



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	March 1-31	March is Music in our Schools Month
Monday	March 8	Aafes Europe Staff Dietician, 1500 at the HS
Wednesday	March 10	School Advisory Committee (SAC), 1500 in the HS
		Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer season to begin, 1530 at the HS
Friday	March 12	High School Dance, 1900-2200 at the HS
Saturday	March 13	Teen Movie 1900-2200 at the CAC (LYP Activity)
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
Monday	March 22	"Can I Kiss You" Presentation, 1045 and 1530 at the Community Activity Center (CAC), Grades 9-12 only

**AAFES EUROPE STAFF DIETICIAN** - Europe's Staff Dietician will be visiting Lajes 7-9 March. On 8 March at 1500, she will be at the school and would like feedback in regards to the school lunch program. Please plan to attend this meeting. However, if you are unable to attend, you may send your feedback to the Principal's box by visiting our school web site at <http://www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu>.

**COACHES CORNER** - The Lajes Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer season will begin Monday, March 8. Intramural Softball is open to all Middle and High School students and will begin in mid-March.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)** - The School Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting Thursday, March 11, 2010. Meetings begin at 3:00pm and are generally held in the principal's office. SAC is the forum for parents and teachers to provide advice and support to our administrators and our school as a whole. Each SAC meeting ends with an Open Session, in which parents, teachers, students, and community members can join in, to find answers to questions or to voice concerns. Open Session participants are asked to present questions or concerns to our principal, [Mary.Waller@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Mary.Waller@eu.dodea.edu), our SAC Chair, [Diane.Beleau@LAJES.AF.MIL](mailto:Diane.Beleau@LAJES.AF.MIL), or the SAC secretary, [Alicia.Bryant-James@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Alicia.Bryant-James@eu.dodea.edu), prior to upcoming meetings. All are welcome to attend SAC meetings. We hope to see you there.

**HIGH SCHOOL DANCE** - The senior class will be sponsoring a glow dance and live concert on Friday, March 12th for all 9-12 graders. The dance will be from 1900-2200 pm in the cafeteria. There will be a live band for the first hour of the evening and a DJ playing dance music for the rest of the night. The cost is \$3 to enter, which includes a free glow-in-the-dark temporary tattoo. The senior class will be selling sodas and glow-stick necklaces for \$1 each.

**TEEN MOVIE AT the CAC** - Teen movie at the community center on 13 March at 1900. No Fee!! Nachos and drinks will be sold by the Keystone Club.

**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 toward end of year scholarships and sports banquet.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER** - MS Corner - Lajes Middle School students traveled to Angra on Thursday, March 4. The students visited the Angra Museum, Science Center, and toured the beautiful Angra Gardens. The Study Trip gave students a great look at Portuguese culture and history and tested their scientific inquiry through a variety of hands-on activities. Middle School students will participate in math, science, and English activities at Duck Lake in late May.

**TERRANOVA TESTING** - All students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking the TerraNova Achievement exam during the week of March 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. 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). Additional information regarding the TerraNova testing at Lajes will be routinely provided to students and parents before the scheduled week of testing.

Senior Seminars will be held in March 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 include study trips to the HAWC, the Education Center and the Chapel.

**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 no later than February 26th.

**PTO NEWS** - Elementary popcorn slips can be turned into the school nurse by Wed. of each week in order to get popcorn that Friday. Popcorn is \$5 and will be delivered to the students the last day of each week.

Volunteers are still needed and ideas for booths or games are also needed. The carnival is 7May from 5:30-7:30 for all students. Home-schooled children are also invited to come for the event. You may contact 295-549-232 or e-mail [lajespto@yahoo.com](mailto:lajespto@yahoo.com)

Spirit Wear is for sale after school each day. Stop by room 114 at 2:30 if you'd like to purchase the new navy school apparel.

**CSI COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** - Alphabet soup: Do you ever wonder what all those school abbreviations mean? Here are some explanations for C.S.I., or continuous school improvement. One of the acronyms to promote problem solving is P.A.R.--plan, act, and review. We also use the S.R.I., or Scholastic Reading Inventory to measure the improvement of reading comprehension across the curriculum. As part of our school improvement, we U.D.D. I. or use data to differentiate instruction. Look for more information in future editions of the eFalcon.

**COUNSELOR NEWS** -

**Student Course Requests for 2010-2011** - Middle and high school students have been given a set of forms to take home and share with their parents concerning their course requests for School Year 2010-2011. Parents will sign the cover letter indicating whether their child will be returning and enrolled starting in August 2010. The set of forms will include explanatory information needed by the students and their parents to make course selections for next school year. **Please note:** DoDEA has instructed schools to require course requests of students who will be PCS'ing during the summer. This requirement is to provide a statistical projection of a "full enrollment" and to help the school develop a master schedule of courses to be offered. Contact information will be provided to parents if they need additional information about course selections for their children.

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