



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	May 1- 31	Summer Hire Employment Program Students, 14 - 22 years old
		Upcoming Activities - Pre-Teen Murder Mystery Youth Photo Contest (see additional information below)
Wednesday	May 26	Spring Concert, 1900 at the Base Movie Theater
Saturday	May 29	Lajes High School Prom, Terceira Golf Course
Thursday	June 3	Drama Production, Lajes High School
Friday	June 4	Athletic Banquet, Community Activity Center at 1800
Saturday	June 5	Senior Breakfast, TORC 0930
Friday	June 11	Lajes High School Graduation, Ramon Grande, Praia 1700
Thursday	June 17	Last Day for Students

**LITERARY MAGAZINE CELEBRATION:** If your child submitted a poem to Showcase, he/she was published in the local literary magazine. These books will be distributed at 1400 on June 3 in the multi-purpose room. Please help us support our local talent, and join us for light refreshments and a poetry reading.

**DRAMA PRODUCTION** - The high school drama class will perform in "Saturday Club" Thursday, 1800 in the elementary gym. Please plan to attend this performance. It promises to be a wonderful event that you will not want to miss.

**ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM** - Classes of Mrs. Ciranni, Mrs. Black and Mr. Sparks have been working with Orff (barred) instruments this quarter in music. We will present a short program (for students at 1:45 and parents at 6:00 p.m.) in the Elementary School Gym on Thursday, May 27. Parents please attend with your performer and support our music efforts.

**SURE START NEWS** -The last day for Sure Start will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. Home visits will begin June 14<sup>th</sup> the following week.

**LAJES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION** - The Lajes High School graduation ceremony will take place at the Ramo Grande Theater on Friday, June 11 at 1700. Please extend your best wishes to our seniors.

**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS** - The last day of school for students will be June 17.

**CSI COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** - Improve you and your family's vocabulary by discussing word roots. "Tele" comes from the Greek and means at, over, from, or to a distance. **Television** transmits pictures over distance. **Telephones** transmit sound. Do you know the meaning of **telegraph** and **telecast** and **telephoto**? How about **telekinesis**, **telemeter**, **teleology**, and **telepathy**? A more extensive vocabulary leads to better reading comprehension, one of our two CSI goals.

**ATHLETIC BANQUET** - The annual Lajes High School Athletic Banquet will take place on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Community Activities Center. We will celebrate the success of our basketball, cheerleading, cross country, soccer, and volleyball student-athletes. The evening's activities will include dinner, a slide show, and an awards ceremony. Please contact the Lajes E/HS Athletic Director at 535-4151 for additional information.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER** - To facilitate parents' busy schedules, the Middle School teachers cordially invite parents to meet with them during Middle School Team Time Monday through Friday between 10:55 and 11:25. You may meet with one teacher or all to discuss specific concerns or just check on your child's progress. Feel free to bring your lunch! Please contact any of your teachers or the Middle School Coordinator at 535-4151 to schedule your meeting.

**BAND CONCERT** - On May 26 please join us for a delightful musical performance by our middle and high school students. Our concert will be at the Community Activities Center beginning at 1900.

**UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL PROM** - High school students may purchase tickets for \$25 per person. They will be sold before school, during lunch, and after school. The prom is May 29 and will be held at the Terceira Golf Course. A bus will be provided to transport students to and from the prom departing from the school and returning to the school. Students who are coming to the prom in other transportation will require a permission form signed by their parents. For more information, please contact the Junior Class Sponsor at 535-4151.

**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.

**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** - The Lajes Varsity Soccer team are representing Lajes E/HS at this year's DoDEA-Europe Soccer Championships. They are in Ramstein, Germany, from May 19-22.

Attention all girls interested in volleyball for the school year 2010-2011! DoDDS is offering another opportunity to learn the skills of volleyball or to tweak your skills. Vilseck High School, located in eastern Bavaria, near the Czech border, and close to the cities of Nuremberg and Regensburg, is hosting a volleyball camp. It will take place August 18-24. You are responsible for your own transportation. Room and board will be provided. All activities will take place at the high school gym. Cost for the camp is \$150.

For more information please call 535-4151 and leave a message for the volleyball coach.

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

- Pre-Teen Murder Mystery, May 22, 4-7pm, register by May 21
- 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.

**COUNSELOR NEWS** -

**DEPLOYMENT RESOURCES** - The free CD disc *Double Duty: Staying Connected with your kids when you're a deployed parent* is available from Military OneSource:<http://www.militaryonesource.com> Audio excerpts from this CD disc can be listened to and downloaded from this website.

**SENIOR BREAKFAST** - the Enlisted Spouses Club and the Officers Spouses Club at Lajes co-sponsor the annual Senior Breakfast Program each year at the TORC Ballroom on the last Saturday before graduation (June 5<sup>th</sup> this year). This event is an end-of-year awards program, recognizing seniors for their academic, extra-curricular, and community-related accomplishments. The Senior Breakfast is also the event where Lajes Organizations publicly announce the selected recipients for the Lajes Scholarships to be awarded for our college-bound seniors. Community members wanting to learn more about the Senior Breakfast and/or possibly attend the Breakfast should contact the counselor at 535-4228 for more information. Tickets for the breakfast must be purchased no later than 01 June (and tickets will not be sold at the door the morning of the breakfast).

**STUDENTS AT THE CENTER** - the DoDEA website has recently added this "interactive educational resource for families, military leaders and educational leaders to help address the unique needs of students who have parents serving in our nation's military forces." Go to <http://www.dodea.edu> to access the *Student at the Center* link. Examples of topics pertinent to military parents include: *Supporting the Unique Needs of a Military-Connected Child; Military Supports for Students; Navigating the U.S. Education System; Choosing a School; Ways to Support a Child's Education; Effective Advocacy 101; and Staying Connected to a Community.*

**DoDEA "Parent & Community Resources"** - <http://dodea.edu/parents/> contains a variety of resources available to parents. The latest addition is the *March 2 Success* link containing resources and materials for students and parents to help improve scores on standardized tests such as the SAT, ACT, state exit exams and ASVAB. "*March 2 Success* is a free, no obligation tool that provides educational content to help students improve their knowledge and test scores in the areas of Language Arts, Math and Science. Content is provided by industry leaders Peterson's, Educational Options, and College Options Foundation".

**DoDEA Graduation Requirements** - DoDEA Regulation 2000.1 outlines the graduation requirements, specifying the number of credits to be earned in each Subject Area and the minimum 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) needed to graduate. If you have questions concerning the credits needed and/or the 2.0 GPA requirement, please contact the counselor at 535-4228. Information about DoDEA Graduation Requirements can also be obtained from the DoDEA Website, <http://www.dodea.edu/students/graduation.cfm>

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

**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 fifty 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.