



# 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 -Youth Photo Contest and Preteen Lock-In (see additional information below)
Monday	May 3	Ongoing Registration during school hours, see attached forms.
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
Wednesday	May 12	Lajes HS Varsity Soccer versus Lajes FC, at 1900 - Lajes
Saturday	May 29	Lajes High School Prom, Terceira Golf Course

**ART SHOW** - Lajes Elementary High School will be presenting an art show at the CAC Ballroom from May 13-15. The art show will feature artwork from every elementary student in grades K-5 as well as all of the middle and high school art students. You won't want to miss this grand extravaganza featuring hundreds of original artworks! Please

join us for our official art opening on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm (exhibition will remain open until 8pm). The art show will continue to be open to the public on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am-8pm, & Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-5pm.

**UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL PROM** - Prom tickets will go on sale next week (May 3). Price is \$25 per person. They will be sold before school, during lunch, and after school. The prom will be May 29 and will be held at the Terceira Golf Course.

**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.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** - Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-8, is a special time of the year set aside to honor teachers for all they do to ensure our students' achievement. 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, so get yours before it's gone! We will be selling spirit wear and elementary yearbooks at the carnival May 7 at 5:30-7:30.

We still need 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** - Our soccer season is underway and in full force. Please come out and cheer our Falcons on!

- May 5 - Lajes Varsity Soccer versus Lajes FC - 1900 @ Lajes
- May 12 - Lajes Varsity Soccer versus Lajes FC - 1900 @ Lajes

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER** - To accommodate 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.

**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
- Preteen Lock-In, May 8 from 10pm - 6am, snack plus breakfast and register by May 7

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** - Why not designate one night a week as family reading night? Turn off the TV and the computer, even it is only for an hour, and read together or individually. Parents model what their children do, so set a good example, and let everyone pick up a book and read!

#### **COUNSELOR NEWS** -

**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.

**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. Students who have forgotten their logins or are unsure whether they have a login 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 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.