

# Dragon Tales

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## *“Success for ALL Students”*

**Upcoming Events:**    **Jan 9** Basketball v. Rota @ American School of London (ASL)  
                                  **Jan 12** PSAT Score results meeting 1515 and 1730 AHS Library  
                                  **Jan 14/15** Balfour Representative @ AHS – See below

### **From the Principal**

New Year's Greetings

Welcome back to school and to year 2010 I hope you have had a restful, enjoyable break and are reenergized and ready to be reengaged in our quest for highest student achievement.

The first semester ends on January 28, 2010 with a teacher workday on January 29<sup>h</sup> to prepare grades. Semester exams will be administered starting Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with first and second period exams. (Please see the attached exam schedule.) Students are expected to take all exams as scheduled and parents are encouraged to be sure children are in school during exam week. Students missing exams for reasons that are not excused will be given the grade of “F”. This will have a serious negative effect on grades. For semester examinations, only documented illness (a written note issued through a medical facility) and family emergencies are considered excused. I encourage you to talk with your child(ren) about school performance and goals for the new year.

We will have our awards ceremony in February to acknowledge students who are on the honor roll and principal's honor roll. I look forward to celebrating their successes with you. Thank you for your support in their education.

### **Balfour Representative @ AHS**

A representative from the Balfour Company will be at school on Thursday and Friday--January 14th & 15th to take orders for Graduation Announcements for the seniors; class rings and letter jackets. She will be in the Main Entryway from 10:00 - 15:30.

### **From the AVID Department**

**PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

**GET READY, GET SET...PLAN!**

Strategy 1. Reflect on your time management.

Are you ready to plan for the upcoming week?

What kind of person are you? You know when you are the most productive and when you need down-time. Decide if you are a morning or an evening person, and plan accordingly. Example: If you are a morning person, don't plan to get started on your homework at 10:00 PM. Get up early and do it in the morning!

Look for **PLAN FOR THE FUTURE** Strategy 2 in the next Dragon Tales Issue.

**From the Counselor**

**PSAT scores are in!** If you or your parents would like to receive your scores and understand how to interpret all of the information and access more information online please attend the parent/student PSAT score meeting on Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 and then again at 5:30. If you miss one of these meetings you can also attend during first seminar Wed. Jan 13<sup>th</sup> in the Library.

**Volleyball**

Attention ALL girls in grades 8 - 11: The Volleyball Coach has received information about the 2010 Aviano Volleyball Camp to be held the last week of June after school is out. If you will be at AHS next year in grades 9-12, you are eligible to attend the camp, but you must register in January! See the Coach this week to pick up a flyer!

**Job Shadow Day**

**January 29, 2010**

Job Shadow is an academically motivating activity designed to give students the unique opportunity of an up-close look at the world of work and provide the answer to the commonly asked question, "Why do I have to learn this?" Beginning with a nationwide kickoff in January, and continuing throughout the school year, students across America will "shadow" workplace mentors as they go through a normal day on the job. The program invites students to see firsthand how the skills learned in school relate to the workplace. Job Shadow is led by the National Job Shadow Coalition. If you are interested in having your child participate in the 2010 Job Shadow Day please fill out the attached slip and send it back to the school office no later than Wednesday Jan. 20, 2010.

**Attention Juniors:** The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is taking applications to select three students to attend the 2010 Research Science Institute (RSI) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The RSI is a six-week residential summer program sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) in collaboration with MIT, where participants work under the mentorship of eminent scientists and researchers. One student will be chosen from each of DoDEA's areas: Europe, Pacific, and the Americas. Expenses for lodging and meals are included as part of the RSI Program. DoDEA will pay for travel. Travel arrangements are made through the District Superintendent's Office. Please see the attached for more information. Deadline is January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**The MCEC's 2010 Call for the Arts: *The Art of Being a Military Child***

The Military Child Education Coalition seeks to promote the Arts by featuring the great works of military children. Each year children are asked to submit work that can be utilized in the MCEC's publications, conferences, and other activities. Included in the request for work from military-connected children, kindergarten through high school, are artwork, film, and writing (essays, poetry, and short stories). Artwork in the visual arts is featured at the MCEC's national conference each year. It is utilized in the *On The Move* magazine, the annual calendar, the conference program, and other MCEC publications. Writing, including essays, poetry, and short stories, is featured in the national conference program, the *On The Move* magazine, the annual calendar, and other MCEC publications. Film is considered for the "Reel Military" Youth Film and Video Festival at the national conference each year. See the attached application for additional information.

**Attachments:** Job Shadow Day Application  
MCEC Call for the Arts 2010  
Research Science Institute Information  
1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exam Schedule

**Lunch Menu:**

<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Hamburger on a Bun Grilled Cheese Sandwich Nic Nac Chicken Salad w/Crackers Chicken Fryz Veggie Wrap Deli Roasters Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Melon Fruit Cups Elf Grahams	Turkey & Veg Egg Roll Orange Ginger Chicken Bowl Ham Salad w/Crackers Chicken Fillet on WG Bun Asian Chopped Salad Mediterranean Vegetable Blend Green Beans Chilled Peaches Chilled Pineapples	Philly Cheese Sandwich Cheese Salad Turkey Salad w/Crackers Hotdog on a Bun Mexican Chicken Salad Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit Cup Applesauce	Chicken Sliders Meatball Sub Sandwich Chef Salad w/Crackers Turkey Wrap Ham Submarine Sweet Potato Wedges Spinach & Tomato Salad Chilled Pears Juicy Orange Wedges Italian Pasta Salad	Breakfast Panini Sausage Patty Chicken Fillet Salad w/Crackers Cheese Pizza Dippers Tuna Wrap Deli Roasters Montego Bay Veggie Blend Fruit Cocktail Fresh Sliced Apples

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.