



Lajes Elementary/High School
DODDS-Europe

Upcoming Events

Middle School Costumer Dance

October 28—1830-2030 @ Multi-purpose Room

School Advisory Council

November 1—1500 @ School Library

Teacher Work Day

(No School for Students)
November 4

ASVAB Test

November 4—0900 @ School

Bedtime Story/PJ Party

November 8—1830-2030 @ School Library

Elementary Conferences

(No School for Elementary Students)
November 9

Elementary/Middle/High Conferences

(No School for All Students)
November 10

Veteran's Day Holiday

(No School for All Students)
November 11



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Principal : Dr. Barbara Hickman Assistant Principal: Ms. Daisy Weddle

Mission Statement: "To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DO-DEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment."

Goal #1—All students will improve their problem solving skills across the curriculum.

Goal #2—All students will improve reading strategies in all areas of the curriculum.

FALCON PRIDE

Bedtime Story Pajama Party Was GREAT!

On Wednesday evening, October 26th, the Lajes Elementary/High School Information Center / Library was ringing with stories and more. The "Story Party" brought out Sure Start and Kindergarten students by the dozens along with their parents, little brothers and sisters and many seasoned readers.

At least 75 children and parents attended, along with 11 base/community volunteers, 6 school staff volunteers, and 10 drama students, who brought their parents and other supporters.

Information Specialist Neata Wiley, organizer of the evening, explained the reasoning behind the event: "The goal of the 'Bedtime Story Pajama Party' is to give the parents and children the opportunity to enjoy some wonderful bedtime stories together, to snuggle up with each other, to have a bedtime snack and to leave ready for a warm night in their own beds. We think we accomplished all of that and more. I was especially glad to meet many parents of the wonderful children I get to work with everyday in the library."

Besides the stories and the snack, all the participants enjoyed a Shel Silverstein poetry production presented by Ms. Ballard's the high school / middle school drama class with lots of laughs.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers and the parents who came to the Sure Start / Kindergarten Pajama Party.



Counselor/Psychologist's Corner



What is bullying?

Bullying among children is aggressive behavior that is intentional and that involves an imbalance of power or strength. A child who is being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying is repeated over time. Bullying can take many forms, such as hitting or punching (physical bullying); teasing or name-calling (verbal bullying); intimidation using gestures or social exclusion (nonverbal bullying or emotional bullying); and ending insulting messages by phone or computer e-mail (cyber bullying).

Student Progress Reports

For parents new to Lajes E/HS, a separate student "Progress Report" is generated (and mailed home) at each mid-Quarter period. Report Cards are generated at the end of each 9-week or "Quarter Marking Period". Copies of Progress Reports and Report Cards are maintained in each student's cumulative folder. If you have questions concerning progress reports, report cards, transcripts, grade point averages (GPA), etc., please contact the counselor at 535-4228.

REPORT CARD				
GRADING PERIOD	1	2	3	4
READING	A			
WRITTEN COMMUNICATION	A			
MATHEMATICS	C			
SCIENCE/HEALTH	B			
SOCIAL STUDIES	B			
ART	A			
MUSIC	A			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	C			
Grade Average	B			
Attendance	Present	Excused	Tardy	Truancy
Notes	A = Excellent B = Good C = Satisfactory S = Needs Improvement U = Unsatisfactory + = Incomplete - = Dropouts			
Student	Grade	Year		



Military Career Day

This annual event is scheduled for early January. In past years, recruiters or representatives from other branches of the military have been present to provide our students with career and occupation information about the military. Local Lajes squadrons and worksites will be represented and have table displays for the students to view and the opportunity to learn about specific Air Force career fields and jobs. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn about all the great things our military has to offer!

Getting in shape for the SATs & ACTs?



See your counselor for Test-Prep Materials you can use at home !

ACT & SAT TESTING DATES

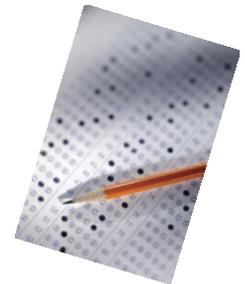
ACT: 22 October 2011

SAT: 3 December 2011

If any students are interested in taking either of these exams, please contact Mr. Gronke at 535-4228.

ASVAB Testing for Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

The *Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery* will be administered to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors on November 4, 2011. Parents interested in having their son or daughter take this exam should contact the counselor at 535-4228. The results from a student's ASVAB will be reviewed by the Air Force Recruiter and used to advise students of possible career field opportunities in the Air Force.





The Outdoor and Island Clubs met on Monday, October 24 and together went on a study trip to the Cabo da Praia Power Station and Serra do Cume Wind Farm. This was a trip made possible by the 65th Environmental who provided for the bus. About 28 students participated in this Energy Awareness Month activity at Lajes E-H School. The Outdoor and the Island Clubs meet alternately every other Monday. The Island Club also meets every other Thursday for Second Graders.



The Lajes Varsity volleyball team will be heading to Germany Tuesday, Nov. 1 -Sunday, Nov. 6 for the 2011 Girls European VB Tournament. The following students will be attending:

Parker Brooks, Madison Bruns, Hailey Castro, Sydnee Cookerly, Emily Cotton, Heidi Dacayanan, Natasha Dowler, Ronda Hall, Caitlin Scott, and Yasmine Weddle.

Please wish our players good luck.

PTO NEWS

Our current activities are: Popcorn Fridays, which is also available to the middle and High school students for \$.50 a bag. The popcorn will be sold outside the front office every Friday starting at 11:45 a.m. Our first Bingo game will be November 12. More information will be sent home soon. The PTO invites you to become a member. Your membership gives support to programs for reading, sports, music and more! We currently have 45 members. Our goal this year is to have 100 members. The more members we have, the more assistance the PTO can offer. When you join the PTO, you support our children, our teachers and our school. We thank you in advance and we look forward to receiving your membership!

Homecoming Photo CDs on sale for only \$10!



The 2011 Homecoming Dance, A Black & White Night, was a huge success. The High School Student Council decorated the TORC Ballroom from top to bottom with black and white wonderment, there was a huge spread of delicious food, and the DJ kept the beats rolling all night long. The student council will be selling Photo CDs with hundreds of gorgeous professional photos from the evening for the low price of just ten dollars! All proceeds from the CD sales go directly back to the High School Student Council to help support activities like the Homecoming Dance, Spirit Week, Pep Rallies, and events like the Bonfire & Car Smash.

Purchase your Homecoming Photo CD for just \$10 from any HS Student Council Officer or from Mrs. Hoff.

Thanks!

Mrs. Nicole Hoff





Lajes Elementary/High School 2011-2012 Calendar



2011

Tuesday, August 23
Friday, August 26
Monday, August 29

Thursday, September 1
Monday, September 5
Tuesday, September 6
Thursday, September 15
Friday, September 16
Friday, October 7
Monday, October 10
Thursday, November 3
Friday, November 4
Monday, November 7
Wednesday, November 9
Thursday, November 10
Friday, November 11
Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25
December 19 – January 2

New Student/Parent Orientation
Open House – Grades K-5
First Day of School for Students - Grades 1 – 12
Begin 1st Quarter & 1st Semester
Kindergarten Orientation
Open House – Grades 6-12
Labor Day – Federal Holiday
First Day of School for Kindergarten Students
First day of School for Sure Start Students
Teacher Training Day – Half Day – Early Release
No School for Students – Teacher Training Day
Columbus Day – Federal Holiday
End of 1st Quarter
No School for Students – Teacher Workday
Begin 2nd Quarter
Parent/Teacher Conference – Grades K-5 Only
Parent/Teacher Conference – Grades K-12
Veterans' Day – Federal Holiday
Thanksgiving – Federal Holiday
Recess Day – No School
Winter Recess – No School

2012

Tuesday, January 3
Monday, January 16
Thursday, January 26
Friday, January 27
Monday, January 30
Friday, February 3
Monday, February 6
Monday, February 20
Friday, March 2
Friday, March 9
March 12 – March 16
Thursday, April 5
Friday, April 6
April 9 – April 13
Monday, April 16
Friday, April 20
Monday, May 28
Friday, June 8
Thursday, June 14

Instruction Resumes
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Federal Holiday
End of 2nd Quarter & 1st Semester
No School for Students – Teacher Workday
Begin 3rd Quarter & 2nd Semester
Parent/Teacher Conferences - Grades K-5 Only
No School for Students – Teacher Training Day
Presidents' Day – Federal Holiday
Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grades 6-12 Only
Terra Nova Prep
Terra Nova Testing
End of 3rd Quarter
No School for Students – Teacher Workday
Spring Recess – No school
Instruction Resumes & Begin 4th Quarter
Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grades K-5 Only
Memorial Day – Federal Holiday
High School Graduation
End of 4th Quarter & 2nd Semester
Last Day of School for Students