

Dragon Tales

Alconbury Middle/High School
NEWSLETTER

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“Success for ALL Students”

Upcoming Events: Nov 24 Middle School 1st Qtr Academic Awards Assembly – Small Gym 1415 hrs
Nov 26/27 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

From the Principal

We need your support in protecting the safety of our students at the beginning and end of the school day. Vehicles are not to drive in the designated section of the road (Colorado) in front of the school between 7:55 and 8:25 and 2:45 and 3:15. These areas are marked with a sign and blinking lights. Mr. Herrala from the bus office has been warning drivers who are in violation with little success. Some drivers have been belligerent and uncooperative. The base is working to assist us in maintaining a safe environment for your children. Although security forces are not always able to be at school during these times, we will begin to report the license plate number of vehicles who are in violation. Security Forces have told us that they will begin to revoke drivers' licenses to drive on base and gas privileges for 30 days for the first offense and 6 months for further offenses. The speed limit in on Colorado is 15 MPH. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

New School Liaison Officer

Alconbury Middle High School welcomes our new Schools' Officer. She can be reached at 01480-843232, DSN 268-3232. MSgt Sean Raymond has been the acting schools' officer until now. He has worked on the School's Advisory Board, helped established the School Board for this school year, and been instrumental in orchestrating fall school activities to include homecoming. On behalf of the students, staff and parents, thank you MSgt Raymond for your accomplishments and contributions.

Creative Connections

Congratulations to our students who were selected for Creative Connections and are in Germany this week.

Dance
Video Production
Garage Band
Show Choir
Drawing

Accelerated Withdrawal due to PCS

Please contact the Registrar if your student(s) is leaving Alconbury Middle/High School. An acceleration request must be made 4 weeks prior to the student's last day of school. Acceleration only applies to students who are PCSing and who have orders. All class work must be turned in two days prior to withdrawal from school. The earliest date for withdrawal before the holidays is Dec. 17th. The student must be in school all day on December 17th.

Lost & Found

We are accumulating a great deal of clothing, shoes, sleeping bags and other materials in our lost and found. Please ask your children to check lost and found for any items they may have lost. We will send all unclaimed lost and found items to a charity on November 25th.

National History Day @ AMHS! - The AMHS annual National History Day (NHD) competition will be held Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in the large gym. Parents are invited to the open house exhibit from 13:30 - 1500. Please see the attached flyer for more details!

From the AVID Department

Taking Notes -

The more you write about what you are learning, the more you will understand all of the information that you need to remember. Using writing to understand, to remember, to analyze, to reflect, to think, as well as to develop essays for class assignments are major components to being a successful writer. Your success in class is based on good notes. Class and book notes form the foundation for student success in academic classes and for study groups. Again and again, students say that their ability to take good, Cornell style notes helped them be successful in middles school, high school, community college, four year colleges and universities, and also in their new careers. Learning to take thorough, usable reference-worthy notes from school lecturers, books, discussions, films, and work-related activities takes time, practice, and familiarity with the note-taking strategies.

Cornell style notes have been used in law school for many years. Law students brief cases on "legal-lined" notepaper.

Here is the format for Cornell style notes:

* write the date, class, topic of notes, source of notes (e.g., lecture, book, film) and page number for each page of notes at the top of a page of lined paper.

* mark a wide left margin (approx. 1/3 of the page)

* consider the left hand column the place for study questions and main ideas

* consider the right hand column the place for detailed information

* while taking notes, write in the right hand column

* use abbreviations

* summarize content in your own words, but simplify writing

* use symbols (arrows, circles, underlying) or highlight important information, ideas/words that are unclear, relationships between ideas/information

Include graphics (e.g., diagrams, charts) when needed

Skip lines between ideas

- within 24 hours of taking notes, develop study questions and identify main ideas about specifics in right hand column; write study questions/main ideas in the left hand column.

Football

If you missed it the first time, AFN will show all three of the DoDDS-Europe "Super Six" championship football games on Thanksgiving day starting at 10:00 on the Pentagon Channel.

Attachment: National History Day Flyer

Lunch Menu:

23	24	25	26	27
Corn Dog Club Submarine Nic Nac Chicken Salad Chicken Fryz Veggie Wrap Montego Bay Veggie Blend Cauliflower Chilled Peaches Mixed Fruit Cup Chicken Noodle Soup	Turkey w/Savory Herb Stuffing Breaded Chicken Chunks w/DR Ham Salad Hamburger Sliders ABC Salad Roasted Vegetable Medley Steamed Carrots Harvest Fruit Cup Juicy Orange Wedges Dinner Roll	Beef & Broccoli Bowl Mac & Cheese Entrée Turkey Salad Hotdog on a Bun Mexican Chicken Salad Steamed Carrots Garden Side Salad Fruit Cocktail Seasonal Fruit Brown rice	THANKSGIVING Holiday NO SCHOOL	No School

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.