 on Elementary Wing Doors
Thursday	August 27	Kindergarten Orientation at 1700 in rooms 153 & 154
Friday	August 28	Open House for Grades 1-3 at 1000
Monday	August 31	First Day of School for Students Grades 1-12 MS/High School Students Will Pick Up Schedules and Report to P1
Tuesday	September 1	Open House Grades 6-8 at 1530 in classrooms
Thursday	September 3	Open House for AP Information, Grades, 11 & 12, 1500-1520
Thursday	September 3	Open House Grades 9-12 at 1530 in classrooms
Monday - Friday	September 1-4	Kindergarten Home Visits/SS Program Set Up
Monday	September 7	Federal Holiday (Labor Day) - No School
Tuesday	September 8	First Day of School for Kindergarten Students
Tuesday - Friday	September 8 - 11	Sure Start Home Visits
Thursday	September 10	Open House Grades 4-5 at 1530 in rooms 148 and 150
Tuesday	September 15	First Day of School for Sure Start

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS/SCHEDULES FOR SY 2009-2010 - Class lists for K-5 will be posted at 1400 on the elementary wing doors on Friday, August 28. Middle/high school students all received copies of their new schedules at the end of the last school year or as they registered, but copies will be distributed on the first day of school as they enter the building. Any class changes, glitches or concerns can be addressed during the first two weeks of the school year.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND SCHOOL HOURS - Monday, August 31 is the first day of school for grades 1-12. Kindergarten students will enjoy their first day of school on Tuesday, September 8. Sure Start students will begin on Tuesday, September 15. Elementary student should not arrive at school prior to 7:45. This is a safety issue as

- Students in grades 6-12 will start school each morning at 0750 and will dismiss at 1430.
- Students in grades K-5 will start school each morning at 0800 and will dismiss at 1430.

BUS AND REDUCED LUNCH INFORMATION - If you live off base and your student needs bus transportation, or if you would like to apply for reduced lunch, please call our School Liaison Mrs. Shawna Basco at 535-1314.

SCHEDULES FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL - Please be aware that our Middle and High School students are asked to pick up their schedule on their first day of classes, Monday, August 31 in the school lobby. After picking up their schedules, students are asked to go directly to their first period class. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 295-57-3357/4151.

OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 6-8 - Open House for grades 6-8 will be held on Tuesday at 1530, September 1 in classrooms.

ADVANCE PLACEMENT (AP) INFORMATION - A brief AP Orientation Meeting to be held at 1500, September 3. AP courses offered this year are: Calculus, Biology, English Language and Composition, English Literature, Spanish, and United States History. Each teacher will present a brief outline of the content and expectations for that class and will answer questions as time permits.

OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 9-12 - Open House for grades 9-12 will be held on Thursday at 1530, September 3 in classrooms.

OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 4-5 - Open House will be on Thursday, September 10 at 1530 in rooms 148 and 150.

KINDERGARTEN HOME VISITS - The Kindergarten Teachers will visit each child's home during the week of September 1-4. Parents will sign up for home visits and be provided an overview of kindergarten life at Lajes Elementary/High School. The first day of school for our kindergartners is Tuesday, September 8.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - AAFEEES will continue to provide school lunches for students. Parents are encouraged to open lunch accounts for their children at the BX. Information regarding the lunch program can also be obtained there. AAFES will allow a student to charge a lunch if there is no money in his/her lunch account, but this should rarely happen. Please ensure your child has a sack lunch or money in their account each day.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) NEWS - Parents, please consider volunteering to be a part of this committee! The SAC, comprised of elected parent and educator representatives, will be guiding the administrators on school procedures and policies. Your input is valued. This is a way for the Lajes Elementary/High School community to voice their opinions and make suggestions regarding school improvement.

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

VACATIONS - While living in Europe, families have extraordinary opportunities to travel. Please do remember, however, that school attendance is important as well. The School Year Calendar is posted below 2009-2010. We encourage you to make every effort to schedule family trips when school is not in session. No make-up work can ever replace in-class instruction and participation.

STUDENT DROP-OFF POINT - Parents are to use the designated drop off point when bringing students to school. Please DO NOT drop off children on the main road. Enter through the gate and proceed as far as possible along the

side of the curb before stopping to let students disembark. This will help keep the traffic moving. Please do not leave car unattended in front of the building between 0730-0830 and 1400-1445.

**LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR
SY 2009-2010**

2009

Tuesday, August 25	New Parent Student Orientation
Thursday, August 27	Kindergarten Orientation
Friday, August 28	Open House for Grades 1-3
Monday, August 31	First Day of School for Students - Grades 1 – 12
T-F, September 1-4	Kindergarten Home Visits / SS Program Set Up
Tuesday, September 1	Middle School Open House
Thursday, September 3	High School Open House
Monday, September 7	Labor Day – Federal Holiday
Tuesday, September 8	First Day of School for Kindergarten Students
T-F, September 8-11	Sure Start Home Visits
Thursday, September 10	Intermediate (Grades 4-5) Open House
Tuesday, September 15	First day of School for Sure Start Students
Friday, September 18	Teacher Training Day
Friday, October 9	No School for Students – Teacher Training Day (SIP)
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day – Federal Holiday
Thursday, November 5	End of First Quarter
Friday, November 6	No School for Students – Teacher Workday
Monday, November 9	Begin 2 nd Quarter
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans’ Day – Federal Holiday
Thursday-Friday, November 12-13	Parent-Teacher Conferences for Grades K - 5 only
Friday, November 13	Parent-Teacher Conferences for Grades K – 12
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving – Federal Holiday
Friday, November 27	Recess Day – No School
December 21 – January 3	Winter Recess – No School

2010

Monday, January 4	Instruction Resumes
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Federal Holiday
Thursday, January 28	End of 2 nd Quarter
Friday, January 29	No School for Students – Teacher Workday
Monday, February 1	Begin 3 rd Quarter
Friday, February 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences - Grades K – 5
Monday, February 8	No School for Students – Teacher Training Day
Monday, February 15	Presidents’ Day – Federal Holiday
Friday, March 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences-MS/HS
Friday, March 12	Terra Nova Practice Test
Mon-Thurs, March 15-18	Terra Nova Testing for Grades 3-11

Thursday, April 8	End of 3 rd Quarter
Friday, April 9	No School for Students – Teacher Workday
April 12-16	Spring Recess – No school
Monday, April 19	Instruction Resumes – Begin 4 th Quarter
Friday, April 23	Parent Teacher Conferences for <u>K-5 Only</u>
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day – Federal Holiday
Friday, June 11	High School Graduation
Thursday, June 17	End of 4 th Quarter–Last Day of School for Students