



FALCON PRIDE

LAJES ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues-Friday	2-5 October	Vision and hearing screenings
Wednesday	3 October	Progress Reports Mailed
Saturday	6 October	SAT Test
Monday	8 October	Columbus Day - Federal holiday - no school
Wednesday	17 October	PSAT
Thursday	18 October	College Night

SCHOOL VISITORS are required to get a pass when they come to the building. This is a part of security regulation and we appreciate your support.

END OF SCHOOL DAY - Older siblings who pick up younger siblings in grades 1-5 need to pick up their brother/sister in the cafeteria. Younger students should not be in the high school wing after school.

LAJES SIP (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN) - As you know, one of our SIP goals is to help students improve their problem solving abilities. Keen observation skills are an important part of solving problems. To test and sharpen your observation skills visit the following website and take a short, fun quiz:
<http://www.oldjoebblack.Onyx.com/thinktst.htm>

COUNSELORS' CORNER - Any senior wanting to register for the **October 27 ACT Exam** will need to see Mr. G. for the needed **ACT International Surcharge Voucher** form. **The Registration Deadline = Sept. 21st** (Late Registration will cost an additional \$19)

PTO News - Box Tops Contest Begins 4 Sept-12 Oct

Elementary classes compete against each other and the top three classes will win a party. MS & HS will compete against each other for an ice cream float party.

All parents are encouraged to visit BOXTOPS4EDUCATION.COM and register to earn cash for our school.

SHCP Help Wanted

The School Home Community Partnership (SHCP) Help Wanted section is one way parents and interested community members can become aware of volunteer opportunities in our school. Take a look and see if there is an opportunity or two for you to come and share with us! Anyone experienced in breeding or training dogs, especially cold weather dogs, willing to speak to a 7th grade English class that is studying Jack London's "Call of the Wild", please contact Ms. G. at ext. 4151. Mrs. B., School Nurse, needs assistance October 2-5. Our students will be receiving vision and hearing screenings and several adults are needed to guide students to and from their classrooms and to assist with the

hearing screenings. Call 535-6108 or stop by her office if you can volunteer on any or all of these days. Mr. K., 4th grade, needs 6 "one liter" size clear plastic bottles. The library is seeking volunteers. Contact the school or see Ms D. in the library, Room 200, at the top of the ramp in the elementary wing. Mr. B., high school biology and chemistry teacher, needs a volunteer to serve as a lab tech/assistant, please contact Mr. B. at ext 4151. Ms J., 2nd grade, needs 10 Cool Whip type containers. Lids are not necessary.

MID-QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS FOR GRADES 6-12 - The mid-quarter progress reports for grades 6-12 will be placed in the APO mailboxes by Wednesday, October 3. Please note that the grades are NOT the 1st quarter grades but mid-quarter grades. These grades provide students a good indicator of how well they are doing in each class. The actual 1st quarter grades will not be given until Parent Teacher Conference Day on November 2.

MESSAGE FROM THE MS. DIANA J. OHMAN,

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Diana J. Ohman, Director

Encouragement and involvement equal student success

As the new school year begins, it is also time to encourage good habits and routines that can help your child succeed academically. These include family practices as well as the development of individual routines for both students and parents.

It is important for students to build time into their daily schedule to complete homework assignments and review the day's lessons. Students should have non-academic time in their schedule to unwind, play sports, enjoy a hobby, or spend a few quiet minutes talking to parents or friends. They also need to get a good night's rest, and have an energy building breakfast before heading out to school.

Parental encouragement and involvement can make a significant difference in a child's academic success. If your child receives a high mark on an assignment, congratulate them and encourage their hard work. However, if your child's grades are less than anticipated, rather than punish your child, find out if there is a particular area that your child is having trouble understanding, and work with the teacher to provide additional assistance and support in that area. Parents can find out a lot about what is being taught at school by reviewing a child's homework, asking about specific lessons they learned, and discussing what they most enjoyed doing that day and what they least enjoyed.

Although parent-teacher conferences aren't normally held until the end of the first quarter, get to know your child's teachers early in the school year. Positive and open parent-teacher interactions are a crucial part of students' success. Parents who forge a cooperative partnership with the school staff provide their children with the best opportunity for academic success.

Become an active member of your school community--volunteer at the school, join the PTA/PTSA/PTO, attend SAC meetings, or assist with special school events. Together we can meet our number one goal, highest student achievement.

Thank you for your support.

DIANA J. OHMAN

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