

Dragon Tales

Alconbury Middle/High School
NEWSLETTER

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“Success for ALL Students”

- Upcoming Events:**
- Aug 29** Welcome Back Dance in Small Gym
Middle School – 1800-2000hrs, High School 2030-2230 hrs
 - Sep 1** No School/Labor Day Holiday
 - Sep 3** Booster Club Meeting 1800 hrs in High School Library
 - Sep 15** No School – Teacher Workday
 - Sep 19** No School – Teacher In-Service Day

From our Principal:

It has been an exciting opening of the school year. We had a successful orientation day with 100 percent of our registered students attending. It was an excellent opportunity to greet returning students and welcome new families who have joined our community. On Thursday, the Student-to-Student (S2S) program held an ice-cream social after lunch to welcome all of our new students. Next week many of our eighth grade students will have a three-day trip to Edale to participate in team building and problem solving activities. Trips for the sixth and seventh grade will follow in the next few weeks. Fall sports have begun and on Friday the Student Council will sponsor a welcome back dance.

EUCOM, base command, and our school require parents/sponsors to report unplanned absences within one hour of the start of day. This guidance supports the education and safety of our students. All students need to bring a note from their parents/sponsors the day they return from an absence. In addition, students who are PCSING and have confirmation orders can apply for acceleration for first semester credit. The earliest withdrawal date for acceleration is 20 days from the end of the semester. School attendance is crucial and we ask that parents schedule family trips during vacation periods.

This school year we will continue to strive toward highest student achievement and begin year three in our NCA school accreditation school improvement plan. Our School's Advisory Council (SAC) will be actively involved in this process. The SAC meets monthly to advise the principal on school policies, instructional programs, educational resources, allocation of resources, pupil services, and discipline. In addition, our School Booster Club works to support academic and extra-curricular programs. I am very proud and impressed with the work they have already accomplished. If you have not joined the Booster Club, I strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. We need your involvement to continue to augment and extend our learning opportunities through extensive school-home partnerships. Ongoing, positive support by parents, base and community organizations help to make the "Mighty Dragons" experience one to be fondly remembered. We are planning an enjoyable and rewarding school year, and we look forward to working with every one of you.

Attention all Sophomores and Juniors - PSAT is coming in October

All Sophomores and Juniors will take the PSAT (pre-SAT test) on Wednesday October 17th. DoDDS pays for all Sophomores and Juniors. All other students interested in taking the PSAT must pay a fee of \$13.00. There are only about 25 extra seats and tests available for middle school and Freshmen if they want to take the test. Let the counselor know by Friday Sept. 5th if you want your Freshmen or Middle School child to take the test. Payment is due on day of test. No preregistration for Sophomores or Juniors is necessary.

Attention Seniors and Parents of Seniors

The first SAT of the school year is quickly approaching!! October 4th 2008 and the next one is Nov. 1st. Please click on the following attachment to follow the directions carefully to sign up. IF for some reason you have problems registering online you will have to call the SAT help line that is listed on the same site. The counselor is not able to sign up for you. Make sure you sign up soon!!! See the attached table for dates and deadlines.

From the Cafeteria:

Please make sure your child or children's lunch account is updated and that they know their pin number. Make sure your child knows whether or not their money is set up in their meal account or their Ala Carte account (General Account).

If all of their money is set up in their meal account, they cannot buy any Ala Carte with this account. They can only buy the set meal.

The Ala Carte account will allow your child to buy anything from the set meal to Ala Carte items. Your child can alternatively pay cash for anything they want to buy.

If your child receives free lunch and you want to give them extra money for Ala Carte items please send your child with money or have the money placed in their Ala Carte account (General Account), not their meal account.

You can do this at the BX Customer Service Desk. You can also make payments at the Cafeteria between 8:30-10:30. We will accept cash or check. Checks need to be payable to AAFES School Feeding.

Looking for Tutors

Alconbury Middle High School is looking for a math and/or science tutor to work with our Advancement Via Individual Determination Program (AVID). This is an hourly paid position. Interested candidates should contact the main school office. In addition, we are also looking for math and science tutor volunteers.

School Pictures

Individual pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 24th.

From the School Nurse

Many of our students are in need of their Hepatitis A #2 immunization. Please check your immunization record and if there is a Hepatitis A #2 after April 2007, send in a copy of that record. If not, please visit the immunization clinic ASAP. Immunization Clinic Hours: 1130-1200 and 1500-1600 hrs
Any concerns please contact the school Nurse at 268 3389 or 01480 843389

Attachment: SAT Online Registration Information sheet/table

Lunch Menu:

1 No School – Labor Day Holiday	2 Pepperoni Pizza Grilled Lean T&C on Whole Wheat Grilled Chicken Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit Cup Fruited Jell-O	3 Hamburger on a bun Baked Nachos w/Taco Meat Turkey & Cheese on Tomato or whole wheat wrap Peaches	4 Spaghetti with meat sauce Chef Salad H & C on Spinach or WW Wrap Green Beans Chilled Fruit Cocktail Fruited Jell-O Garlic Toast	5 Baked Chicken Fries Baked Baja Fish Sticks Lean Ham Salad Pasta Salad Cucumber & Carrot Sticks Fresh Fruit Dolphin Crackers
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If you have any questions about our school policies or comments you would like the principal to know, please contact Dr. Coyle using the following email address: AlconburyHS.Principal@eu.dodea.edu or Dr. Ronald McIntire, Isles District Superintendent at DSN226-7234/7252/7224 : or COM 01638-527234/7252/7224.