



# FALCON PRIDE

## LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

Lajes, Azores

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### **AAFES LUNCH MENU FOR NOV 26- NOV 30 and BLUE/GOLD Day Schedule (B=Blue Day, G=Gold Day)**

<b>G</b> - Monday	Soft taco with Cheese, Spanish Rice, Veg Regried Beans, Fresh Fruit, Cinnamon Toast
<b>B</b> - Tuesday	Turkey & Veg Egg Roll, Chicken Rice, Green Beans, Chilled Peaches, Cookie
<b>G</b> - Wednesday	Beef Franks on a Bun, Baked Beans, Baked Doritos, Banana, Carrots Sticks w/Dip
<b>B</b> - Thursday	BBQ Chicken Drumsticks, Italian Pasta Salad, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Pears, Blueberry Muffin
<b>G</b> - Friday	Breakfast for Lunch, Cheese Omelet, French Toast Sticks w/Syrup, Tator Tots, Fruit Cocktail

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesday	28 November	Early Dismissal- <b>Students will be dismissed at 1345</b>
Thursday	29 November	Parent Forum in Principal's Office at 0930 - all parents are invited
Friday	30 November	Drop-Everything-and-Read Moment from 1400 to 1430
Mon-Thurs	3-6 Dec	Carl Albrecht, Assistant Superintendent visits Lajes American School
Wednesday	12 December	School Advisory Committee Meeting at 1500 in Admin Offices
Wednesday	12 December	Winter Concert for <u>student body only</u> at 1330 in ES gym
Thursday	13 December	Winter Concert Rehearsal at 1445 - 1715 in Praia
Thursday	13 December	Winter Concert for <u>family and friends</u> at 2000 in Ramo Grande Theater in Praia
Thursday	13 December	Acceleration - Students must attend through end of school day on December 12
Friday	14 December	Second Quarter Mid-term Progress Reports mailed to parents
Thursday	20 December	Parent Forum in Principal's Office at 0930- all parents are invited
Wednesday	21 December	Early Dismissal - <b>Students will be dismissed at 1115</b>
	<b>Dec 21 - Jan 5</b>	<b>Winter Recess</b>
Monday	7 January	Return to school from Winter Recess
Friday	18 January	Staff Development Training - <b>Students will be dismissed at 1115</b>
Monday	21 January	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Federal Holiday

**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 for assignments during absence.

3. All assigned work is due at the **first** class meeting after the student returns.

### **ACCELERATION** -

High school students and middle school students taking high school courses, whose sponsor is PCSing, have the opportunity to earn Carnegie Units for semester credit by participating in the acceleration process. DoDEA students may request assignments and tests to earn credit for their classes before the end of the school semester. They may apply for this acceleration if the following conditions apply:

- The sponsor and dependent will be returning to the United States 20 days or less before the end of the semester. A copy of the sponsor's PCS orders must be provided to acknowledge the acceleration request.
- The application for acceleration must be made four weeks prior to the withdrawal date.
- The acceleration request must be completed and returned to the counselor's office within two days so they may receive acceleration contracts.
- If conditions are met, teachers will provide assignments and tests through the end of the semester. These assignments and tests must be turned in at least one day prior to withdrawal from school.

When following these conditions, the earliest day a student whose sponsor is PCSing may leave and still receive credit for the semester is December 13, 2007. The student must attend school all day on December 13. In order to accomplish this acceleration, notification must be received one month prior to this date. Students who do not accelerate or complete the assignments provided will be given grades-to-date at the time of withdrawal. They will not receive semester grades.

**PARENT FORUM** - Join with other parents and talk with the administrators in an informal setting on Thursday, November 29 at 0930 in Ms. Waller's office. Bring your questions and your ideas. This is OUR school and we need input from parents so that we can better serve you and the wonderful students of the Lajes community. We will be having monthly forums, so put them on your calendar now - Dec 20, Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 27, Apr 24, and May 29.

**LAJES SIP (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN) - WORKING TOGETHER ON COMMON GOALS** - Our School Improvement Plan has identified academic goals that will help our school to take another step forward in support of our students. These goals are:

All students will increase their ability to use **problem-solving strategies** across the curriculum.

All students will improve their **reading strategies** in all areas of the curriculum.

**LAJES SIP (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN)** -The Home-School-Community Interventions Committee is planning a total school Drop-Everything-and-Read Moment for Friday, November 30 from 2:00 to 2:30 as an occasion to celebrate the recent 100,000 minutes reached in our Read-A-Thon drive. Parents and the community are invited to join us and read to small groups at the Elementary grades. The School-Home Community Interventions Committee encourages continued intensive reading as a School Improvement Plan goal to promote students' reading fluency and comprehension.

### **PTO NEWS**

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

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

Volunteers needed for the Winter Wonderland Shop in Dec. Please contact [lajespto@yahoo.com](mailto:lajespto@yahoo.com)

**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. Our military members are our heroes, and we want to do everything possible to support their children.