



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	June 1 -18	Summer Hire Employment Program Students, 14 - 22 years old
		Upcoming Activities -YES Program (see additional information below)
Monday	June 7-9	Senior Finals
Wednesday	June 9	Commander's Honor Roll, 1145 at the TORC
Friday	June 11	Lajes High School Graduation, Ramo Grande, Praia at 1700
Monday	June 14	Volunteer Tea, 1500 in the MPR
Monday	June 14-16	Middle School/High School Finals
Wednesday	June 16	Locker/Cubby Clean Out DARE Awards, 1330 in the MPR Middle School/High School Awards, 1400 High School Gym
Thursday	June 17	Last Day for Students, dismissal at 1100

**VOLUNTEER TEA** - Lajes Elementary High School will honor its volunteers on June 14 at 1500 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Lajes Elementary High School. Please look for an invitation from your student's teacher. Mark your calendars.

**SENIOR and MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL FINALS** - Parents, remind your students to do their best on their finals. For seniors, June 7-9 is the time they will be given their finals, and middle/high school students will have their finals on June 14-17.

**REMINDERS!!!** - Parents, please remind your students of the items below.

- Check lost and found for missing items.
- Return all textbooks and library books.
- Clean out locker on June 16 to bring home all items.

**COMMANDER'S HONOR ROLL** - Students who have achieved certain criteria such as grade point average, participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and leadership will receive a certificate and be treated to a luncheon on June 9 at the TORC.

**SURE START NEWS** - Portuguese students will come to visit the Sure Start class on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Sure Start class visited the Portuguese students on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Sure Start class will end June 10<sup>th</sup>. Home visits will be conducted for the remainder of the school year.

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:

- YES Program, Youth Employment Skills 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders can earn up to \$1,000 for college by volunteering, 1 June to 31 May 2011.

The baseball season continues through 24 April - 12 June. For more information on any of these activities, contact the Youth Center at 535-1197.

**PTO NEWS** - Elementary yearbooks will be here around 11 June. Cost is \$15; there aren't many left, so get yours before they're all gone because 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.

**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 at 1100.

**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.

**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 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 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades will soon be receiving (via the mail) the **Home Report** copy of their child's TerraNova 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.

**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.