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LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

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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-Thursday	June 5 - June 11	Yearbooks Available Until Sold Out
Wednesday	June 10	End of Year Awards Ceremony at 1315
Thursday	June 11	Last Day for Students-Dismissal at 1115 Field Day at 0800 in School Gym Reports cards hand carried home by K-3 students; all other grades will be mailed.
Monday	June 15-July 17	Summer Enrichment Program

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 nonreading children are the greatest problem in American education." Glenn Doman.

YEARBOOKS - This will be your last opportunity to purchase an annual yearbook. Please bring your check for \$50 to room 130. If you've already purchased one, you or your child can pick it up from room 130, immediately after school.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Students last day will be June 11th. They will be dismissed at 1115. Students in K-3rd will hand carry their report cards home on Thursday, June 11th. All other grades will receive their report cards in the mail.

SUMMER HIRE - Students looking to work this summer may pick up an application from the front office. Students ages 14-22 may complete the application package and turn it in to 65 MSS/DPCS, building T-112.

TEACHERS AND CLERICAL AIDES NEEDED - If you are interested in a teacher or clerical/teacher aide position, please stop by the main office to complete an application for the upcoming school year.

PTO NEWS – If you like to be guaranteed an Elementary School Yearbook, please stop by the PTO Office to fill out the pre-order form. The yearbook cost is \$15.

- We are still looking for people who are interested in being Lajes E/H School Officers. Please e-mail lajespto@yahoo.com We are accepting nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM - 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. Except for illness and emergencies, regular attendance is required. The deadline for registration was April 17. A confirmation notice was sent out to parents of students accepted in the program the week of May 4, 2009.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CORNER - The Lajes Middle School will host the annual Field Day at 0800, Thursday, June 11 in the school gym. The day will consist of a variety of games, a slideshow presentation, and snacks.

The entire Middle School Team would like to thank all of the parents for your help in ensuring this was an exciting and successful school year. Have a great and safe summer!

ART NEWS - Thank you to all of the parents that have generously donated art supplies and recycled materials for our end of the year projects!!! It would not have been possible without your support. I am happy to report that we have received all of the donations that we needed for the year, but start saving things for next year!

TERRA NOVA TEST RESULTS UPDATE - The school has not received the scored student results yet for the Terra Nova testing done in early March. When results are received via the mail, a copy of the *Home Report* will be mailed home to parents of all students who took the Terra Nova tests. A copy of each student's results will be placed in their cumulative records folder. Terra Nova test results are a vital part of our school's SIP (School Improvement Program), and all students results will be reviewed and analyzed locally as required by the SIP.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS - Summer can be more than just vacation time for kids; it's also a great opportunity for parents to spend more time participating in learning activities with their children. Fill the days of summer with these interactive sites for children that are full of fun through online educational games, stories, songs, and other hands-on activities. Attached is also a calendar of PK-1 activities for summer. A great website with summer activities for primary age children is: <http://www.activitiesforkids.com/summer/calendar.htm>