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LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	August 20	Grades 1-12 <u>New Student Orientation</u> at 1000 in cafeteria.
Thursday	August 23	K-5 Class Lists Posted after 1400 on elementary wing doors
Thursday	August 23	Kindergarten Orientation at 1330 in cafeteria
Friday	August 24	Grades 1-5 Open House at 1330-1500.
Monday	August 27	First Day of school for grades 1-12, PSCD
Monday - Friday	August 27 -31	Kindergarten Home Visits
Friday	September 6	Grades 6-12 Open House in cafeteria at 1530.
Monday	September 3	Federal Holiday (Labor Day) - no school
Tuesday	September 4	First Day of school for Kindergarten
Monday-Friday	September 4-7	Sure Start Home Visits
Monday	September 10	First Day of school for Sure Start

ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-12

An orientation to welcome all **new incoming students** in grades 1 - 12 will take place on Monday, August 20 at 1000 in the cafeteria. Current Lajes students will escort new students on a tour of the school while parents take part in an informational meeting.

OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 1-5 Don't forget the Open House for students in grades 1-5 on Friday, August 24, starting at 1:30 and concluding at 3:00 at the elementary wing entrance. Students in grades 1-5 will meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. Due to the traditional hot weather at this time of year, there will be no general meeting prior to classroom visitations. You are invited to proceed directly to your classrooms. AAFES will be on site to sell supply bags. This is an annual occurrence and enables parents to buy all the supplies on each grade level list at one time - in one bag. Please note that a ream of paper is no longer on the supply list.

OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL GRADES 6-12 - Please join us for an Open House for students in grades 6-12 at the cafeteria on Friday, September 6, at 1530. There will be a brief informational meeting in the cafeteria and then you will experience a mini-version of your child's schedule to visit classrooms and meet teachers. Students and parents will hear important information to help ensure a successful school year. More information will be sent in an upcoming Electronic Falcon.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION/HOME VISITS - An orientation to welcome kindergarten students will be held on Thursday, August 23 at 1530 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Kindergartners will get a chance to see the kindergarten

teachers. Parents will sign up for home visits and be provided an overview of kindergarten life at Lajes Elementary/ High School. The Kindergarten teachers will visit each child's home during the week of August 27. First day of school for our kindergartners is Tuesday, September 4.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL & SCHOOL HOURS - Monday, August 27 is the first day of school for grades 1-12. Kindergarten students will enjoy their first day of school on Tuesday, September 4. Sure Start students will begin on September 10.

- Students in grades 6-12 will start school each morning at 0750 am and will dismiss at 1435 pm.
- Students in grades K-5 will start school each morning at 0800 am and will dismiss at 1435 pm.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS/SCHEDULES FOR SY 2007-08 - Class lists for grades K-5 will be posted at 1400 on the elementary wing doors on Thursday, August 23. Middle/high school students all received copies of their new schedules at the end of last year or as they registered, but copies will be distributed on the first day of school as they enter the building. Any class changes, glitches or concerns can be addressed during the first two weeks of the school year.

SPORTS PHYSICALS - The 65th Medical Group "2nd Annual Youth Sports Physicals Day" is set for Wednesday, August 21 from 0715 to 1700. Call 535-3262 or www.tricareonline.com for more information. Lajes youth planning to participate on any athletic team must have a current annual physical. The appointment will include a general health screening, a vision screening, education updates, immunization updates and blood work if needed. Participants must bring their immunization records to the appointment and glasses or contacts for the vision screening if worn. Physicals are good for one year.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - AAFES will continue to provide school lunches for students. Parents are encouraged to open lunch accounts for their children at the Ocean View BX. Information regarding the lunch program can be obtained there. AAFES will allow a student to charge a lunch if there is no money in his/her lunch account, but this should rarely happen. Please ensure your child has a lunch or money in their account each day. Students may also bring a sack lunch from home.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) NEWS - The SAC (School Advisory Committee), comprised of elected parent and educator representatives, is looking for parents to run for election as a parent representative. This is yet another way the Lajes Elementary/High School community can voice their opinions and make suggestions regarding school improvement. If you would like to have your name on the ballot, please contact the school office at 535-6216/4151 as soon as possible.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK - All families will receive a copy of the Student/Parent Handbook. Copies will be mailed during the first week of school. The handbook is also posted on our website for reference. Please familiarize yourselves with the content of the handbook. All policies, expectations, and general information are included.

VACATIONS - While living in Europe, families have extraordinary opportunities to travel. Please do remember, however, that school attendance is important as well. Here is the school calendar for School Year 2007-08. We encourage you to make every effort to schedule family trips when school is not in session. No make-up work can ever replace in-class instruction and participation.

CALENDAR FOR LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL, 2007-2008, Grades K-12

Thursday	August 23	Class lists posted for grades K-5 at 1400
Friday	August 24	Grades 1-5 Open House at 1330
Monday	August 27	First Day of School for grades 1-12 students
Mon-Fri	Aug 27-31	Kindergarten Home Visitations
Monday	Sept 3	Labor Day - Federal Holiday
Tuesday	Sept 4	First Day of School for Kindergarten
Friday	Sept 6	Grades 6-12 Open House in Cafeteria at 1530
Friday	Sept 21	Teacher Training Day - dismissal at 1515
Monday	October 8	Columbus Day - Federal Holiday
Friday	October 19	Teacher Training Day - no school for students
Friday	November 2	Teacher Workday - No school for students
Thursday	November 8	Parent Teacher Conferences for grades K-5 students only
Friday	November 9	Parent Teacher Conferences for K-12 students
Monday	November 12	Veterans' Day - Federal Holiday
Thursday	November 22	Thanksgiving - Federal Holiday
Friday	November 23	Friday - Recess Day
Friday	December 21	Teacher Training Day - dismissal at 1515
	Dec 24-Jan 4	Winter Recess
Friday	January 18	Teacher Training Day - dismissal at 1515
Monday	January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Federal Holiday
Friday	January 25	No school for students - Teacher Workday
Friday	February 1	Parent Teacher Conferences for grades K-5 students only Regular day for Grades 6-12
Friday	February 4	Teacher Training Day - No school for students
Monday	February 18	Presidents' Day - Federal Holiday
Friday	February 29	Parent Teacher Conferences for grades 6-12 students only Regular day for Grades K-5
Friday	March 14	Teacher Training Day - No school for students
Friday	April 4	Teacher Workday - No school for students
	April 7 - 11	Spring Recess
Friday	April 18	Parent Teacher Conferences for grades K-5 students only
Friday	May 16	Teacher Training Day - dismissal at 1115
Monday	May 26	Memorial Day - Federal Holiday
Friday	June 6	High School Graduation
Thursday	June 12	Last day of school for students