



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	April 1-30	April is Month of the Military Child April is Poetry Month
Monday	April 19	Summer Hire Employment Program Students, 14 - 22 years old
	April 26	Upcoming Activities -Youth Photo Contest and Talent Show (see additional information below)
Monday	April 26	Ongoing Registration during school hours, see attached forms.
Monday	April 26	Arbor Day/Earth Day Extended Activity, Tour of Praia's Marshland, 1445-1700.
Tuesday	April 27	Supporting Social Skills
Wednesday	April 28	Lajes HS Varsity Soccer versus Lajes Base Team, at 1730- Security Forces Field
Monday	May 2-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
Wednesday	May 5	Lajes HS Varsity Soccer versus Lajes FC, at 1900 - Lajes
Friday	May 7	School Carnival, 1730-1930, Lajes E/H School

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM** -Summer employment application packets are available in the school's front office and at the human resource office on base. The opening date for applications began April 19. Students must:

- Be between the ages of 14-22
- Be command sponsored
- Complete the application packet
- Submit a copy of their sponsor's PCS orders

Please contact the Human Resource Office with questions or concerns.

**ARBOR DAY/EARTH DAY** - Earth Day was last Thursday, April 22. Lajes E/H School celebrated by attending a workshop with the entomologist on Base. In addition, Third grade through fifth grade were invited by the Environmental Unit for a bush and tree planting activity. Unfortunately, due to the weather, this event was not possible.

As an extended Earth Week activity, the Eco-Island Club is also offering a guided tour of Praia's restored marshland, the newly build seafront promenade and other town landmarks on Monday, April 26. This tours starts at 2:45 P.M. and ends at about 5:00 P.M. All students grade two through five are invited. Chaperones are welcome to join.

PTO is also encouraging classes to build a Maio, a local custom tradition of dummies which represent the forces of nature and are related those mysterious beings who show up where you least expect them and are related to trolls. These love to play pranks and to startle people, especially on the first of May, when the whole island wakes up to a mass apparition of mannequins that stare at the air and show humans who the bosses of nature are.

**SUPPORTING SOCIAL SKILLS** - Lajes ES/HS and EDIS presentation. This workshop is offered to help parents support their child's development of social skills using social stories, comic strips, power cards and other techniques.

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 from 3:00 to 4:00 in Room 201, Information Center (Library).

For more information or to reserve a spot (adults only, please), please email no later than April 23, 2010 at [diane.mcdaniel@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:diane.mcdaniel@eu.dodea.edu).

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** - Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-8, is special time of the year set aside to honor teachers for all they do to ensure achievement of our students. Please take a moment during this time to let them know how much they are appreciated.

**PTO NEWS** - The school carnival is almost here!! We've gotten many volunteers but we can still use a few more!!

Please call 535-4151 or e-mail [lajespto@yahoo.com](mailto:lajespto@yahoo.com) to sign up!

Spirit Wear: We had volunteers selling spirit wear last week, we still have more, get yours before they're gone! We will be selling Spirit Wear and Elementary Yearbooks at the carnival May 7 at 5:30-7:30.

We're still in need of new board members for the upcoming school year, come out and support our students and staff!!

**REGISTRATION** - Registration for next school year will be ongoing. Please complete the attached forms and stop by the front office during school hours to register your student. 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).

Our soccer season is underway and in full force. Please come out and cheer our Falcons on!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER** - In celebration of Earth Day, Middle School students helped to beautify areas around the school by picking up trash and recyclable items during Advisory on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students also participated in a variety of activities in their classes ranging from a congressional debate on hydroelectricity to learning about organic farming.

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

- Youth Photo Contest, April 15- May 28, ages 6-18

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)

### **COUNSELOR NEWS -**

**FREE ONLINE ASVAB TEST - PREP-** Juniors and/or seniors interested in a possible career in the military can go to <http://wwwmilitary.com/ASVAB> to learn about the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), a general aptitude test used by all military branches for enlistment placement purposes. Students can take a series of diagnostic practice tests that will provide feedback as to areas of strengths and areas needing improvement. Interested students can also learn what kinds of scores they would need to qualify for specific career fields in each military branch.

**APRIL - MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD April-** "DoDEA Honors Military Children during the Month of the Military Child". The DoDEA website has an interesting article describing the recognition of the military child during the month of April. To learn more about this event to recognize the military child, go to [http://dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/2010\\_militaryChild/index.cfm](http://dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/2010_militaryChild/index.cfm)

**Funding Education Beyond High School** - The 52 page *Guide to Federal Student Aid, 2009-2010* booklet is available for student and parent use. If you would like to have a free copy, just come by the School Office and ask the school counselor for your copy. This publication is a useful resource to identify the many different sources of federal and public student aid programs.

**PARENT GRADESPEED ACCOUNTS** - GradeSpeed is the DoDEA online grading program used in all schools in DoDDS (4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade). Parents can create an online GradeSpeed account and have access to view their child's current grades. If you have not created your Parent GradeSpeed Account yet, please contact the counselor at 535-4228 to receive the information needed to create your account.

**STUDENT GRADESPEED ACCOUNTS**- All middle school and high school students have access to the online GradeSpeed program, and have the ability to check their grades and assignments. To access the program, students need to use their assigned student GradeSpeed login. If a student has forgotten their login and/or is unsure as to whether they have a login, they should see our school's ET or the counselor who will quickly get them into their GradeSpeed account.

**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.