

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 4** SAB Meeting/Training AMHS Library 1530hrs
 - Oct 5** Fraser Portraits @ School – Individual School Pictures made today
Booster Club Meeting 1800hrs AMHS Library
 - Oct 7** Tennis v. Bitburg
 - Oct 8** Cross Country @ Menwith Hill
Football @ Sigonella
Volleyball @ Menwith Hill

From the Principal

The weather has been absolutely amazing this week and the weekend forecast is good, so get out and enjoy the host nation. We have volleyball at home today and tomorrow and would love to see a large crowd supporting our Lady Dragons! Our first School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting was this week and we look forward to getting the community involved in these meetings. Our first School Advisory Board (SAB) which is a combined meeting with the AES is next Tuesday, 4 Oct 11, in the AES Library at 3:30. Please come out and learn more about how our schools.

The next AMHS Booster Club meeting is Wednesday, 5 Oct 11. We meet in the library at 6:00pm.

DoDEA Community Strategic Plan

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) has embarked on the process of developing a new Community Strategic Plan (CSP) for 2012-2016, which will be critical in refining the mission, vision, goals, guiding principles, and initiatives that DoDEA will undertake to deliver a high quality, student-centered education.

DoDEA has launched a CSP feedback website <http://cspfeedback.dodea.edu/>. We are interested in the thoughts and opinions of not only parents, teachers, military leadership, and individuals directly supported by DoDEA schools, but of those that support military families and their children that attend non-DoDEA Schools.

AVID STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

AVID Strategies that can help your child become successful in all classes.

1. **“SLANT”** in all of your classes!

Sit in the front.
Lean forward.
Ask questions.
Nod your head.
Talk to the teacher.

2. Keep a notebook!

Have your notebook open and ready to take full advantage of **SLANT**.

Spend homework time on your notebook.

- Add calendars, assignment sheets, blank lined paper
- Make sure your notes and class handouts are in order by date
- Three-hole pinch and then put returned assignments, quizzes, and tests with the notes that they refer to .
- After you have taken a test on a chapter or a unit, take the papers out of your notebook and put them in a manila folder. Mark the topic or chapter on the tab. Continue to add to this folder. You will have everything you need for tests or final exams ☐

A Reminder for ALL Middle School Parents:

Please send in your Student's signed permission slips for tutor.com. Tutor.com requires parental permission for all children under the age of 13 to have accounts. (please see attached letter)

Football

The Football team is traveling to Rota, Spain to play this Saturday, October 1st. GO DRAGONS!!!

Cross Country

The Cross Country team will be going to Cobham, an area just southwest of London, tomorrow. We will be squaring off against several international schools and our entire team is poised to do well. Jonathan Lee has been leading the pack in many races and the rest of the varsity squad has been finishing in the top 15. The middle school team, also known as the "A Team" is the strongest it has been in years. These little ones are motivated and some are consistently running with new personal-best paces. We are all looking forward to this trip and we'll have complete results upon our return. Our next home meet will be at 10am on Saturday, October 15, at Hitchenbrook Park. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Coach Foutz (bud.foutz@eu.dodea.edu), Coach Siftar (kyle.siftar@eu.dodea.edu), or Coach Kaleikini (matthew.kaleikini@alconbury.af.mil). We can always use volunteers! GO DRAGONS!!

Tennis

The Tennis team is traveling to play at Brussels on Friday, September 30th and to Shape on Saturday, October 1st. Best of LUCK!!!

Volleyball

The volleyball team is hosting Rota, Brussels, and Menwith Hill this weekend on Friday evening and Saturday during the day. Please join us for lots of good action and good food! We are serving stir fry for dinner Friday starting at approximately 4:30 pm, breakfast burritos Saturday morning at approximately 9:00 am, and lunch items including hot dogs, chili, and nachos starting at approximately noon.

Go Dragons!

On Tuesday, November 1st- AHS will offer the **ASVAB test** for any interested student who is **at least 16 years of age**. You must provide your name, SSN and date of birth to Mrs. Mitchell no later than

Thursday, October 20th. This is a great interest/career inventory tool as well as the test that all US Military branches use to determine enlistment eligibility.

College Prep Seminar sessions:

- On Wednesday, October 12th - Dr. Whitaker will present a seminar session for any **senior** who would like help to **improve your College Application Essay**- please stop by the counselor's office to sign up if you are interested or send Mrs. Mitchell an e-mail to make sure that you are included.
- On Wednesday, October 26th - Mrs. Mitchell will work with **juniors and seniors** who are interested in learning how to **write an academic resume** or just need to look at improving their current resume. See or e-mail Mrs. Mitchell to sign up for this session.
- On Thursday November 10th- Mrs. Mitchell will give interested **juniors and seniors** an **interest/career inventory**. If you are not sure what you want to study in college or what fields you might be interested in working - sign up for this great opportunity to fine tune your list of majors or possible careers. E-mail or stop by the counselor's office to sign up.

Juniors and Seniors-the deadline to apply for the November 5th SAT is quickly approaching! Make sure you go online to register no later than October 8th!

Juniors and Seniors- the deadline to apply for the December 10th ACT test is November 4th! Don't forget to go online to register! Come by my office to pick up your international fee waiver form prior to registering so that you don't have to pay the extra \$25.00 international fee!

The Yearbook staff will be conducting its fall sales campaign for the 2012 Alconbury Middle/High School Yearbook for the next two weeks. Starting October 3rd, orders may be placed for both high school and middle school yearbooks. For all orders received by Friday, October 14th, the hardcover high school yearbook will cost \$45 and the middle school softcover yearbook will cost \$22.50. After October 14, prices will go up to \$50 and \$25, respectively. Checks should be made payable to "AHS Activity Fund: Yearbook." Orders may be placed in the high school office or with the yearbook sponsor, Mr. Hansen, in Room 9 of the Library Annex. Also, on each Day One during 3rd Period, members of the yearbook staff will visit classrooms to collect orders and monies. Please order in advance to avoid disappointment at the end of the school year when yearbooks arrive, as only a limited number of extra copies will be on offer. Contact Mr. Hansen at 268-3265 if you have questions or require clarification. Thanks, The Yearbook Staff

Attention all bakers!! Be a part of the first ever Homecoming Cup Cake Wars! Do your friends rave about your cupcakes? Can you handle the heat in the kitchen? If so enter our cupcake competition! The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate and the runner up will receive a free ticket to homecoming. Entries will be judged on taste, presentation, and homecoming theme interpretation "Live From the Red Carpet". See Mrs. Pisierra to sign up and get more details. Hurry entry is limited! Bake On Dragons!

Homecoming is right around the corner. Please contact your class officers and class sponsors to see how you can help with hall decorating. This year the High School and Middle School will be judged separately. The winners will be awarded the Hall Pass and the Mini Hall Pass along with bragging rights. So come together as a class and let's see what you got!! Go Dragons!!

Attention High School Student council class officers and reps our monthly Student Council meeting will be Tuesday October 4th in Rm 9 starting at 11:25 am. Bring a packed lunch, signed Student Council by-laws forms, and be ready to work for Homecoming!

Attachments:

Permission for Tutor.Com Account Access

Lunch Menu

<p>3</p> <p>Hamburger on a Bun Three Cheese Boat Nic Nac Chicken Salad w/Crackers Chicken Fryz Veggie Wrap Deli Roasters Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Turkey & Veg Egg Roll Orange Ginger Chicken Bowl Asian Chopped Salad Chicken Fillet on WG Bun Ham Salad w/Crackers Mediterranean Vegetable Blend Green Beans Chilled Peaches Chilled Pineapples Brown Rice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Philly Cheese Sandwich Cheese Salad Turkey Salad w/Crackers Hotdog on a Bun Mexican Chicken Salad Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit Cup Applesauce</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Chicken Sliders Meatball Sub Sandwich Chef Salad w/Crackers Turkey Wrap Ham Salad w/Crackers Sweet Potato Wedges Spinach & Tomato Salad Chilled Pears Juicy Orange Wedges Italian Pasta Salad</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Breakfast Panini or Cheese Omelet 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.



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September 16, 2011

Parents of Middle School Students,

I am pleased to inform you of an online tutoring service available for your student(s). This service, located at www.tutor.com/military, provides one-on-one real-time assistance for students with homework in core classes, writing, and resume building. It is available 24/7, and there is no cost to you or your child.

In the next few weeks, we will be working to provide access to all Alconbury Middle High School students. Our hope is to secure an account for each student and provide initial access through seminar. After that, students will be able to access their accounts from any web-enabled computer.

Tutor.com requires parental permission for all children under the age of 13 to have accounts. This is primarily because the service provides one-on-one tutoring from qualified tutors, not through pre-designed computerized programs, and operates through the function of a "chat room." All tutoring transcripts are recorded, monitored, and available for your student to download or email to you, him/herself, and/or his/her teacher.

We believe this will be a valuable resource for your student. Please return the permission portion of this letter by Wednesday, September 21, 2011. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Sandra Whitaker, Assistant Principal (phone: 01480 843769; email: Sandra.whitaker@eu.dodea.edu).

Thank you,

Justin White, EdD, CAA
 Principal

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 Alconbury Middle High School**

I, _____, do / do not give permission for _____ to have access to a Tutor.com account.
 (Name of Parent) (Name of Student)

Parent/Sponsor Signature: _____

Date: _____