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: **Apr 20** Registration Day for SY 2012/13 (0800-1500 hrs Small Gym)
Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Baseball/Softball @ Kaiserslautern
Track @ Lakenheath
Apr 25 No School for Students – Teacher In-Service Day

From the Principal

I hope you had an enjoyable spring break and look forward to fourth quarter! The fourth quarter is extremely busy for students, staff, and parents so please check the Dragon Tales, sign in front of the school, and website often for information about upcoming events. Tomorrow is parent / teacher conference and registration for next school year. We look forward to speaking with parents and registering as many students as possible. I also want to remind parents that there is no school for students next Wednesday, April 25. Our staff will receive training on differentiated instruction and work on our Continuous School Improvement (CSI) goals, on Wednesday.

We are planning for next school year and would like to invite you to support our booster club (our PTA). We are looking for volunteers to serve as officers for next school year. You do not have to be a parent to serve, so please encourage your friends to get involved. The current booster club is also looking for volunteers to help with graduation. If you are interested in volunteering to help the booster club please contact President, Don DeWitt at don.dewitt@jac.eucom.mil.

We had a great School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting yesterday and appreciate everyone who participated! It was great to have our students involved and participate in discussions about school policy and procedures. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

School Registration for School Year 2012/13

If your student(s) will not be attending Alconbury Middle High School next year, please email or call Mrs. Cloum to inform her. If they will be attending – the scheduled mandatory registration date is **Friday, April 20th** from 0800-1500hrs in the small gym. Please bring updated immunization records, any extension paperwork, tuition billing letters for school year 2012/13, new CAC cards (for contractors), and/or updated emergency contact information. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cloum. It is a DODEA requirement that all students register every school year. If you are unable to make the registration date, please contact Mrs. Cloum for other arrangements.

If you are leaving before the end of the year, please read****
The earliest date for acceleration with a final grade is May 17th. Students must be in school all day on May 16th. This provision is not to be extended for the convenience of the family, visits or other discretionary reasons. It is for PCS only. Please contact Mrs. Cloum for acceleration procedures. Forms must be completed 30 days prior to the student's last day of school.

From the School Nurse
Due to a change in federal immunization guidelines, DODEA will be requiring a booster dose of the meningitis vaccination for all children aged 16 and older. The new guidelines will go into effect for School year 2012-2013, and all children 16 years and older by that date are mandated to have the vaccination by the first day of school. If your child is planning to participate in fall sports, he/she is required to be current and complete with the updated immunization guidelines before being allowed to practice or play. We hope that this early notification will allow ample time for compliance. If your child has already received the booster dose of the vaccination, please send in an updated copy of the shot record or e-mail the nurse at Rachel.caverly@eu.dodea.edu.
For those students who will turn 16 years old after the start of school, an individual reminder will be sent out whereupon the student/family will have 10 days to comply before being excluded from school and sports.
We thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter. For any questions, concerns, or updates please call 01480 843389 or 268-3389.

For Parents of Middle School Students
We have two important dates coming up in May that we would like for you to save on your calendars.
On Saturday, May 12 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Village, the Middle School Student Council will be hosting the end of the year formal. Our theme this year will be "Candy Land" and we are looking for parents who would like to participate in the planning and decorating for this event. Tickets will go on sale April 30th.

On Friday, May 25 from 1:30-3:00 in the school gym, the 8th graders will be participating in their "Moving up Ceremony". The formal ceremony is open to all 8th graders and their families. Mrs. Black will be collecting 3 pictures from your 8th graders' childhood and 1 current picture to present in a slide show. Please provide these pictures no later than May 7th so your 8th grader is represented in the show.
If you have any question, or are willing to volunteer to assist with either of these events, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs. Black at 268-3335.

Student Laptops
Students, please be aware that putting additional items in the neoprene sleeve with your laptop computer can cause damage to the computer. It is important that the only thing you put in the neoprene sleeve is the laptop itself. Power cords, batteries, and the like should be stored separate from your laptop. Also, please be careful when putting your computer in a backpack or bag with other items. Putting many items together may be convenient for travel, but it may also cause damage to the laptop screen due to the pressure and movement of the items. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping the computers in good condition.

Yearbooks
Do you want to make the 2012 yearbook special for your student? Why not dedicate an entire page to your favorite AMHS student by purchasing a full or half page ad where you can share your own special memories and photos. Design your own page (save as a .jpg or .pdf) ***or*** send in digital or print photos along with your personal messages and we'll design it for you. But don't delay! All photos and information must be in to Ms. Kemp no later than **Tuesday, April 24th**.

DragonFest Tshirts for Sale
Dragon Fest T-shirts will be on sale until 27th of April. All proceeds will go towards The Fox Foundation and Parkinson's Research. Any questions or if you would like to order please contact Valerie.pisierra@eu.dodea.edu

ASVAB Test

The ASVAB scheduled for April 24th has been rescheduled to April 30th. This will be the last ASVAB administration for the year. If your student is 16 or over and interested in testing please see or e-mail the counselor to sign up. For more information on the ASVAB and how to prepare go to: http://www.military.com/ASVAB/0,,ASVAB_Tips_Study.html This site has tips and hints on how to get the best score possible and has shortened versions of sample tests to practice.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. On April 23, students will participate in Green Dot training, which is a bystander intervention program. This program correlates nicely with the Take a Stand, Lend a Hand week that we had in the fall.

For Parents: On May 1, 2012, RAF Alconbury will host guest speaker Bernie McGrenahan as one of the events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. McGrenahan, a stand-up comic, uses humor and real-life experiences to set up a serious and informative training session on the dangers of alcohol, drugs, sexual conduct, and suicide. Parents wishing to attend the session are invited. It will be held at 0930 on May 1, 2012, at the base theatre.

Attachment:

Lunch Menu

23	24	25	26	27
Corn Dog Cheese Pizza Dippers Nic Nac Chicken Salad Veggie Wrap Cheese Pizza Dippers Cheese Salad Turkey Corn Dog Flame Roasted Potato Medley Cauliflower Chilled Peaches Fresh Sliced Apples Carrot Bread	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Turkey Tetrazzini Asian Chopped Salad Chicken Fillet on a Bun Steamed Broccoli Romaine & Tomato Salad Mandarin Oranges Chilled Pineapples	No School for Students Teacher In Service Day	Chicken Tenders & Dinner Roll Beef Ravioli Chef Salad & Crackers Ranch Turkey/Cheese Wrap Mediterranean Veggie Blend Sweet Kernel Corn Applesauce Banana Chocolate Chip Cookie	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Dippers Tuna Wrap Ham Salad & Crackers French Bread Pizza Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower Carrots & Celery FF Dip Juicy Orange Wedges Fresh Seasonal Fruit

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.