

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: Oct 1 Volleyball v. Menwith Hill, Brussels & Rota (see below for times)

Oct 2 Tennis v. AFNORTH

Cross Country @ Brussels (ISB)

Oct 6 Booster Club Meeting 1800hrs in AMHS Library

Homecoming

Next week is spirit week, leading up to our Homecoming weekend. The spirit theme for the week is:

Monday – Dress like the “Viva Las Vegas” hotel for your class (Seniors–Caesar’s Palace, Juniors–Mandalay Bay, Sophomores–MGM Grand, Freshman–Imperial Palace, Middle School–Treasure Island)

Tuesday – PJ Day

Wednesday – Red Ribbon Day (dress up in red)

Thursday – Wacky Tacky Day

Friday – Green/Gold Day

On Friday, October 8th: Pep Rally in Large Gym – spectators should be seated by 1350

Parade: 1630, Car Smash, Movie, BBQ – 1745 at the school

From the Counselor

Applications for the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA's) 2010-11 SY program will be available online after SEPT 1, and further information is available at www.fra.org/scholarship. Also, try the American Legion's www.needalift.org; National Military Family Association's www.nmfa.org; and the Military Child EducationCoalition's www.militarychild.org are all organizations that offer scholarship money for scholars in the military community.

ACT/SAT Registration

Please go to our website: www.alco-hs.eu.dodea.edu to learn how to register for the ACT and SAT. The test dates are also located on the site. If you have any questions, please contact the counselor, Mrs. Mitchell at Kathy.mitchell@eu.dodea.edu

Yearbooks

The 2011 Alconbury Middle School and High School Yearbooks will go on sale Tuesday, October 5th. For a limited time only, yearbooks will be on sale at \$22.50 for middle school books and \$45 for high school books. For families with more than one student, there is a family discount. Please see the attached letters for more information and for a yearbook order form.

Cross Country

The Alconbury Boys' Varsity Cross Country Team took 2nd place, but remained undefeated against DoDEA Schools. AHS boys' cross-country team defeated ROTA, Lakenheath and Menwith Hill high schools, but lost first place to perennial international schools' champion, American Community School-Cobham. The Running Dragons: Ernestas Tyminas, Jon Volcheck, Tom Irby, Jonathan Lee, Jacob Volcheck, Josh Schappert, Edison Kubec, and Patrick Short, had good performances with all of them lowering their five kilometer times

Alconbury High School Girls: Competing with only three runners, could not place in team competition. However, Imogen Weaver (11th), Noelle Baffa and Jessica Roycroft all had good performances, lowering their times over the five km course.

Alconbury Middle School Boys' and Girls' placed 2nd Against ACS-Cobham, Lakenheath and Menwith Hill. 2nd place runner Alejandro Irby and 4th place runner Anselm Short led the boys' team. 5th place Brianna Geronimo and 6th place Tova Volcheck led the girls.

Football

The Alconbury Dragons Football Team beat Sigonella 26-20 on Saturday in a double overtime thriller.... Kerry Kuheana ran for 264 yards and 2 touchdowns and Jimmy Kirchner scored on a 6 yard touchdown run. Taylor Williamson lead the way for the defense with 15 tackles, Kerry Kuheana added 13 tackles, Sebastien Schniebs had 12 tackles and Dominique Littleton had 2 interceptions. The game was tied 20-20 at the end of regulation that set up a college football style tiebreaker. The Dragons failed to score in their first overtime which gave Sigonella a chance to win it. But Senior Dominique Littleton came up big with a game saving tackle at the goal line to keep the Dragons in the game. On the next Dragons overtime possession 5th string quarterback Sebastien Schniebs had to be in the game due to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th string quarterbacks' being injured. On 4th down Sebastien hit fellow senior tight end Taylor Williamson on a 5 yard touchdown pass to put the Dragons up 26-20. Sigonella then had a chance to win it but the Dragons defense held strong once again. Peter Ryzynski caused a Sigonella fumble at the 2 yard line which was recovered by Taylor Williamson to end the game. Congratulations to the Dragons football team for a hard fought win. The Dragons are now 2-0 on the season and have a bye this weekend. Next game is homecoming against Rota on October 9th.

Tennis

The Tennis Team had a tough loss this past Saturday against SHAPE, last year's Division II champions. Our team played very well and gained some good experience for the season. Lia Caverly and Allison Cavin won at the second seed girl's doubles, 6 to 3. The team will host AFNORTH this Saturday.

Volleyball

The Lady Dragon volleyball team bravely battled through injuries but came up just short last weekend at Lakenheath. The varsity team lost to Lakenheath in 3 games and then lost a heart-breaker to Menwith Hill in 5 games. Maddy Zitka led the Dragons with 8 aces, 10 kills and 1 block. Ashley Steele added 9 aces and 5 kills and Riley Sorensen had 6 kills. Hailey Sorensen came up from JV and played fantastically well. The JV team also played very well, but lost to Lakenheath in three close games. Monique Ahlheim and Molly Repetski each had 2 aces, while Stephany Osbourne added 1 ace and Stephanie Galan had one kill. The Dragons are next in action at home next weekend. The Dragons will play both today after school @ 4:00 and again on Saturday starting at 11:30.

Attachments: CSI September Meeting Minutes
 Year book Order Form/Informational Letter to Parents

Lunch Menu:

<p>4</p> <p>Hamburger on a Bun Cheese Pizza Dippers Nic Nac Chicken Salad w/Crackers Chicken Fryz Veggie Wrap Deli Roasters Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Melon Fruit Cup Elf Grahams</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Turkey & Veg Egg Roll Orange Ginger Chicken Bowl Ham Salad w/Crackers Chicken Fillet on WG Bun Asian Chopped Salad Mediterranean Vegetable Blend Green Beans Chilled Peaches Chilled Pineapples Brown Rice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Philly cheese Sandwich Pepperoni Pizza Turkey Salad w/Crackers Hotdog on a Bun Mexican Chicken Salad Garden Side Salad Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit Cup Applesauce Whole Fruit Juice Bar</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Chicken Patty on a Bun 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</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Breakfast Panini Sausage Patty Chicken Fillet Salad w/Crackers Cheese Pizza Dippers Tuna Wrap Deli Roasters Montego Bay Veggie Blend Fruit Cocktail Fresh Sliced Apples</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.

2011 Yearbook Order

Dear Parents,

If you would like to make a yearbook purchase please fill out the form below, fold the page, and staple it shut with the payment enclosed. Either return to the school office, or have your child take it to school, where it will be collected by a member of our staff.

Just as a reminder, yearbooks ordered by October 14th will only cost \$45 for High School and \$22.50 for Middle School. After the 14th the prices will rise to \$50 and \$25. There is also a family discount available. The discount includes one full-priced yearbook with each subsequent yearbook bought being \$5 off for High School and \$2.50 for Middle School. Checks can be made available to "AHS Activity Fund: Yearbook". Cash is also accepted.

Name: _____

Student Name(s) _____

High School Yearbooks _____

Middle School Yearbooks _____

Payment: Cash/ Check (circle one)

Amount Enclosed: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



2011 Yearbook Sales



Dear Parents,

The 2011 Alconbury Yearbook is currently in the works. The yearbook will contain pages of photos of events throughout the school year. The book will have a soft cover binding for grades 6th – 8th and a hard cover binding for the high school.

Yearbooks for Grades 6-8 will cost \$25. For 9th grade and above the yearbook will cost \$50. Payment can be made in U.S. dollars, either in cash or by check. It would be great if the checks could be made to “AHS Activity Fund: Yearbook.” There is a special deal of \$22.50 for middle school and \$45 for high school if ordered before October 14, 2010. A family discount is also available. The discount includes one full-priced yearbook with each subsequent yearbook bought being \$5 off for High School and \$2.50 for Middle School.

Please bear in mind that we only order yearbooks from our publisher that have been ordered by you in advance. To avoid disappointment, please place your yearbook order by October 14, 2010.

To place your order, simply give us the information on the attached flyer. Fold the page and staple it shut with the payment enclosed. Either return to the school office, or have your child take it to school, where it will be collected by a member of our staff.

We look forward to a brilliant 2011 Alconbury Yearbook. Thanks in advance for your support of the Alconbury yearbook program.

Thank you,

Allison Cavin and Stephanie Buan
Co-editors, 2011 AHS Yearbook

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**Agenda
CSI Leadership Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2010**

Present: Mrs. Cash- parent, Brandi Morris- parent, Jessica Mitchell, Amy Heimbürger, Jack Centofanti, Lauren Malcolm- Parent, Dr. White- Principal, Tammie Grimmage, Kyle Siftar, Brent Cogswell, Mrs. Tallent- parent, Gary Bartimus, Felicia Kersch.

Welcome new parent members and appreciation for leaving parent members

Thank you to Mrs. Hand for being on the committee for the past 2 years. Her work schedule this year will no longer allow her to participate in our meetings. Thank you for all your work.
Welcome to Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Malcolm; new parents to the committee.

QAR Date to pencil in- May 2-6

This will be the dates of our official visit by a team of observers to re-certify our school for the next 5 years.

What are we getting ready for the Pre-Qar visit on October 19-20?

Laura Faust has been hired to be our district CSI person. She will meet with Dr. White and the AHS CSI Co-Chairs on Thursday. Check with her to find out what we need to do for the Pre-QAR visit.

Testing Dates for the Year/Formative assessments. TRAILS, ICAP, Communication Prompt. Are we using KIA?

No dates were set. We spent time talking with new parents and committee chairs about the assessments we have been using and their development over time.

Professional Development day for CSI leaders

We have staff development days which must be used by the end of September. Is there a day we can get the CSI committee chairs together to work on the SAR binders in preparation for the Pre-QAR visit on October 19-20? Committee decided on Tuesday, 21st of September.

Digital Standards Binders

We are making hard copies of the Standards binders. Do we need to make a digital copy as well? It was agreed that we do. We can use the Office Assistant to scan any files which are not already in digital format.

Amy Heimbürger, Documenting and Using Results committee asked, "do we need to put all the teacher reports from TROAC and TSSEE in our folder?"

Give an array of 3 or 4 that show how the lessons and assessments have evolved over the years.

Lydia Wilson, Teaching and Learning committee will be creating a survey asking "instructional practices and habits of teachers". Let her know if you have any questions you would like to add to the questionnaire in support of your standard.

Continue to send the Information Literacy artifacts to Gary.

Parent involvement

Mrs. Cash said her son took AVID and he still used the strategies he learned now that he is in his 20's. She was glad that it was chosen as one of the School Improvement Goals.

Last cycle, we had adopt-a-parent for the staff development day. There was one parent per teachers at the CSI staff development day just before the visit.

Parents on hand today signed up to join a Standards group. We need 3 more parents to have a rep for all committees.

Next meeting is the 12th of October.