

# Dragon Tales

Alconbury Middle/High School  
NEWSLETTER

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## *“Success for ALL Students”*

**Upcoming Events:** Dec 12 Basketball @ Brussels  
Wrestling @ Lakenheath  
ACT testing @ AHS  
Dec 19-Jan 3 Winter Break – No School  
Jan 4 Students return to school

### **From the Principal**

December 11<sup>th</sup> is half way through the second quarter with the semester ending on January 29, 2010. We will send out electronic progress reports with your child's current grade on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The link to access Gradespeed is on our webpage at [www.alco-hs.edu.dodea.edu](http://www.alco-hs.edu.dodea.edu). Students also have accounts so they are able to monitor their progress. This is an important time to review your student's progress.

Please take the time to review your child's academic progress and attendance, via Gradespeed. When students are tardy to class it disrupts the learning environment. We are experiencing an increase in tardies to school and individual classes. Please discuss with your child the importance of getting to school and individual classes on-time. As a reminder, over sleeping and/or missing the bus are not reasons for excused tardies.

### **Important Note regarding Gradespeed**

For prompt replies to questions about your student, please be sure to email your student's teacher using this naming convention: [firstname.lastname@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:firstname.lastname@eu.dodea.edu). Please be aware if you are sending notes to teachers through Gradespeed that teachers are probably not getting them. When a new note arrives from a parent the teacher is not notified. Therefore, for prompt replies to your student's progress please email the teacher directly. Unfortunately we are not able to turn this feature off at the local level and apologize for any inconvenience.

### **Accelerated Withdrawal due to PCS**

Please contact Mrs. Cloum 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. 17<sup>th</sup>. The student must be in school all day on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **National History Day**

The 2010 AMHS National History Day event was a great success as our program continues to grow and improve from year to year. Four middle school and four high school social studies classes, and all high school video communications classes participated, totaling over forty-one percent of our student body. NHD is important to each and every participant and every participant is a winner. Not only is it fun and a great tool for building interest in social studies, it is perfect for teaching and building our students' Information Literacy and Communications skills, which are both vital skills across the curriculum and throughout their lifetimes.

We would like to thank the volunteers, from food providers to judges, who made this all possible and the best NHD yet. Most of all, we want to thank each student for all of the hard work, congratulations to each of you.

First place winners:

<b>Category and Place</b>	<b>Junior Division Student(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>
Individual Exhibit 1 <sup>st</sup>		The Boeing 707
Group Exhibit 1 <sup>st</sup>		Blue Baby Syndrome
Individual Documentary 1 <sup>st</sup>		The Telephone
Group Documentary 1 <sup>st</sup>		The Radio
Website 1 <sup>st</sup>		The Light bulb
Research Paper 1 <sup>st</sup>		The Nuclear Bomb
	<b>Senior Division</b>	
Individual Exhibit 1 <sup>st</sup>		The Green Revolution
Group Exhibit 1 <sup>st</sup>		Dynamite

### **From the AVID Department**

**YOU NEED A MASTER EDUCATION PLAN!**

Goal setting, planning, organization, and hard work will make you eligible for success in high school, a desirable career, and college. Keeping track of the classes you need to take during your years in middle school and high school is extremely important to realizing your goals.

Part of your job as a student is to keep your educational records in order. You need to make sure that you are taking the classes required to be eligible for the career you really want or the college of your dreams.

With this master plan you can work with your college and/or career counselor to enroll in preparatory high school classes and participate in appropriate programs and activities for your future work plans and college.

### **Wrestling**

The 2009-10 Dragon Wrestling Team began the new season @ a 5 way meet hosted by Brussels American High School on Saturday 5 Dec. The team was represented by only 4 members who included Andrew Luong, Cameron Hlatky-Hall, Matt Geronimo, and Frankie Goines. Andrew Luong led the team with 2 impressive pins and one loss to a European finalist from last year. Matt Geronimo showed great promise by also winning 2 of his 3 matches. Frankie Goines won his 1st match ever by defeating a Lakenheath wrestler. Cameron Hall fought hard in his two matches but lost to more experienced wrestlers. Several members were not able to make the trip due to a number of different reasons which included: SAT exams, British Visa issues, and some did not have the required amount of practices sessions. However, those issues will not be a reason this weekend when we face 4 more teams @ Lakenheath this Saturday. Please come out and support the team. Wrestling begins @ 1000 Saturday morning. We hope to see you there.

### Girls Basketball

The Lady Dragon Basketball team came close to Lakenheath's Varsity last Friday night, but fell short 27 to 31. Savanna Fourhman led the team with 12 points and 8 rebounds. Lauren Wheeler had 7 points, and Tasha Matthews had 6 points and 4 steals. Our JV girls lost to Lakenheath's JV, 2 to 30 with Kyra Schultz scoring from the field.

On Saturday, our girls JV team played Lakenheath's Varsity squad in the jamboree for the first half of a game. Down 4 to 27, our starting five varsity girls then played the second half of the game outscoring Lakenheath, 13 to 1. Our Varsity girls then faced ASL's Varsity, and kept ASL to only 3 points at the half; however, ASL's experienced bench gave ASL the victory in the end, 22 to 13. The girls then played Menwith Hill for 3 quarters, falling short 9 to 12. The Lady Dragons will travel to Brussels today.

**Attachment:** National Handwashing Awareness Week Flyer

### Lunch Menu:

<b>14</b> Soft Taco w/Cheese Grilled Cheese Sandwich Nic Nac Chicken Salad Meat Nachos w/Cheese Sauce Turkey Caesar Wrap Sweet Kernal Corn Steamed Broccoli Craisins	<b>15</b> Turkey w/Savory Herb Stuffing Breaded Chicken Chunks w/DR Ham Salad Hamburger Sliders ABC Salad Roasted Vegetable Medley Steamed Carrots Mixed Fruit Cup Juicy Orange Wedges Dinner Roll	<b>16</b> Chicken & Mashed Potato Bowl Ham & Cheese Sandwich Turkey Salad Hotdog on a bun Grilled Chicken Caesar Green Beans Montego Bay Veggie Blend Chilled Peaches Fresh Seasonal Fruit Oatmeal Cookie	<b>17</b> Hearty Pasta Bake w/Dinner Roll Turkey Club Panini Chef Salad Cheese Pizza Chicken Tender Wrap Flame Roasted Potato Medley Cucumber & Carrots w/FF Dip Applesauce Banana	<b>18</b> Mozzarella Sticks Manager's Choice Chicken Fillet Salad Baked Potato w/Cheese Tuna Salad Garden Salad Manager's Choice Mandarin Oranges Fruited Jello
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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](mailto:AlconburyHS.Principal@eu.dodea.edu) or Dr. Ronald McIntire, Isles District Superintendent at DSN226-7234/7252/7224.: or COM 01638-527234/7252/7224.