

Dragon Tales

Alconbury Middle/High School

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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 May 30 Memorial Day – No School

Jun1 Booster Club Meeting – AMHS Library 1800 hrs

Jun 3 Dragon Fest

From the Principal

Congratulations to all of the spring sports teams!

On Wednesday, June 8 at 1:40, we will hold our 2nd semester academic awards ceremony in the small gym. Since grades will not be finalized until the end of school, we will use grades as of June 3rd. There will be awards for Honor Roll, Principal’s Honor Roll, Distinguished Character Awards and miscellaneous national awards. We look forward to you joining us and recognizing the success of our students.

DoDEA IS ASKING FOR YOUR IDEAS ON LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN THE FUTURE

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is seeking your insight and ideas on how future learning environments are designed, constructed and furnished.

In January of 2011, President Barack Obama released a report (*Strengthening our Military Families*) that identified education as one of his key areas. Complementing this initiative, the Department of Defense has committed to an ambitious military construction program that will build or significantly renovate over 100 DoDEA schools. From now until 2016, this modernization initiative will replace an aging inventory of facilities with state-of-the-art schools to support dependent education for the next 45 years.

School districts across the nation, including DoDEA, are facing major facility challenges due largely to the aging infrastructure and the related costs. Providing a safe, secure and educationally appropriate facility for all military children is a critical responsibility for DoDEA.

Parents and community members are invited to share ideas at: <http://21stcentury.dodea.edu/>.

“We really need input from our students, parents and the community to help design educational facilities that optimize success for students in the 21st Century,” said Fitzgerald. “Our schools need to support the teaching and learning process in a way that helps our children grow and learn in the 21st Century.”

Submissions can be in the form of videos, images, written narratives or audio files. All student work must be submitted by a teacher using the established Intranet site to ensure adult moderation.

The site provides registration information, guiding questions, and the process for submitting ideas electronically.

DoDEA has established a three phase plan entitled, *Facilities for 21st Century Learning*. Phase 1, which has already occurred, brought together experts from industry, educational leaders, and futurists. Phase 2 focuses on

receiving ideas and input from you, our customers. Phase 3 will involve a thorough analysis and synthesis of all submitted ideas and input.

“We are seeing dramatic changes in how students communicate, interact, and learn,” said DoDEA Acting Director Marilee Fitzgerald. “School facilities of the future must be flexible and adaptable, allowing us to adjust to deliver student-centric education for a 21st century, knowledge-based economy.”

DoDEA will take innovations in education, curriculum delivery, use of technology, and the growing expectations for sustainability and energy conservation into consideration as the process moves forward.

The deadline for submission is June 16. Don't miss this opportunity to influence the future of education within DoDEA. Visit the site today at: <http://21stcentury.dodea.edu/>

Middle School Dance

All Middle School Students are cordially invited to attend The Masquerade Formal May 28th, 2011 at 6:30-9:00pm at the Village. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale in the cafeteria through the 27th of May. Tickets at the door are \$15.00. Dress code applies; ties are required for boys, no jeans or sneakers allowed. Come and help send off our class of 2015!

Are You Leaving Alconbury This Summer?

If you will not be returning to Alconbury MHS, please inform Mrs. Cloum and come by the school office on Thursday June 23rd between the hours of 0600 and 1500 hrs to pick up your student(s) sealed school records. This will enable you to hand carry the records to their next school. If you cannot make that date, please contact Mrs. Cloum to arrange another specific date/time.

Terra Nova Results Are In!

Please come to the office to pick up your student(s)' Terra Nova Results.

Falconer Visit - June 1st

On Wednesday, June 1, falconer Ray Alier will conduct two presentations--one in the morning and another in the afternoon--for all Alconbury students in elementary, middle, and high school. He will bring his collection of owls, hawks, and other birds of prey for what promises to be a truly memorable day. Ray has been presenting to DoDDS schools in the UK for over 15 years, and we are excited to welcome him to Alconbury. Students should be sure to wear outdoor clothes, as we will be sitting outside on the grass in the afternoon. We wish to thank the Booster Club and to the elementary PTA for their generous contributions, which have made this event possible. Parents, please contact the office if your student has an allergy or ornithophobia.

Sports Physicals

If your student will be playing fall sports this coming year at Alconbury, it is highly recommended that you begin the process of getting their physical now if at all possible. The clinic is staffed with only one doctor over the summer and we want to be proactive as much as possible in getting our student-athletes cleared for fall sports early on.

AMHS Basketball Camp

Girls from the 8th to 11th grades interested in improving their basketball skills are encouraged to sign up for the AHS Intramural Basketball Week being held from Tuesday, May 31 to Thursday, June 2 in the large school gym from 3:30-5:30. Emphasis will be placed on dribbling, passing, and shooting skills as well as defense and rebounding. Participants can sign up for the activity bus and there is no limit to the number of girls who can attend.

For an application form, see Coach Eidt or pick one up in the front office. We look forward to seeing you there!

Boys' Soccer

The Dragons Boy's Soccer Team took 3rd place this past weekend at the 2011 European Championships. Along the way they beat Florence 6-0, Ankara 3-1, Menwith Hill 2-1 but lost to Brussels in extra time 3-2 in the semifinals. The Dragons bounced back by beating Ankara for the second time 2-0 to place third. The Dragons finished the tournament with 4 wins and 1 loss, scored 15 goals and only gave up 5. Overall this year the Dragons were 8 and 1 against DIII opponents and were 9-3-1 overall. As a team they scored 35 goals and only gave up 11. Gabe Sirwinski recorded 71 total saves as the Dragons goalkeeper this year. Jeff Black led the team in total points this year with 17, Ernestas Tyminas had 13, Tyler Grissett had 12 and Peter Rydzynski had 9. Ernestas Tyminas, Peter Rydzynski, Tyler Grissett and Jeff Black were selected to this year's DIII All Tournament Team. Congratulations to Jeff Black and Tyler Grissett for being selected to the Boys Soccer All Region First Team and also to Gabe Sirwinski and Ernestas Tyminas for being selected to the Boys All Region Second Team. Congratulations Dragons for a great season!

Girls' Soccer

The Alconbury Lady Dragons soccer team travelled to Ramstein last week to compete in their European Soccer Championships. They took on Brussels, Rota, Ankara, Sigonella and Menwith. They played 5 very competitive matches with the final scores being 3-0, 3-0, 2-1, 2-0, and 4-2. The team played their best games of the season and grew in experience during each game. Goals were scored by Alex Sherenco and Maddy Zitka, with assists for Alex and Whitney Kretz. The combined defensive play of Nastassia Peters, Kayla Gray, Kelsey Gray, Chloe Boven, and Stephanie Galan vastly reduced the shots on goal, so keepers Kayla and Alex only had a combined total of 28 saves for all five games. The strong midfield play of Nicky Pisierra, Ashley Goluba, Jessica Roycroft, Rachel Malcolm and Molly Repetski helped control the middle and created many opportunities for the offensive side. Ronnie Jacquard, Taylor Reed, and Elly Hammond all provided support off the bench. Alex Sherenco got recognized as all-tournament. Well Done Lady Dragons!!!

Track

Alconbury was the only Division III School to qualify a relay at the European Track Championships. Alconbury's sprint medley accidentally dropped their baton but still managed to run their fastest race of the season. Patrick Short ran a blazing 200 meter leg of 22.9, followed by Dakota Brown and Brian Raab, who both ran fast 200 and 400 legs respectively. Jonathan Lee, spotting the dropped baton, picked it up, took off after the disappearing runners 30-40 meters ahead of him. By the time he finished running his 800 meter leg he had run the half mile in 2 min and 7 seconds, almost catching the front runners and anchored the relay in 3 minutes and 59 seconds. (the seasons fastest.)

Had Jonathan and Patrick ran their times during the track season, they would have qualified individually for the championships. Josh Schappert and Ben Nelson participated as alternate relay members.

Baseball

Saturday your Dragon's Baseball team split a double-header with the Lakenheath Lancers. Alconbury lost a heartbreaker in the opener 7-6, but came back strong and defeated Division 1 Lakenheath 15-4 in the final game. Cameron Perdomo led the team going 4-4 on the day. Also each senior got a hit in their final weekend of regular season baseball in their career. This Wednesday the team travels to Ramstein to participate for the first time ever in the DoDDs European Championships.

Softball

Alconbury and Lakenheath split their games last weekend.

In the first game Alconbury won. Highlights include Sophomore Marissa Cole getting the win as the pitcher and going 4-4 in the batter's box. She was helped on offense by Senior Jordan Portman going 3-4 and Junior Ashley Steele smacking a 3 run home run in the first inning to contribute to Alconbury's 15-13 victory.

In a friendly game against Fakenham later that afternoon Freshmen Luong lead a valiant charge with a 3 run homer. This game was played by all the underclassmen just to see next year's team. It was encouraging to see that the team will have plenty of talent to continue with this year's success.

Senior Finals Schedule

June 2 – Exam Periods 2 & 4

June 3 – Dragon Fest

June 6 – Exam Periods 5 & 7

June 7 – Exam Periods 1 & 3

June 8 – Exam Period 6

Seniors clean out lockers/return locks

Deadline to replace any lost or damaged school materials

Clearance sheets completed and submitted to Ms. Cloum

June 9 – All Senior grades due by 8:00

Senior Meeting 8:20 – Location TBA

Watch graduation DVD, March Practice & Activity

June 10 – Leave school on bus at 8:30 for Peterborough Graduation Practice

Be at Cathedral by 5:45 for graduation

Clearance Sheets will be given to seniors on Wednesday, June 1st.

Teachers will sign the senior clearance sheets as they have students for classes and exams. Teachers can tell students when they will sign their clearance sheets, so students will not interrupt them while they are teaching.

6th -11th grade Finals Schedule

June 10 – Period 5, 6, Period 1 & 2 Review

June 13 – Period 1 & 2 Final, Period 3 & 4 Review

June 14 – Period 3 & 4 Final, Period 5 & 6 Review

June 15 – Period 5 & 6 Final, Seminar, Period 7 Review

June 16 – Period 7 Final, Seminar – Early Release day – Students dismissed at 1120

Attachments:

Lunch Menu

<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day Federal Holiday</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Baked Chicken w/Dinner Roll Blackbean Burger on a Bun Nic Nac Chicken Salad w/Crackers Meat Nachos w/Cheese Sauce Turkey Caesar Wrap Flame Roasted Potato Medley Sweet Kernel Corn Chilled Pineapples Craisins or Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Bread Stick Turkey Club Panini or Turkey Sandwich Grilled Chicken Caesar w/Crackers Hotdog on a Bun Turkey Salad w/Crackers Green Beans Garden Side Salad Chilled Pears Fresh Fruit Cup Whole Fruit Juice Bar</p>	<p>2</p> <p>BBQ Riblets w/Dinner Roll Breaded Chicken Chunks w/Dinner Roll Chef Salad w/Crackers Cheese Pizza Dippers Chicken Tender Wrap Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Steamed Broccoli Banana Fresh Apple Slices</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Lasagna w/Garlic Toast Fish Sticks w/Garlic Toast Chicken Fillet Salad w/Crackers Baked Potato w/Cheese Tuna Salad Steamed Carrots Baked Sweet Potato Wedges Delicious Grapes Chilled Fruit Cocktail Oatmeal Cookie or Blueberry Muffin</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 or Dr. Ronald McIntire, Isles District Superintendent at DSN226-7234/7252/7224.; or COM 01638-527234/7252/7224.