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LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	December 19	Early Dismissal
Monday	December 22 - January 5	Winter Break
Monday	January 5	Return to School From Winter Break
Tuesday - Thursday	January 6-8	District Superintendent Dr. Walker Visit
Monday - Wednesday	January 12-14	Air Force Recruiter Visit
Wednesday	January 14	School Advisory Council Meeting at 1500
Monday	January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Federal Holiday
Thursday	January 22	End of Second Quarter
Friday	January 23	No School - Teacher Work Day
Friday	January 30	K-5 Parent Conferences

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped to shape our school in a most positive and significant way. We value our relationship with our students, parents, and Lajes Community and look forward to working with you all in the year to come. We wish you a very happy and safe Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

WINTER BREAK - School dismissed at 1115 on Friday, December 19th and will resume on Monday, January 5th, 2009. The office will be open Monday-Friday 0800-1500, with the exceptions of December 25th and January 1st.

WINTER BREAK VACATION - Families traveling in December need to notify the school two weeks in advance if possible. The procedure is as follows: 1. Get form from counselor. 2. Ask teacher(s) for assignments during absence. 3. All assigned work is due on the **first** class meeting after the student returns.

AIR FORCE RECRUITER VISIT - An Air Force Recruiter for the Mediterranean District will visit Lajes for three full days from January 12th through the 14th. Juniors and seniors who took the ASVAB Exam in November will have the opportunity to talk with the recruiter. Students and/or parents wanting to meet with the recruiter should call the school guidance counselor at 535-4228 to schedule a time.

SURE START- Mid-Year Conferences for Sure Start will be held on January 22 and 23. Parents will be contacted to schedule their conference.

K-5 PARENT CONFERENCES - will be held on January 30th. Please mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming.

GATE CLOSURE - The Kindergarten gate on the west (high school) side will be closed until the construction for the new fence is complete. Target completion date is the end of January.

TEACHER WORK DAY - There will be no school on January 23rd due to a scheduled teacher workday.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!! - Becoming a substitute teacher is easier than you think and it can be a very rewarding experience. A degree is not required and it pays \$95 per day. If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher, please contact the school office at 295-57-4151 to find out more information.

ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING SERVICES (ASACS): MTV (My Teen Voice) - Teen grades 9-12 will be invited to have a voice in their community. Teens are welcome on January 2nd from 1pm-4pm in the CAC ballroom to discuss any issues or concerns they have. There will be an open forum, food, prizes, and a free movie. Parents and teens will be receiving more information as the date approaches. Save the date!!!

YEARBOOKS - There is still time to buy yearbooks for \$45, until the end of this semester. Once the semester ends, the price will increase to \$50. Please call 295-57-4151 for more information.

ECO-ISLAND CLUB - Thank you parents and students who participated in the trip to San Mateus on 15 December. Our students were able to see an active fishing village and to visit two sites that were part of the historical development of Terceira. We are fortunate to be able to have the experience of seeing first hand and touching stones that formed parts of the whale museum and old church, instead of just reading about something and studying events from books. Although the weather was a little grey, we stayed dry, enjoyed, and learned. The support of parents is a vital part of the success of ECO field trips, an example of our strong school home partnership.

ART CLASSES - are in need of the following items: Fabric, Outdoor Paint (spray paint or house paint), Shoe Boxes, Daisy Sour Cream containers, Empty fruit-cups or apple sauce cups. Please send your donations to the art room.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (SAC) - There will be a SAC meeting on January 14th, at 1500, in room 302A (the principal's office).

LAJES ES/HS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Wondering how to keep your student in the learning zone over the holidays? Lajes ES/HS Technology Committee would like to suggest the following websites that will definitely have your student moving toward their educational goal:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/> -Official White House page

<http://www.si.edu/> - Smithsonian Institute

<http://www.candlelightstories.com/Homepage.php> - online audio stories

<http://www.20q.net/> - online 20 questions game in which the computer asks the questions (AI?)

<http://www.gamequarium.com/index.htm> - various games and activities

http://www.professorgarfield.org/pgf_home.html variety of educational games

<http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html> math site for students K-12

<http://www.uen.org/tours/fieldtrips2.shtml> take a virtual field trip sitting at your computer

DEPLOYMENT - If you or your spouse will be deploying, please call the ES and/or HS counselors. We want to provide extra support to all of the children of our deployed service members. They are indeed heroes and we want to do everything possible to support their children.

SCHOOL LUNCHESES - AAFES Lunch Menu can be viewed by visiting the school website

<http://www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu/>

DoDEA CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY - is available from November 1 through February 28, 2009. It takes about 20 minutes to complete and is available online at www.dodea.edu (click on the CSS graphic link). Please contact the school at 295-57-4151, if you need to use a school computer or receive a paper copy to complete the survey. We encourage all parents to participate in this valuable project.

BUS MONITORS NEEDED - Volunteer bus monitors are needed. It's only one hour out of your day and anyone 18 or over can do it. Please contact the MSG office at 295-57-6104 for more 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 Middle School Coordinator to schedule your meeting at 295-57-4151.

SCHOOL WANT ADS - Wanted: Bowling ball for physics. The science teacher would like to have a bowling ball for classroom demonstrations. A bowling ball in any condition is acceptable. The bowling ball will be given a loving home and be a star in demonstrations on such topics as momentum, angular momentum, forces, etc. Please call 295-57-6498 if can help.

PCSing? Want to get rid of old junk? The Booster Club is looking for all of your unwanted items (i.e., clothes, toys, books, ANYTHING!) to be sold at the monthly Flea Markets. All proceeds will help to offset the cost of the high school sports team's travels to tournaments in Germany. We will be more than happy to pick up your donations, or they can be dropped off at the school office. Please call 295-549-206 or e-mail Lajes15@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

STUDENT-2-STUDENT PROGRAM AT LAJES HELPING PCSING STUDENTS: If your family will be PCSing during the school year, and you would like to have your child communicate with another student and/or counselor from the school they will be going to, please contact the middle and high school counselor, at 295-57-4228. An important facet of the Student-2-Student program is to assist student transitioning in and out of DoDDS schools. Learning about one's new school before leaving Lajes would lessen the student's anxiety about moving and going to a new school.

MCEC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER: The Military Child Education Coalition website contains a wealth of resources for military families. One of the most useful features of this site is to provide information to parents PCSing back to the states. To review the "Checklist for Transferring Students", go to <http://www.militarychild.org/military-parent/checklist-for-transferring-students/> To find specific information about schools and educational resources in a specific state, go to <http://www.militarychild.org/education-resource-center/> where you can select any of the 50 states to locate schools and educational resources applicable to that state.

LAJES COMMISSARY DECA SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIORS: The deadline for eligible seniors to submit a completed application and essay for the 2009 DECA Scholarship (worth \$2000) is February 18th. Eligibility requirements for interested seniors include applicant must be a dependent of a military parent/sponsor, applicant must have 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA (grade point average), applicant must intend to apply to a 4-year college or university, and the completed application must be submitted to the Lajes Commissary NLT February 18, 2009. Interested seniors can pick-up a copy of the application form from the guidance counselor or ask for a copy in the Lajes Commissary Office. A copy may also be downloaded from www.militaryscholar.org