



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	March 1-April 5	Lajes Youth Program (LYP) Baseball Season Registration Ages 3-18 years Upcoming Activities include 2K Walk/Run, Spring Break Activities, Youth Photo Contest, Talent Show (see additional information below)
	April 1-30	April is Poetry Month
Saturday	April 3-7	Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
Thursday	April 8	End of Third Quarter
Friday	April 9	Teacher Workday, no school for students
Monday	April 12-16	Spring Recess, no school for students
Monday	April 12-16	Spring Break Registration
Friday	April 23	Elementary Parent Conferences, no school for elementary school students, high school is in session
Wednesday	May 19	High School Student Acceleration
Thursday	May 27	Asian Pacific Heritage Grand Finale, CAC Ballroom

**SPRING BREAK REGISTRATION** - The hours for registration that week (12-16 April) will be from 0900 to 1200 and 1330 to 1530. The following documents must be received for a new student to be registered:

- Sponsor's Orders (Sponsors who extend their tours need to bring a memo stating their new approved DEROS.)
- Proof of identity for Sure Start through 1<sup>st</sup> graders only (Passport or Birth Certificate)
- Updated Shot Records
- Anti-Terrorism Awareness Certificate (only for students 14 years of age and over; school will provide document on how to complete the Annual Level 1 Anti-terrorism Training online)

**COACHES' CORNER** - Attention high school girls 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade: DoDDS is sponsoring their yearly summer volleyball camp. The camp will be held June 28-July 2 at Aviano AFB in Italy. The camp is open to all girls who will be in a DoDEA school, grades 9-12 for the school year 2010-2011. Each school is authorized a minimum of 3 spots. For more information, please send an email to [julienne.sorrell@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:julienne.sorrell@eu.dodea.edu).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER** - On April 2, 2010, the middle school students learned about tobacco and its harmful effects for their weekly advisory. A base speaker visited us on Friday to give a real-life account of his use and recovery from nicotine. Please use this presentation as an opportunity to speak with your children about the negative effects of tobacco use.

Also, the 6th graders traveled to the OSS weather station on Thursday, March 26. They learned about the instruments that record and predict weather at Lajes. They were also able to see weather at different locations. The students enjoyed seeing the real-life examples.

**ELEMENTARY PARENT CONFERENCES** - Conferences for elementary students will be held on Friday, April 23. Teachers will be contacting parents whose students who are experiencing difficulties in any areas. If you are not contacted, but would like to have a conference with your child's teacher, please e-mail or call them to let them know.

**PTO NEWS** - Spirit Wear Sales will be Tue, Wed, & Thurs, April 6-8<sup>th</sup> by the elementary entrance from 1415-1500 each day.

- The school carnival preparation is coming along, but we still need volunteers and booth ideas for the May 7<sup>th</sup> carnival.
- Box tops will be collected in the elementary classrooms again, and there will be surprises for the top classrooms that collect the most box tops.

Box Tops will end 23 April, and the winners will be announced soon after!

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

- Youth Baseball Season Registration, March 1- April 5, ages 3-18.
- 2K Walk Run, April 10, 0900 at the Fitness Center
- Spring Break Activities include - Scavenger Hunt and Duck Pond Fishing Trip
- Youth Photo Contest, April 15- May 28, ages 6-18

- Family & Teen Talent Contest, April 23, 1800-2000

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

**CSI COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** - Try this fun website where you not only have to be strong, but also smart, to win. Play in the word Olympics of "It's Greek to Me," and see how Greek words have influenced the English language. Better vocabulary means better reading comprehension, one of our CSI goals!

[http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/athens\\_games/gameGreekToMe.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/athens_games/gameGreekToMe.htm)

Asian Pacific Heritage Grand Finale - The Asian Pacific Heritage Committee is providing a wonderful cultural opportunity for our students to participate in and have fun doing as well. Come and learn cultural dances to perform in May.

Who: All Interested Males & Females of Ages 4-18 years old

What: Recruitment of Males & Females interested in Volunteering to learn Hawaiian, Pacific Island & possibly Asian Cultural Dances to be Performed @ the APH (Asian-Pacific Heritage) Grand Finale on 27 May 2010 @ CAC Ballroom.

Why: To have fun learning cultural dances of Asian & Pacific Island Heritages that are represented in the U.S. Military Branch of Services.

When: Times & Days of the Week will vary depending on participates Ages, abilities & genders (Mon-Sat)

Where: Lajes Field AB Fitness Center

For additional information, please call 295-549-768 or 295-549-697.

**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 fewer instructional days prior to the end of a semester grading period due to the family being reassigned. This acceleration provision applies only to students taking high school level courses for high school credit. Acceleration ensures that students are not adversely affected by their family's reassignment 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 the 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 given assignments that essentially cover 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.

## **COUNSELOR NEWS**

**ASVAB Exam** - The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be administered to interested 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, students will not be in attendance that day). Parents wanting their son or daughter to take the ASVAB exam should contact the counselor (535-4228) and request their child be scheduled for the exam. If more information is needed about ASVAB testing, please contact the counselor.

**STATESIDE SCHOOL INFORMATION for PCS'ing PARENTS**- Need information about stateside schools in the state where you are being reassigned? If so, go to the *Education Resource Center* at

<http://www.militarychild.org/military-parent/education-resource-center/> and begin your search for school-related information. This site will allow you to select any of the 50 states and to access general as well as specific information about a state's specific requirements along with the kinds of educational resources available in that state.

**SCHOOL RECORDS for PCS'ing STUDENTS** - Parents/sponsors should contact the school registrar (535-3357) when PCS orders have been received to schedule a date and time to pick up their child's records. DoDEA policy is to provide a complete set of student records to the parents/sponsors at the time of the student's withdrawal from school. Having a complete set of a student records facilitates enrollment at the new school. If you have further questions concerning the release of student records, please contact the counselor at 535-4228.

**DoDEA STUDENT TRANSCRIPT POLICY** - DoDEA schools are required to maintain transcripts for all students taking courses that earn high school credit. A transcript is an official document that lists the courses taken as well as a cumulative grade point average (GPA) covering the time the student was enrolled. Copies of official transcripts are enclosed in all student records when they PCS. If you have further questions about student transcripts, please contact the counselor at 535-4228.

**REMINDERS** - We are required to be accountable for every child in our school at all times. The school needs the following information from parents who are going TDY or on deployment and are having their child/children staying with someone other than a parent:

- a copy of the Loco Parentis power of attorney
- the name of the guardian and the current phone numbers
- up-to-date emergency contact information

First Sergeants have a checklist for anyone going TDY so there is no confusion what procedures are required by the school. Parents can find DoDDS policies in the Student Parent Handbook on the school website <http://www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu>. We thank you for your help and support.

Also, parents, please remember to call in by 1000 if your child will be absent or tardy.

**JUNIOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM** - The Junior Science and Humanities Symposium for the DoDDS European Region will be held in Riedstadt, Germany, April 4-7. Three Lajes students have been invited to present their original scientific research at this year's event. Please congratulate them!

**THIRD QUARTER ENDS** - Third quarter ends on Thursday, April 8. Parents, please ensure that your student makes up any missed assignments prior to this date. Students will not attend school on April 9 as this is a teacher workday.