

# Dragon Tales

Alconbury Middle/High School  
NEWSLETTER

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## *“Quality Not Quantity”*

*Quality Through:*

*Rigor - challenging curriculum and instruction*

*Relevance - assignments with a purpose*

*Relationships - mutually respectful interactions*

**Upcoming Events:** Nov 4 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Nov 5 No School for students – Teacher Work Day  
Nov 8 Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
Nov 9 Teacher In Service – No School for Students  
Nov 11 Veterans’ Day Federal Holiday – No School

### **From the Principal**

I want to congratulate our Tennis and Cross Country teams on great seasons! Tennis won the DIII European Championship, Boys Cross Country was DIII Runner-Up, and Girls Cross Country finished Third in DIII. Our Volleyball team is at Europeans this weekend and our Football team plays for the DIII Championship on Saturday.

Report cards will be sent out on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, but you can view your students’ grades via Gradespeed at any time. Our Parent/Teacher conference will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to seeing all parents. We will send out notices to parents if we don’t have a record that your student(s) have received the Seasonal Flu Immunization or have a waiver on file. If you receive a notice, please contact the school nurse. All students must have this immunization within 30 days of entering school. All students should have this immunization or waiver on file by November 12, 2010. We appreciate the 423<sup>rd</sup> Medical Squadron for coming to RAF Alconbury and providing this immunization for community members!

I want to thank you for the continued support of Alconbury Middle High School. Please contact me anytime you have a question, suggestion, or concern or stop by and see me. My email is [justin.white@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:justin.white@eu.dodea.edu). Thank you for entrusting our school to provide a quality education for your students!

Go Dragons!

### **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, and will be leaving before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. (January 27<sup>th</sup>) All class work must be turned in two days prior to withdrawal from school. December 16<sup>th</sup> is the earliest date a withdrawal may be made for full credit of the semester. The student must be in school all day on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mrs. Cloum if you have any questions.

### Scholastic Challenge

Calling all middle schoolers! If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and you love to show off how great you are, join us for the Scholastic Challenge! This national contest takes place in February, but we must register to participate NOW! See Mrs. Wilson to sign up or get more information. Registration deadline is Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### AVID

AVID STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

#### ***Taking Notes: Some Tips on Film Notes***

HOW TO TAKE FILM NOTES

<p><i>consider the subject and purpose</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Notes from film viewing for information (e.g., depiction and description of tide patterns, narration about an historic period) are much like lecture notes, guided by similar verbal cues</i></li><li>• <i>Notes from film viewing for enrichment (e.g., a dramatic portrayal of history, the stage version of a play) can be enhanced by style clues that may contribute to meaning; look/listen for the significance of:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>names</i></li><li><i>settings</i></li><li><i>music</i></li><li><i>repeated images/phrases/actions/symbols/ideas</i></li><li><i>changes in lighting</i></li><li><i>changes in audio volume</i></li><li><i>background sights and sounds</i></li><li><i>camera angles</i></li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>incorporate these observations into notes and generate questions about their significance</i></p> <p><i>include references to lecture/textbook and other material as they come to mind</i></p>
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Check out the next issue of the Dragon Tales to see a sample of *Taking Notes: Some Tips on Study With Notes*.

### Cross Country

#### Alconbury Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams Place Second and Third at European Championships.

In a hard-fought race, the Alconbury boys team of: Ernestas Tyminas, Jon Vocheck, Jonathan Lee, Tom Irby and Jacob Vocheck, placed a close second to Brussels while defeating Rota, Lajes, Incirlik, Sigonella, Menwith Hill and Florence in a tough DoDDS Division III Cross country Championships. Eddie Kupec, Tyler Rocha and Patrick Short are also members of the team.

The Alconbury girls' team of: Imogen Weaver, Noelle Baffa, Alex Sherenco, Maria O'Connell and Jessica Roycroft, placed third in Division III. They also set a school record by being the first Alconbury girls cross country team to place in the championships.

**Football**

The Alconbury Dragons Football beat Rota 34-14 this past Saturday earning them a trip back to European Championships for a 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year! Kerey Kucana led the way again behind a solid offensive line and lead blocking from Jimmy Kirchner and Bo Hocoever. Kerey finished the day with 276 yards and 3 touchdowns. Jeff Black also scored on a 4 yard touchdown run and Cameron Hall scored on a 35 yard run. Cameron also helped shut down the Rota offense with 2 interceptions. Brandon Traywick picked up another interception and Kahlil Williams led the defense in tackles with Kerey, Bo and Taylor also having big days on defense. The Dragons will have a re-match against a very solid Sigonella team this Saturday at the Super Six European Championships. The game will be televised live on AFN/Pentagon Channel at 1100 hrs (local time). Good Luck, Dragons!

**Tennis**

Congratulations to Lia Caverly, Ashley Hand, Taylor Malcolm, Ronnie Behr, Matt Thrasher, and Joel Fourhman for winning the Division III European Tennis Championship. A special congratulation to Ashley Hand and Taylor Malcolm for placing 5th overall in Europe in the girl's doubles bracket. Ashley and Taylor defeated Sigonella, Vicenza, SHAPE, Bamberg, Wiesbaden, and Vilseck in the tournament. Ashley and Taylor's outstanding win of 8 to 2 against Division I Wiesbaden on Friday night guaranteed their placing in the top six. They then defeated Vilseck, 8 to 5 on Saturday, earning them 5th place overall. Way to go Dragons!

**Volleyball**

The Lady Dragon volleyball team bounced back this weekend at the ACS Cobham Trick or Treat Invitational in London. The Dragons beat Marymount, Hillingdon and Egham but lost in a close 3-game match to Cobham to go 3 and 1 on the day. Ashley Uballe led the Dragons with 16 kills and 2 aces. Savanna Fourhman was a force at the net, scoring 13 kills and 2 blocks. Maddie Zitka added 11 kills, 5 aces and 2 blocks. Ashley Steele had 7 kills 5 aces and 1 block while Ashely Goluba added 1 kill and 8 aces. Emily Luong and Riley Sorensen both did a great job passing and Stephany Osbourne and Hailey Sorensen played well off the bench. The Dragons left Tuesday for the European tournament in K-Town & Ramstein. GO DRAGONS!

**Attachments:****Lunch Menu:**

<b>8</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>9</b> Teacher In Service  NO STUDENTS	<b>10</b> Chicken & Mashed Potato Bowl Pepperoni Pizza Turkey Salad w/Crackers Hotdog on a Bun Grilled Chicken Caesar w/Crackers Green Beans Montego Bay Veggie Blend Chilled Peaches Fresh Seasonal Fruit Oatmeal Cookie/Dinner Roll	<b>11</b> Veterans' Day Federal Holiday  NO SCHOOL	<b>12</b> Cheeseburger on a Bun Chicken Fillet Salad w/Crackers Baked Potato w/Cheese Tuna Salad w/Crackers Garden Salad Deli Roasters Chilled Pears 100% Fruit Juice 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. White 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.