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LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	March 1-31	March is Music in our Schools Month
	March 1-April 5	Lajes Youth Program (LYP) Baseball Season Registration Ages 3-18 years.
Monday-Thursday	March 15-19	Terra Nova Testing, Grades 3-11 Grade 12 - Senior Seminars
Monday	March 15	Booster Club Meeting, 1730 at the HS
Saturday	March 20	Lajes Youth Program (LYP) Preteen Picnic at Monte Brazil Playground 4-7 pm. No Fee!
Monday	March 22	"Can I Kiss You" Presentation, 1045 and 1530 at the Community Activity Center (CAC), Grades 9-12 only Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) Presentation in the High School's MPR at 1700

THE EDUCATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL INTERVENTION SERVICES (EDIS) - The EDIS team from Lakenheath will give a presentation on parenting tips and skills on Monday, March 22 from 5-6:00 in the school cafeteria. The focus will be on preschool and early elementary ages. Also, Tuesday, March 23 from 5-6:00 there will be an open forum/question and answer session. The team will be open to discussing a variety of parent concerns, including social skill development, behavior strategies, and autism spectrum disorders [in the information center](#). Please feel free to contact the local EDIS team with further questions at 535-3194 or via email at jill.bowman.ctr@lajes.af.mil.

BOOSTER CLUB - The next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 1730 at the high school. The Booster Club is still looking for volunteers to fill the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer positions. If you're at all interested in supporting our high school and student-athletes, please join us and help us make plans for end-of-year scholarships and the sports banquet.

TECHNOLOGY NOTES - Tech Warning

Now is the time to double check the filters on your web browser, reset your parental controls, and monitor your child's surfing habits.

A new web site is emerging as the hottest new chat site around. This site, called 'chatroulette,' allows users across the world to have an online video feed chat with a randomly selected person. You just connect your web cam, log into the site, and hit connect. You don't even have to log in. While at first glance this might seem a fun way to meet people and chat across country lines, there is a darker side to this site. There is no age monitoring nor restrictions placed on who can chat. As you click on 'next' to move to the next person to chat, you never know if you are going to chat with a very interesting person or see some disturbing live video feed.

To read more about 'chatroulette' see the NPR article located at:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=124210394>

For more information about keeping your child safe on the internet, visit <http://www.wiredsafety.org/>.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER – Over the past few weeks, the Middle School team developed and presented a variety of activities to support the upcoming TerraNova test. Middle Schoolers participated in an Advisory activity on Friday, March 12, dealing with test anxiety and stress management. We appreciate your support at home in ensuring your child has a full night's sleep and a hearty breakfast throughout TerraNova week (March 15-19).

TERRANOVA TESTING - All students in 3rd through 11th grade will be taking the TerraNova Achievement exam during the week of March 15th - 19th. This annual exam is administered to students in all DoDDS schools and in many stateside schools. Parents will receive a *Home Report* copy of their child's test results in May (along with explanatory information concerning their child's achievement).

Senior Seminars will be held during Terra Nova testing (Monday, March 15th - Friday, March 19th). A schedule has been put together of informative sessions which require mandatory attendance to help prepare the seniors for life after high school. Students are expected to report to school at 7:50 a.m. and attend period 1. After period 1, they will meet in the art room #117 and then walk as a group to the scheduled seminar location for that day. These events include study trips to the HAWC, the Education Center, and the Chapel.

LAJES YOUTH PROGRAM (LYP) - The Lajes Youth Program is offering different activities for students. These include:

- A Preteen Picnic (bring a sack lunch) at Monte Brazil Playground 1600-1900 on 20 March
- Youth Baseball Season Registration, 1 March -5 April, ages 3-18.

The baseball season runs 24 April - 12 June. Pick up registration packets at the Community Center. For more information contact the Youth Center at 535-4135.

CAN I KISS YOU? - USAFE along with the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), the School Liaison Officer (SLO) and Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe invite you and your dependent to participate in "Can I Kiss You?" Several books including *Help! My Teen is Dating* and *May I Kiss You* will be facilitated by the author. The founder and executive director of The Date Safe Project is located at <http://www.thedatesafeproject.org/index>.

[html](#). The project is committed to being the nation's leading organization for creating healthier dating environments, a clearer understanding of "consent," and for raising awareness of the many issues surrounding sexual assault.

The forum will address communication, dating, and sometimes the violence that comes with relationships. The intent is to help your student get more comfortable with these topics and develop skills for making the right choices.

"*Can I Kiss You*" will be presented on **March 22 at 1045 to students in grades 9-12**. Please complete the attached permission form and return it to school immediately.

CSI COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - Terra Nova scores are an important part of the data we use to assess student achievement. These scores may also be used for guidance in placing students in more advanced classes. So encourage your children to get enough sleep and eat good breakfast every day, but especially during Terra Nova Week, March 15-19.

COUNSELOR NEWS -

Spring SAT Exams - The SAT Exam will be administered on **May 1st** (deadline to register online <http://collegeboard.com/sat-register> is **March 25th**). Students or parents needing assistance with the required online registration can contact the counselor at 535-4228. The applicant's APO address in their online registration procedure will exempt them from the \$25 International Processing fee.

Student Seminar & Lajes' Goal of "Highest Student Achievement" - All students in the middle and high school are assigned to a 35-minute seminar class meeting each day from 1355 - 1430. Students are assigned to a specific teacher based on their grades at the quarter and mid-quarter marking periods. The design and purpose of the seminar is to place students in the classes where they are receiving their lowest grades. This arrangement provides students with additional help to raise their grades. Students do not receive grades for their seminars. Seminar students are allowed to "travel" to other seminar teachers' classes when they need help there. If you have questions about how the seminar classes are used in the middle and high school, please contact the counselor at 535-4228.

Lajes Community Scholarship Program - Graduating seniors will be eligible to participate in this year's Lajes Scholarship Program. Historically, many Lajes organizations have generously provided scholarships for our college-bound seniors. Community members interested in learning more about the Lajes Community Scholarship Program and the participating Lajes Organizations should contact the counselor at 535-4228.

Student Course Requests for 2010-2011 - Middle and high school students' course requests have been received and are now being processed to create students' schedules for school year 2010-2011. We anticipate having "tentative" schedules completed by early June and will distribute copies to students at that time. **Please note:** Due to staff reassignments and DoDEA mandated changes in curriculum and/or staffing, changes to our school's Master Schedule over the summer is quite likely. All students starting school in August will have a complete schedule given to them at the time they start school. Please contact the counselor at 535-4228 if you have questions concerning students' schedules for next school year.

