



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP) GOALS

All students will improve their problem-solving skills across the curriculum.  
All students will improve their reading strategies in all areas of the curriculum.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday-Friday	April 13-17	Late Spring Registration
Wednesday	April 15	Spring Music Concert, 1900 Lajes Base Theater
Friday	April 17	Elementary School Parent Conferences, No School for Elementary Students
		Summer Enrichment Program Registration Deadline

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS (SIP)** - What is SIP? SIP is a critical part of our school's accreditation process. To be accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, we work toward improving our school on a five-year cycle. Two years ago we assessed our student's academic needs and set goals. Then we designed lessons and activities to help students meet those goals. Last year we began implementing the activities, and the process continues in this, the third year of the cycle.

**SIP MOMENT** - "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut."

**SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2009** - DoDEA will once again be offering a four-week, half-day Summer Enrichment Program for Space-Required DoDDS and eligible DDESS students who are currently enrolled in a DoDEA school in grades K-8. This special program is provided at no cost to DoDEA families. It will run Monday through Friday from June 22 to July 17 from 0900 to 1200. Neither transportation nor lunch will be provided. A limited number of spaces are available. Except for illness and emergencies, regular attendance is required.

This program will feature an academic-enrichment curriculum emphasizing, math and language arts. It is not a remedial program but is designed to support and reinforce student learning through engaging, high-interest activities. The 2009 program will again use curriculum materials from Voyager Expanded Learning. Students in grade K-5 will experience the primary and intermediate levels of Kaleidoscope, the companion to *Mysteries* and students in grades 6-8 will participate in a continuation of *Media Magic*.

To register your child for the 2009 Summer Enrichment Program, please come by the school to pick up the registration form and return it to the main office by April 17. There will be no late registration. You will receive a confirmation notice the week of May 4, 2009. Please call 295-57-4151 if you have any questions or concerns.

**SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010 MANDATORY SCHOOL REGISTRATION** - Registration for returning students was held April 6-10. If you have children who will be returning for next school year, including Sure Start students coming back from Kindergarten, and you did not complete registration, please come by the school to do so, as soon as possible. If you have extended, we will require documentation noting sponsor name, social security number, and new DEROS. If, on the other hand, you are leaving Lajes, please let us know by giving us a call at 295-57-3357.

**SPRING MUSIC CONCERT** - The Lajes MS/HS Performing Arts Department will present its Spring Concert on Wednesday, April 15 at the Lajes Base Theater, at 1900. The theme for this year's concert is "All That Jazz." There will be performances by the beginning, intermediate, and advanced bands as well as high school chorus and jazz band. In addition, there will be artwork presented in the lobby for viewing before and after the performance. Please come out for an evening of entertainment and to display your support for our students!

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONFERENCES** - will be held on Friday, April 17. Because conferences are not being held for every student, if you do not receive a conference appointment letter, but feel the need to speak to your child's teacher, please feel free to contact the school at 295-57-4151 to make arrangements. School will be in session for middle/high school students.

**SPRING BREAK** - We hope you all had a wonderful spring break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, April 13, with clear, refreshed minds and enthusiastic attitudes in finishing the school year!