

Dragon Tales

Alconbury Middle/High School

NEWSLETTER

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“Success for ALL Students”

Upcoming Events: **Feb 12** MS Semi Formal Valentine Dance 1830hrs small gym (See below)
Wrestling @ Brussels
Basketball @ TASIS
Feb 15 No School – Presidents’ Day Holiday
Feb 17 Pep Rally – Large Gym 1345hrs

From the Principal **School Safety**

On February 8th and 9th our school received an antiterrorist force protection visit from DoDDs Europe to assess physical security and safety procedures. The team was led by William Heiges, Physical Security Specialist. Representatives from base civilian engineering, safety and antiterrorist force protection participated. The team discussed items such as fragment retention film to prevent glass from flying in the event of a blast, possible fencing around school, bollards to delineate stand off areas for traffic and vehicles, lockable trash containers, keying system, exterior lighting and CCTV cameras for main entry doors of the schools. Recommendations were to add lighting to the outside of our buildings and to build a lockable container for our recycle bins. We will continue to review our safety procedures to ensure that we provide a safe learning environment. Please see the attached letter from our DoDDs Europe Director, Dr. Nancy Bresell.

Bus Passes

Students must have a bus pass to ride the school bus or activity bus. They may only ride their designated bus that corresponds to their bus pass. Students may only board and depart the bus at their designated stops. At 1730 we provide activity buses to some central locations for students who participate in athletics. Although the activity buses are not intended for other extracurricular activities, we do allow students participating in these events to ride the activity buses because there is space. Students are only permitted on their designated bus with their appropriate bus pass. Bus drivers check each student’s bus pass as they board the bus. Students who do not have an appropriate pass are not allowed to board the bus. Athletes who ride the activity bus need a pass issued from the bus office. Students who occasionally ride the activity bus to participate in after school activities must obtain an official activity bus pass from the teacher or sponsor of that activity. Students who do not have an official bus pass are not allowed to ride the activity bus. Students need to plan ahead to ensure that they have transportation home.

Middle School Semi-Formal Valentine Dance

The Dance Team will sponsor a Semi-Formal Valentine's Dance for the Middle School only on Friday, February 12th from 6:30-8:30 in the small gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. This is a semi-formal dance. Students wearing t-shirts or blue jeans will be turned away at the door.

Showcase

Recently, students were asked to submit their original writing to be considered for publication in the annual Showcase Literary Magazine. Congratulations to the following students whose writing was selected at the AHS school level:

Congratulations to all these students, whose work has been selected to go forward to the Isles District level of competition. We will hear soon which ones are selected to go to the European level.

Europe Honor Choir

Three Alconbury High School students emerged from a very competitive audition process as members of the 2010 DoDDS-Europe Honor Choir. The students will travel on March 28 with our music teacher, who is serving as assistant choir director and stage manager, to the Wiesbaden, Germany area for 4 days of rehearsals under the direction of Dr. Craig Jessop, Professor of Music at Utah State University and former Musical Director for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The students will then perform a concert on Thursday, April 1 at the beautiful and historic Kurhaus Concert Hall in Wiesbaden. Those wishing to attend should contact the music teacher for ticketing information. The concert will also be available as a webcast. More information regarding that broadcast will be made available in the Dragon Tales at a later time, or interested parties can go to the DoDDS-Europe Fine Arts website:

<https://inet.eu.ds.dodea.edu/finearts/HonorsMusic/Index.aspx>.

The music teacher wishes to thank all of the students who prepared and submitted auditions for their dedication and hard work.

From the Counselor

Please contact the counselor if you live in the Alconbury area and are interested in a daytime dog-sitting job. 268 3221 or 01480 843221.

From the School Nurse

There is an ADHD Parent Support Group that will be meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25th at 1530-1630hrs in the Elementary Library. POC is AES Nurse 268 3309.

AAFES Food Court Closed

The AAFES food court will close the afternoon/evening of 14 Feb for electrical repairs and will re-open 20 Feb for operation.

During the time that the Food Court will be closed, the Grind and bowling center will really pump their grab-n-go selection. See attachment for lunch available.

From the AVID Department

Part I: Developing appropriate goals.

A very important part of being prepared for high school and planning for the future is setting goals. In order to make sure that you fulfill your goals, you need to learn about the goal-setting process. You'll also need to analyze and prioritize.

Here are some points to consider when setting goals:

- make a list of short-term and long-term goals
- star any short-term goals that you think will help you achieve your long-term goals
- consider why goals often are difficult to accomplish
- what are the values that underlie your goals?
- how can goals be made more achievable?
- why should goals be reviewed and revised regularly?

Look for Part II: Accomplishing goals: How to do it? in the next issue of the Dragon Tales.

Wrestling

The Dragon Wrestling Team gave the home crowd plenty to cheer about last Saturday when we host a 6-Team meet that included teams from Lakenheath, AF North, Menwith Hill, Brussels, and SHAPE high schools. These same teams plus Bitburg HS will compete in the Northern Sectional Championship Meet to be held at Brussels this coming Saturday. The sectional meet will determine who will advance to the European Championship to be held in Weisbaden on 19-20 February.

Two other events rounded out the afternoons activities. Seniors were recognized. During one of the breaks the crowd was entertained by our school dance team in 2 fast-paced routines that had the fans cheering them on.

The team is grateful to all of you who came out to support us. Stay tuned for more good news next Saturday.

Boys' Basketball

The Boys basketball team played AF North this week end and split the results. A very exciting win occurred on Friday 58 to 56. On Saturday we had a disappointing loss 56 to 82. We are on the road to the European championship game and will make a difference and shock everyone when we get there with a championship.

Girls' Basketball

The Girls Basketball team started off slow this past weekend losing to ACS Cobham on Thursday, 8 to 49. On Friday and Saturday, the girls stepped it up playing Division II AFNORTH. They fell short to AFNORTH on Friday, 19 to 34, and 25 to 35 on Saturday. The Lady Dragons hustled and played with intensity on both Friday & Saturday. The Varsity Basketball teams will be traveling to TESIS on Friday.

**Attachments: February Parents Letter from DoDDS-E Director
Faculty Email List**

Lunch Menu:

<p>15</p> <p>President's Day Holiday</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Turkey w/Savory Herb Stuffing</p> <p>Breaded Chicken Chunks w/DR</p> <p>Ham Salad</p> <p>Hamburger Sliders</p> <p>ABC Salad</p> <p>Roasted Vegetable Medley</p> <p>Steamed Carrots</p> <p>Mixed Fruit Cup</p> <p>Juicy Orange Wedges</p> <p>Dinner Roll/Whole Fruit Bar</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Chicken & Mashed Potato Bowl</p> <p>Ham & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Turkey Salad</p> <p>Hotdog on a Bun</p> <p>Grilled Chicken Caesar</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Montego Bay Veggie Blend</p> <p>Chilled Peaches</p> <p>Fresh Seasonal Fruit</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookie</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hearty Pasta Bake w/Dinner roll</p> <p>Turkey Club Panini</p> <p>Chef Salad</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Chicken Tender Wrap</p> <p>Flame Roasted Potato Medley</p> <p>Cucumber & Carrots w/FF Dip</p> <p>Applesauce</p> <p>Banana</p> <p>Hearty Vegetable Soup</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mozzarella Sticks</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo w/Pasta</p> <p>Chicken Fillet Salad</p> <p>Baked Potato w/Cheese</p> <p>Tuna Salad</p> <p>Garden Salad</p> <p>Cauliflower & Carrots</p> <p>Chilled Pears</p> <p>Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Fruited Jello</p>
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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.