

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: Dec 19 Winter Break – School resumes Jan 3
Jan 4 Booster Club Meeting 1800hrs AMHS Library

From the Principal

I would like to thank everyone for supporting National History Day (NHD). The quality of work our students completed was great and could not be done without the support of parents, staff, and community members! We especially thank those who helped set up, judge, provide refreshments and food, and break down. The weather is increasingly windy and cold. Please encourage your student(s) to dress in layers and wear sufficient clothing for these conditions.

Please take some time to enjoy family and friends over the winter break! We look forward to students returning on January 3rd.

Laptops for Students!

For over two decades, DoDEA students and teachers have used computers in schools. Usage has changed with the technology available and now infrastructure in some schools is ready for wireless computing. The natural progression is to move to a one-to-one device to student model. And we are doing just that.

DODEA has provided resourcing for the purchase of 3,600 laptops that will be distributed to the following high schools: Kaiserslautern, Vicenza, Patch, Wiesbaden, Alconbury, Bamberg, Schweinfurt and Hohenfels.

The selected laptop has a 14 inch screen. It has a dual core processor, 250GB hard drive, 4GB of RAM, and a built in High-Definition camera and microphone. It weighs about 5 pounds and comes with a neoprene sleeve.

This is a pilot program designed to provide a way forward in developing 21st century skills for our students.

DODEA is committed to forge a viable 1:1 mobile device program and this is the first step. DoDEA will be recording the successes and challenges as it moves forward to provide DODEA students digital access to information and resources.

The 1:1 laptop initiative will allow DODEA as a school system to focus on the following goals:

- Increased student engagement

- Increased accessibility to curricular material

- Increased observance of 21st century skills among students

The implementation and distribution plan is currently being coordinated with DODEA and DDESS. We expect to begin issuing the laptops during the 2nd semester.

Boys' Basketball

Although the Dragon Basketball team began their season with some tough losses, they have played hard in all three games to Lakenheath, Hillingdon, and TESIS. We played the games without a full squad each time. We are looking forward to a rematch against both Hillingdon and TESIS on the first and third weekends in January with our full team in place and a totally different outcome. You can expect GREAT improvements after the winter break. Come out to support and encourage your Alconbury Dragons in the New Year.

Wrestling

The Wrestling Team traveled to Brussels last Saturday to compete against 4 other schools, Brussels, AFNorth, Menwith Hill, and Baumholder.

3 of our 4 wrestlers took 1st place in their weight class. Dallin won his weight class (120), Matt Geronimo won the 132 class, and Xavier won the 180 lb class. Dustin Varia won another match and nearly came in 3rd in his weight class. The Middle School team also won their competition vs Menwith Hill and Baumholder. Christian Dufresne and Nick Dufresne, both won 2 matches, Luke Kobes & Wayne White each won a match. Wrestling above their weight class but doing very well are Alex Huibsch and Scott Moore. Xavier Merrill was omitted from the Lakenheath results in our last Dragon Tales. He was first in his weight class @180 lbs. We apologize for the omission. Remember to circle 14 January on your calendar so you can support the team in our only home meet this season. Thanks to all for your support.

Attachments:

Lunch Menu

<p>2</p> <p>Federal Holiday – No School</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Chicken Fillet on WG Bun ABC Salad w/Crackers Blackbean Burger or Beef Ravioli Ham Salad w/Crackers Carrot & Celery w/FF Dip Tomato & Cucumber Salad Fresh Fruit Cup Chilled Pears</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Bread Stick Three Cheese Boat Chicken Caesar Salad w/Crackers Hotdog on a bun Turkey Salad w/Crackers Green Beans Garden Side Salad Fresh Sliced Apples Juicy Orange Wedges Whole Fruit Juice Bar</p>	<p>5</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 Chilled Peaches Banana</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Lasagna w/Garlic Toast Fish Sticks w/Garlic Toast Chicken Fillet Salad w/Crackers Baked Potato w/Cheese Tuna Salad Steamed Carrots Green Beans Kiwi Fruit Cocktail</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.