

# 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 Event** **March 10** Winter Sports Awards Ceremony 1800hrs Large Gym  
**March 11** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Teacher Training Day  
**March 14-17** Terra Nova Testing  
**March 14** CSI Meeting 1515hrs in AMHS Library  
**March 18** Meet the Dragons Night 1800hrs small gym

### **From the Principal**

Anne Bradstreet who was born in Northampton, England and later immigrated to the United States once said, “*If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.*” Much like Anne Bradstreet, I look forward to the spring and enjoying the sunshine, outdoors, and beautiful scenery of England. Please take time to enjoy the season with your students.

Our *Quality Assurance Review* (QAR) visit is scheduled for April 25 – 28. During the visit, the QAR Team will interview parents to discuss our school goals, interventions, communication, etc... If you are interested in participating in the interview please send me an email. Most of you are aware that our students, staff, and community created our Vision Statement “**Quality, Not Quantity**” and our Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Goals are:

Goal 1: All students will improve their **ability to communicate** across the curriculum

Goal 2: All students will improve their **information literacy skills** across the curriculum

Students and staff use a variety of strategies such as Cornell Notes, Rubrics, TROAC, TSSEE to achieve our goals. Please take some time to discuss the vision, goals, and strategies with your student(s). If you have questions or suggestions, please share them with our staff. We look forward to our QAR visit and the validation of the hard work students and staff are doing!

### **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](mailto:Terri.Cloum@eu.dodea.edu) to let her know. Registration for next school year will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be more details regarding registration in future Dragon Tales.

### **Acceleration**

The earliest date for acceleration with a final grade is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Students must be in school all day on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Winter Sports Awards Ceremony**

The Winter Sports Awards ceremony will be held this coming Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Women in History Essay Contest**

Congratulations to Ariel Stein and Travis Rocha – these two students have been chosen as the winners in the Women in History essay writing contest. Both Travis and Ariel will receive a prize and are invited to attend the base-wide Women in History Breakfast where they will be invited to read their essays.

### **Spring Meet the Dragons Night**

The Spring Meet the Dragons evening will be held on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the small gym beginning at 6:00. The Meet the Dragons evening is our athletic teams' way of introducing themselves to the community and giving information about the upcoming season. A BBQ fundraiser will be offered as well as activities for all with a spring sports theme.

### **From the AVID Department**

#### **AVID STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS**

#### **THREE MORE TIPS ON TAKING ESSAY TESTS**

- As you write your answer, keep your teacher in mind because this is the person who is asking you the question. A simple format for answering essay questions is to **INTRODUCE YOUR TOPIC; GIVE BACKGROUND FACTS/INFORMATION/DETAILS; STATE MAIN POINTS AND ARGUMENTS; and DRAW CONCLUSIONS and SUMMARIZE.**
- Reread your answer when you have completed it. Check for **COMPLETE IDEAS, CLEAR THOUGHTS, and DETAILS/EXPLANATIONS.** Make sure you have answered the question and **HAVE NOT STRAYED OFF THE TOPIC.**
- **NEATNESS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** Make your paper easy to read so that your ideas will stand out clearly.

Check out the next issue of the Dragon Tales for the **TIPS ON TIMED WRITING**

**Attachments:** Terra Nova Schedule

## Lunch Menu

<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Soft Taco w/Cheese Cheese Pizza Dippers Nic Nac Chicken Salad Meat Nachos w/Cheese Sauce Turkey Caesar Wrap Sweet Kernel Corn Steamed Broccoli Chilled Pineapples Craisins or Sliced Apples Roasted Vegetable Pilaf</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>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/Whole Fruit Bar</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Chicken &amp; Mashed Potato Bowl Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich Turkey Salad Hotdog on a Bun Grilled Chicken Caesar Green Beans Montego Bay Veggie Blend Chilled Peaches Fresh Seasonal Fruit Dinner Roll/Oatmeal Cookie</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Hearty Pasta Bake w/Dinner Roll Turkey Club Panini Chef Salad Cheese Pizza Chicken Tender Wrap Flames Roasted Potato Medley Cucumber &amp; Carrots w/FF Dip Applesauce Banana</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Mozzarella Sticks Chicken Alfredo w/Pasta Chicken Fillet Salad Baked Potato w/Cheese Tuna Salad Garden Salad Cauliflower &amp; Carrots Chilled Pears Mandarin Oranges Dinner Roll/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. 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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>**

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 17<sup>th</sup>**

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