

# 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 Apr 22 Registration Day/ Parent-Teacher Conferences/No School for students**

**Apr 22 Soccer @ Brussels**

**Baseball/Softball v. Ramstein 1300 & 1500 hrs**

### **From the Principal**

Next week the AdvancED Quality Assurance Review Team (QAR Team) will be at Alconbury Middle High School as part of our Continuous School Improvement process. This is an important week in the life of our school. The team will evaluate every aspect of our school in relation to seven standards and will make a recommendation about continued accreditation. During the site visit, the team will validate what we do well and will make recommendations for continued improvement and growth. We value our stakeholders' partnership throughout this Continuous School Improvement process and invite you to participate in the Parents and Community Stakeholders Interview time that the QAR Team will hold during their visit. They will be interested in learning how our parents and community members participate and contribute to students' educational experience. Please plan to attend on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 3:15 PM, in the Media Center, to share your involvement in the life of our school.

### **Voices of Men Assembly**

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“Voices of Men” will be presented during seminar on April 28, at 1335, in the Base Theatre, for students in grades 6-12. **If you do not want your child to participate, please complete the attached form and return to the school no later than the day before the event.**

### **School Registration for 2011/12**

You must register your student(s) if he/she is returning to Alconbury Middle High School next year. Registration will be held on **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the small gym from 0800-1500 hrs. Please bring updated immunization records, any extension paperwork, tuition billing letters for school year 2011/12, new CAC cards (for contractors), and/or updated emergency contact information. If you are unable to make the registration date, please contact Mrs. Cloum for other arrangements.

### **From the Bus Office**

Students must ride their designated buses. If something comes up and the student is staying with another family for a day, the sponsor must contact the bus office to make arrangements to ride a different bus route. A "Request for Temporary Bus Pass" needs to be filled in by the sponsor. If the student needs to ride an alternate route for more than a day or two the sponsor needs to produce a "Power of Attorney" when requesting a temporary route.

### **Dragon Fest T-Shirts**

Dragon Fest T-shirts are on sale now. Please see the attached order form. T-shirts proceeds will go to fight Breast Cancer. Shirts are \$18.95 and there is a choice of either a hot pink or black version. Sales will be from now until Friday 29 April 2011. Help the Alconbury Student Council give to The Cure! POC:

[Valerie.pisierra@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Valerie.pisierra@eu.dodea.edu)

### **Job Fair**

Would you like to have your child gainfully employed this summer?

#### **2011 Job Fair**

**5 May 2011**

**1330-1500**

#### **RAF Alconbury High School Main Entrance**

Information will be available on how to apply for seasonal, part-time and permanent positions. If your child is currently away in the states or elsewhere attending college, you may come and pick up information for them.

Opportunities at:

CDC : Child & Youth Program Assistants

Youth Center: Child & Youth Program Assistants Daily Grind: Food Service

Workers Stukeley Inn: Wait Staff and Food Service Workers NYPD

(Molesworth): Food Service Workers

#### **Youth Employment Skills (Y.E.S)**

A unique volunteer program for High School students of Active Duty/Title 10 Air Force members to earn a potential of \$1000 grant by working at on-base activities gaining valuable employment skills. Students claim their "banked" grant funding upon high school graduation to be applied directly toward post-secondary educational expenses.

### **AMHS Athletic Department Textile Recycling Fundraiser**

Spring is the perfect time to get rid of old clothing and support the school's athletic department! We will be collecting textiles (clothes, belts, shoes, bedding, rags/towels, curtains, soft toys, handbags) for recycling from April 30 to June 1. You can include textiles that are old, worn, torn, stained, etc... We will get paid by the trash bag (not weight), so please fill as many trash bags as possible and drop off at AHMS. You can drop off Monday – Friday in the front office between 7:30 – 16:30

**What:** All textiles in trash bags (old, worn, torn, stained, etc) – clothing, belts, shoes, bedding, rags/towels, curtains, soft toys, handbags

**When:** April 30-June 1

**Drop Off Times:** 7:30 – 16:30 (Monday – Friday)

**Drop Off Location:** Alconbury Middle High Front Office

We appreciate your support of the AMHS Athletic Department!

**From the AVID Department**

**Guidelines in the Selection of Appropriate Socratic Seminar Work.**

Simple guidelines in the selection of an appropriate Socratic seminar work suggest the following:

- It should poem, short story, speech, play, novel, essay, historical documentary, philosophical or scientific work, mathematical problem, painting, musical score, a sculpture, or a film.
- It should stimulate reflection, critical thinking, and questions.
- It should have an argument or line of inquiry that is worth exploring.
- It should spark interest and raise questions.
- It should address ideas or issues that are fundamental.
- It should encourage divergent interpretations.

Remember, the text should be read thoroughly and carefully prior to the seminar. The lines of the text and its pages numbered, allowing for quick and easy reference to specific sections.

Check out the next issue of the Dragon Tales for *Thinking Critically and Creatively*.

**Attachments:** Dragon Fest T-Shirt Order Form  
"Voices of Men" Non-Attendance Form

Lunch Menu

<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Corn Dog Club Submarine Nic Nac Chicken Salad Chicken Fryz Veggie Wrap Fruit &amp; Yogurt Parfait Montego Bay Veggie Blend Cauliflower Chilled Peaches Melon Fruit Cup</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Chicken &amp; Cheese Quesadilla Turkey Tetrizzini Ham Salad Chicken Fillet on a Bun Asian Chopped Salad Deli Roasters Romaine &amp; Tomato Salad Mandarin Oranges Fresh Sliced Apples Blueberry Muffin or Oatmeal Cookie</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Beef &amp; Broccoli Bowl Mac &amp; Cheese Entrée' Turkey Salad Hotdog on a Bun Mexican Chicken Salad Fruit &amp; Yogurt Parfait Cheese Salad Steamed Carrots Garden Side Salad Fruit Cocktail Seasonal Fruit Brown Rice</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Chicken Drumsticks /wDinner Roll Beef Ravioli Chef Salad Turkey Wrap Ham Submarine Green Beans Sweet Kernel Corn Applesauce Banana Chocolate Chip Cookie</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Pepperoni Pizza Ranch Turkey/Cheese Wrap Chicken Fillet Salad Cheese Pizza Dippers Tuna Wrap Cheese Pizza Strips Fruit &amp; Yogurt Parfait Cheese Salad Broccoli,, Carrots &amp; Cauliflower Carrots &amp; Celery w/FF Dip Juicy Orange Wedges Chilled Pears</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.



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April 19, 2011

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, **DO NOT** give permission for  
(Parent/Sponsor)

\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in “Voices of Men.”  
(Name of Student)

Parent/Sponsor Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Dragon Fest T-Shirts On Sale Now!



## All Proceeds go toward The Cure!

Sizes Available : XSM(30-32); SM(34-36); MED(38-40); LRG(42-44); XL (46-48); XXL (50-52); XXXL (54-56)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (print)

Seminar Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (print)

Color (please check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Hot Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Black

Size (see above): \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$18.95**