

Principal's Welcome Letter



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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another wonderful new school year and the lovely island of Terceira, if you are new to the island. New to the island or not, the wonderful thing about school years is that we all get to start all over again. This year, I am looking forward to many new beginnings and I hope you are, too.

Lajes Elementary School/High School is a pre-kindergarten (Sure Start and Preschool Children with Disabilities only) through Grade 12 school with a current projected enrollment of approximately 300 students, which makes it a fairly unique experience for our students. By the end of the year most of our students will know all the other students in the school. And, for our high school students, it means that they will have many athletic participation and/or leadership opportunities that they would not have in a larger school.

Dr. LaFata, (the assistant principal), the faculty and I are all looking forward to getting to know and work with all of you to ensure that each and every student in the school is successful this year academically and socially. To that end, we ask that every student comes to school every school day on-time with all his or her required materials prepared to do his or her best. Success is a team effort and every player (student, teacher and parent) is an integral part of that team. When every player does his or her best everyone wins!

Fridays at Lajes ES/HS will be spirit days. Our school colors are blue and gold and our mascot is a falcon. The PTO has t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts available for sale, but any blue and gold clothing and/or appropriate accessories are fine. Let's build a strong, healthy, spirited team by proudly wearing our school colors on Fridays.

Again, welcome to a year of new beginnings!

Sincerely,

Dr. Barbara Hickman, Principal