

# 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 18** Meet the Dragons Night 1800hrs small gym  
                          **March 19** Cotillion Winter Formal 1930-2200hrs @ the Village  
                          **March 22** March Music Concert 1900 hrs in the AMHS Small gym  
                          **March 23** Spring Sports Pep Rally 1330 hrs in the AMHS Large Gym  
                          **March 24** 6<sup>th</sup> grade “Women’s Walk of Fame” AMHS Large Gym 0900-1100 hrs  
                          **March 28** **Early Dismissal Day for Students** – School dismissed @ 1120hrs

### **From the Principal**

I would like to thank all the students, staff, and parents for a successful week of Terra Nova testing! We had really good attendance this week, which makes testing much easier. If your student missed a day, he/she will make-up the exam next week. Begin your relaxing weekend by coming out to “Meet the Dragons Night” at 6:00.

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.

### **Stop Bullying Government Website**

StopBullying.gov provides information from various government agencies on how kids, teens, young adults, parents, educators and others in the community can prevent or stop bullying. Go to: <http://www.stopbullying.gov/> for more information.

### **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.

### **Summer Hire Program**

Here is a great opportunity for anyone in High School or a college student heading home for the summer. The NAF Human Resources Office is now taking applications for summer jobs. Please contact them at [423svs.hro@alconbury.af.mil](mailto:423svs.hro@alconbury.af.mil) or call 01480 843065 DSN 268 3065 for more information.

### **From the Balfour Company**

At Balfour, we are inspired by students every day and in very different ways. Across the world, young people are having an impact on the world around them. We want to showcase and celebrate their successes -- big and small. To that end, we have launched our *Make Your Mark Contest and Sweepstakes*, and we invite you to encourage your students to participate.

*Make Your Mark* gives students the opportunity to highlight their activities and achievements, and have a chance to win a \$10,000 Balfour Scholarship or hundreds of substantial prizes.

To participate, students will submit a video, image or short written statement telling us how they are making their mark on the world. They'll be entered into a drawing where they could win one of hundreds of prizes, including custom class rings, MP3 players, digital cameras, video cameras, and gift cards.

Students entering the Sweepstakes with a video will automatically be entered into our *Make Your Mark Contest* and will be eligible to win a \$10,000 Balfour Scholarship, applicable to any accredited institution of higher learning.

Please go to [Balfour.com/Make-Your-Mark](http://Balfour.com/Make-Your-Mark) between **March 15 and May 9, 2011** to learn more and submit an entry for the Contest and Sweepstakes.

### **From the AVID Department**

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

#### **TIPS ON TIMED WRITING**

Timed writings are shortened versions of the writing process: there is no time to rewrite, and you may not share your writing with a peer. There is time, however, to think about the question for a few minutes, make a few notes, order the notes by placing numbers before the points you choose to include in your paper, write a thesis sentence, and only then begin writing. By doing this you should be able to write a cogent essay that specifically answers the prompt.

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

**Attachments:**

**Lunch Menu**

<b>21</b> Corn Dog Club Submarine Nic Nac Chicken Salad Chicken Fryz Veggie Wrap Montego Bay Veggie Blend Cauliflower Chilled Peaches Melon Fruit Cup	<b>22</b> Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Turkey Tetrazzini Ham Salad Chicken Fillet on a Bun Asian Chopped Salad Deli Roasters Romaine & Tomato Salad Mandarin Oranges Fresh Sliced Apples Blueberry Muffin	<b>23</b> Beef & Broccoli Bowl Mac & Cheese Entrée Turkey Salad Hotdog on a Bun Mexican Chicken Salad Steamed Carrots Garden Side Salad Fruit Cocktail Seasonal Fruit Brown Rice	<b>24</b> Chicken Tenders w/Dinner Roll Beef Ravioli w/Dinner Roll Chef Salad Turkey Wrap Ham Submarine Green Beans Sweet Kernel Corn Applesauce Banana Chocolate Chip Cookie	<b>25</b> Pepperoni Pizza Ranch Turkey/Cheese Wrap Chicken Fillet Salad Cheese Pizza Dippers Tuna Wrap Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower Carrots & Celery w/FF Dip Juicy Orange Wedges Chilled Pears
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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.