

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 **March 7** Mandatory Spring Sports Meeting for parents/athletes 1800 hrs Large Gym
March 8 SAB Meeting 1515hrs Elementary School Library
March 8 Air Force Recruiter @ AMHS 1330-1500 hrs
March 10 Winter Sports Awards Ceremony 1800hrs Large Gym
March 11 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Teacher Training Day**

From the Principal

Please see the attached Terra Nova schedule and information sheet regarding the testing that will be held March 14-17.

Is Your Student Leaving before SY 2011/12?

If your student(s) will not be returning next year, please send an email to Terri.Cloum@eu.dodea.edu to let her know. Registration for next school year will be held on April 22nd. There will be more details regarding registration in future Dragon Tales.

Acceleration

The earliest date for acceleration with a final grade is May 19th. Students must be in school all day on May 18th. This provision is not to be extended for the convenience of the family, visits or other discretionary reasons. Please contact Terri Cloum for acceleration procedures. Forms must be completed 30 days prior to the student's last day of school.

Spring Sports Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for parents and students participating in spring sports on Monday, March 7th in the school gymnasium beginning at 6:00. Player and team expectations as well as information concerning the upcoming season will be addressed.

Winter Sports Awards Ceremony

The Winter Sports Awards ceremony will be held this coming Thursday, March 10th in the school gymnasium from 6:00 to 7:00. Team awards will be given in the gym followed by individual awards in coach's rooms. We look forward to seeing you there.

Girls Basketball

Last Thursday the girls' basketball team broke a 6 year DoDDS losing streak by upsetting Ankara 26-25. With about a minute to go in the 4th quarter, the girls were down by 4 points when senior Savanna Fourhman hit a 3 pointer. The girls played outstanding defense and ended up getting the ball back with 12 seconds left on the clock. Savanna then had a strong baseline drive to the basket hitting the final layup of the game to give the Dragons the win. Unfortunately, on Friday, the girls lost to 3rd seed Brussels 32-11 and finished 6th in the tournament. Throughout the tournament, all of the girls played well and showed a lot of improvement. Way to Go Dragons!

From the AVID Department

AVID STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

THREE MORE TIPS ON TAKING ESSAY TESTS

Make sure that you read ALL THE WAY THROUGH an essay question. Many essay questions have several parts that expect a response. You don't want to skip them because they are worth points, too.

If you are allowed to write on the test, you should underline the key words as you find them to help you focus on your writing. Start your thinking/planning with a cluster, outline, or some quick notes, using phrases, single words, or even abbreviations.

If:

- a question asks for facts, make a quick list of facts that apply to the subject or question.
- you are asked for an opinion, cluster ideas and feelings that come to mind.

- Put your thoughts in order. Think of main points in the answer, then, add all the supporting detail you can think of. This doesn't have to be a formal outline. You can change the order as you write, but it helps to organize your ideas.

- Looking back at key words in the question may help you choose an order for your ideas, and decide which point you should cover first. This is also the time to show CONNECTIONS between your thoughts. If you are asked to compare and contrast two items, look at your notes for all the details that show they are alike then match up the details that show how they are different.

- Allowing a little planning time first can make a big difference in the quality of you essay.

Check out the next issue of the Dragon Tales for the REMAINING TIPS ON TAKING ESSAY TESTS.

Attachments: Letter from Dr. White regarding Terra Nova Testing
Terra Nova Schedule

Lunch Menu

7 Hamburger on a Bun 3-Cheese Boat Nic Nac Chicken Salad w/Crackers Chicken Fryz or Chicken Drummies Veggie Wrap Deli Roasters Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Melon Fruit Cup	8 Turkey & Vegetable Egg Rolls Orange Ginger Chicken Bowl Ham Salad w/Crackers Chicken Fillet on WG Bun Asian Chopped Salad Mediterranean Vegetable Blend Green Beans Chilled Peaches Brown Rice	9 Philly Cheese Sandwich Cheese Salad Turkey Salad w/Crackers Hotdog on a Bun Mexican Chicken Salad Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit Cup Applesauce	10 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	12 Breakfast Panini or Cheese Omelet Sausage Patty Chicken Fillet Salad w/Crackers Cheese Pizza Dippers Tuna Wrap Deli Roasters Montego Bay Veggie Blend Fruit Cocktail Fresh Sliced Apples French Toast Sticks or Waffle
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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 or Dr. Ronald McIntire, Isles District Superintendent at DSN226-7234/7252/7224.: or COM 01638-527234/7252/7224.



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March 4, 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

As part of our ongoing efforts to measure your child's academic progress, system wide tests will be given this spring. On March 14, 15, 16 and 17, 2011, Alconbury Middle/High School will administer the Terra Nova Multiple Assessments. We will begin testing each day at about 8:30 and will test for approximately 2 hours each morning.

System wide tests are important because they help us measure individual student achievement as well as our system's progress toward the goals of the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan. System wide test scores, when used with the results of other types of tests, help create a more complete picture of student and system wide performance levels.

It is important that all students be present for the administration of Terra Nova each day. Please make sure that your student is on time to school as late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the testing room once testing has begun. Students who miss any portion of the test will be required to take a make up test during the next week of school. It is important to plan medical and other appointments so that they do not interfere with the testing schedule.

Please encourage your student to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast each morning before testing. Research shows that students who are well rested and have eaten a healthy diet prior to testing will perform better on this type of test.

Your child will take the Terra Nova Practice Test during the week of March 7-11 and will bring it home. This practice test is an example of what the actual test will be like. Please make sure you go over this information with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kathy Mitchell, our Counselor at 843769. All scores will be available to parents and students during the first week of June.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin White".

Justin White
Principal
Alconbury Middle/High School

Terra Nova Week
March 14-18

Monday March 14:

8:20-8:25 Announcements and attendance in assigned testing room
8:30-8:40- directions and passing out materials
8:45-9:10 (25 min) Reading Part 1
5 minute in class break
9:15-9:30 (15 minutes) Reading Part 2
9:35-10:00 (25 minutes) Reading Part 3
5 minute in class break
10:05-10:20 (15 minutes) Reading Part 4
10:20-10:25- Collect testing material- put in alphabetical order and return to the counselor's office

10:30-11:20=Period 1
11:20-12:05= Lunch
12:05-1:00= Period 2
1:05-2:00= Period 3
2:05-3:00= Period 4

Tuesday March 15

8:20-8:25 Announcements and attendance in assigned testing room
8:30-8:40- directions and passing out materials
8:40-9:10 (30 minutes) Language Part 1
5 minute in class break
9:15-9:25 (10 minutes) Language Part 2
9:25-9:35- Collect testing material- put in alphabetical order and return to the counselor's office

9:40-10:45= Period 5
10:50-11:20= Period 6
11:20-12:05 Lunch
12:05-12:40= Period 6
12:45-1:50= Period 7
1:55-3:00=Seminar

Wednesday March 16th

8:20-8:25 Announcements and attendance in assigned testing rooms
8:30-8:40- directions and passing out materials
8:45-8:55 (10 minutes) Math Part 1
9:00-9:30 (30 minutes) Math Part 2
5 minute in class break
9:35-10:20 (50 minutes) Math Part 3
10:20-10:30 Collect testing material- put in alphabetical order and return to the counselor's office

10:35-11:20= Period 1
11:20-12:05= Lunch
12:05- 1:00= Period 2
1:05-2:00= Period 3
2:05-3:00= Period 4

Thursday March 17th

8:20-8:25 Announcements and attendance in assigned testing rooms
8:30-8:40 – directions and passing out materials
8:45-9:10 (25 minutes) Science Part 1
9:15-9:50 (35 minutes) Science Part 2
10 minute in class break
10:00- 10:25 (25 minutes) Social Studies Part 1
10:30-11:10 (40 minutes) Social Studies Part 2
11:10-11:20 Collect testing material- put in alphabetical order and return to the counselor's office

11:20-12:05= Lunch
12:05-12:45= Period 5
12:50-1:30= Period 6
1:35-2:15= Period 7
2:20-3:00= Seminar