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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 - Teen Karaoke Contest and YES Program (see additional information below)
Saturday	May 29	Lajes High School Prom, Terceira Golf Course
Thursday	June 3	Drama Production, Lajes Elementary School Gym at 1730
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 at 1700
Thursday	June 17	Last Day for Students

SURE START NEWS - On May 20, Sure Start Students shadowed Portuguese School students for a half day. Students engaged in outdoor activities and ate snack together. Students and teachers found out that it was not a lot of difference between these young children. The language barrier did not keep them from communicating or playing together. The Portuguese students will come to visit the Sure Start class on June 7th.

Check out the Sure Start kids on their visit at <http://www.lajes.af.mil/news/video/index.asp> This is the link to the Lajes Field Support home page.

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

- Karaoke Contest, 28 May, grades 7-12 at 1900-2200
- YES Program, Youth Employment Skills 9th-12th graders can earn up to \$1,000 for college by volunteering, 1 June to 31 May 2011.

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 535-1197.

DRAMA PRODUCTION - The Lajes High School Drama Troupe is proud to announce the Spring Drama production: *The Saturday Club*, to be presented June 3, 2010, at 1730. The Lajes E/HS Elementary gymnasium stage will be the site for this interpretation of the popular 80's movie, *The Breakfast Club*. With some changes to make it appropriate for our school setting, the students and Mrs. Wiley bring to the stage this contemporary story about a group of high school students serving detention for discipline reasons. They learn to live through communication gaps, teen isolation, and their own insecurities while they are transformed from complete strangers to confidantes.

Please join us on June 3, 2010, at 1730 for this final Lajes High School Drama Troupe production of the year.

PTO NEWS - Elementary yearbooks will be here around 11 June. Cost is \$15; there aren't many left, get yours before they're all gone, we won't be ordering more. Spirit Wear is still available in limited sizes.

Cost is:

- Adult hoodies—2/\$35; Youth hoodies—2/\$25; Adult t-shirts—2/\$20; Youth t-shirts—2/\$15. Stop in the office to get yours before they are all gone!!

The PTO is in need of volunteers to take over the board positions. Please call 535-4151 to sign up or for more information.

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.

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.

ATHLETIC BANQUET - The annual Lajes High School Athletic Banquet will take place on Friday, June 4th 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.

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 1st 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 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 Nuremburg 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.

COUNSELOR NEWS -

UPDATING OF SPONSOR DATA - Parents are reminded to contact the school registrar (535-3357) to update their sponsor data whenever their status changes. Initially when enrolling a student, the sponsor provides an emergency contact. When this designated "contact" PCS's and an updated contact is not provided, the school's ability to reach the designated contact, if needed, is virtually impossible. Other data to be updated includes changes in rank, duty phone number, home phone number, rotation/extension date, address change, etc.

STUDENT TERRANOVA RESULTS - parents of students in 3rd through 11th grades will soon be receiving (via the mail) the **Home Report** copy of their child's TerraNova achievement assessment results. This report provides a visual and written indication of their child's academic performance in the content areas of Reading, Language, Math, Science and Social

Studies. A copy of the student's results will also be filed in their cumulative records folder.

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 5th 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".

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.