



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### Lajes American School Mission Statement

To develop responsible students who possess the skills, attitudes, knowledge, and values to succeed in a changing world.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Dec 24 - Jan 4	Winter Recess
Monday	7 January	Return to school from Winter Recess
Wednesday	16 January	Mentoring program starts
Wednesday	16 January	SAC Meeting

**START OF SCHOOL DAY** - Students in grades 1-5 (unless they ride the school bus) should not arrive on campus prior to 0745 since there is no supervision prior to that time.

Students in grades 1-5 who enter through the Kindergarten wing should proceed to the supervised area in front of the elementary wing. They should not be in the hallway before 0800.

**MIDDLE-HIGH YEARBOOK SALES** - For those of you who missed the yearbook's early-bird special, take advantage of this **one-time holiday offer**. Yearbooks will be on sale for the **rock-bottom price of \$40 through next week** (ending December 21). *A yearbook receipt would make the perfect stocking stuffer*, so purchase your book now. Make your check payable to LAS and pay Ms. E. in room 130. Books will be \$50 after the winter break.

**ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK** - The elementary yearbook club has just been selected and will start working on their yearbook starting January. Sales are not starting at this time.

**LYP INFORMATION** - Basketball/Cheerleading season: Registrations began 11 Dec 2007 (or basically state sign-ups are ongoing or going on now). Registrations end 9 Jan 2008. Season begins 26 Jan 2008. Basketball/Cheerleading Coaches and Referees are needed. Please contact Scottie Mendiola at DSN 535-3273 or COM 295-573-273 for more information.

**SCHOOL HOME COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS** - The Base Library has partnered with Lajes Elementary High School to reach our SIP goals by offering Reading Enrichment Program (Themed Story Time) on December 13th and 27th for PreK through K.

The School-Home-Community Interventions Committee would like to encourage the community to contribute brainteasers or problems and puzzles to be published in the weekly newsletter for solutions.

**LAJES SIP (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN) Problem Solving:** Where in the world are we? 1. What are the coordinates of Terceira Island? 2. Name 3 cities in the United States that are about the same latitude as Terceira. Send the answer to Mrs. B or call at *DSN Phone 535-6108*.

**Vocabulary:** Can you use divergent in a sentence? It's the Word of the Week. Use it at home to help reinforce our first SIP goal: all students will improve their reading strategies in all areas of the curriculum, especially by developing vocabulary.

**WINTER BREAK** - School will dismiss at 1115 on Friday, December 21 and will resume on Monday, January 7, 2007. The office will be open Monday-Friday 0800-1500 with the exceptions of December 24, 25 and January 1.

**PTO NEWS** -

Tyson Contest Update

Tyson labels will be accepted until Jan 18. Below are the current standings.

1st place Ms S. Kindergarten

2nd place Ms D. 4th/5th grades

3rd place Ms S. 3rd grade

High School

Continue to collect box tops for our next contest coming in January.

Tyson label contest is ongoing until Jan 18. Bring in all Tyson Project A+ labels for your child's class to win a party!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** - May this holiday season be one of great happiness and safety for you and your families. May this season be a time of giving to others. May we all give our children the greatest gifts we have - our love, our attention, and our time. May we all rediscover the overwhelming beauty that each one of our children possesses. May we all see the immense potential of each child and then help each child to discover that potential. Happy Holidays to all the Falcons and their wonderful supportive families.