



## LES MISSION STATEMENT –

"Increasing Reading Comprehension & Expressive Writing Across the Curriculum"

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### Dates to Remember



22 Apr – Rocky's Café, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
23 Apr – Rocky's Café, 2<sup>nd</sup> & KG  
24 Apr – Parent Conf – NO SCHOOL

### LUNCH MENU

(Optional choice is for 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)



**20 Apr:** Chicken Patty on a Bun (or Chef Salad), Mac & Cheese, Garden Side Salad, Soft Pretzel, Orange Wedges/Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

**21 Apr:** Pepperoni Pizza (or Grilled Turkey & Cheese), Seasoned Cord, Garden Side Salad, Fruit Cup, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

**22 Apr:** Soft Taco w/ Cheese (or Chicken Quesadilla), Carrots/Broccoli/Cauliflower, Chilled Pears, Cinnamon Graham Crackers, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

**23 Apr:** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, (or Chef Salad), Green Beans, Chilled Fruit Cocktail, Garlic Toast, Fruited Jell-O, and Milk

**24 Apr:** PARENT CONFERENCES – NO SCHOOL

Check out the month's menu at:  
<http://odin.aafes.com/nutrition/08/index.html>

## The Principal's Column

### WELCOME QAR TEAM!!



Lakenheath Elementary School's Quality Assurance Review (QAR) will take place April 21-23, 2009. The review team is comprised of a group of education professionals from DoDEA and stateside schools.

During the review, the QAR conducts interviews with a range of school stakeholders, reviews school documents and performance data, and makes professional observations to determine the degree to which the school meets standards for accreditation.

The team shares its findings in oral and written reports and makes an accreditation recommendation for national review. The school uses the findings to further its continuous improvement efforts.

Please join us this week as we welcome our visiting QAR Team. We have two stateside augmenters, a Professor of Education Administration, University of South Dakota, and an author and associate of the Learning Keys Organization. Members of the DoD Community joining them for the three day visit include a kindergarten teacher from Croughton Elementary School, UK; the assistant principal at Mannheim Elementary School, Germany; a teacher at Bahrain Elementary/High School; and the principal from Patch Elementary School.

During the three-day visit, the QAR team will be interviewing several stakeholder groups: students; teachers; support staff; parent volunteers; and military commanders.

This is a great opportunity for the staff to look at our school improvement process, celebrate what we do well, and use the feedback from the team to improve and enhance the education we provide our students!

### SUMMER ENRICHMENT



The deadline to turn in applications for our Summer Enrichment program has been extended to 23 April.

### PARKING AT LES



Security Forces have asked me to remind parents that they must use the designated parking areas in the front parking lot. Do not park along the sides of the lot, especially on the grass.

### GOLDEN ROCKY'S



Five students received their Golden Rocky award on Friday. Congratulations to all!

### ATTENDANCE REPORTING PROCEDURES



If you need to report your child absent or late, please contact the school by **email at** [les.attendance@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:les.attendance@eu.dodea.edu) or on **01638-523721 / 226-3721**. Due to

circumstances beyond our control, we do not have a service where you can leave a message at this time. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

## DAN CROW



This tall, lanky bearded "kid" uses music and stories to bring a love and respect for nature, a sense of humor and a deep appreciation for the value of friendship and sharing to the world.

He is coming to Lakenheath Elementary School to entertain our students on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On Thursday evening, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, he will also perform for all the families in the Lakenheath Elementary School cafeteria at 6:00pm. Bring a picnic supper, your beach blankets and floor cushions for an evening of fun. (There is no school for students on Friday, so bedtime curfews can be extended!)

This program is being sponsored by the PTSO. The photograph and caption are borrowed from [www.dancrow.com](http://www.dancrow.com)

## NATURE CLUB NEWS



The LES Nature Club is now starting up again for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students interested in learning more about the wonderful world of plants and nature.

The class will meet once a week on Wednesday from 2:45–4:00. Classes will start on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in room 115, Building 50, and finish on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The class is

open to *new* and old members, but priority will be given to students who have not yet had the opportunity to take part in an after school club.

Remember, this is a hands-on activity, so children must come dressed to work in the dirt! Please complete the attached sign up form and return to the school by April 23<sup>rd</sup> in order for your child to be considered.

## PTSO BOARD ELECTIONS



It's that time of year again to elect new PTSO executive board officers of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. If you would like to be nominated for a position on the board please email [lakenheathES.ptso@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:lakenheathES.ptso@eu.dodea.edu) indicating which position you would like to be considered for.

Elections will be held at our general membership meeting on April 30th. At this time we are only taking nominations and more information on the meeting will follow in the near future.



## An Award Winning Cafeteria



The Lakenheath Elementary School Food Service Program recently received the *Cut Above Award* for outstanding performance.

The U.S. Air Force Public Health Operations recognized our school cafeteria on April 14, 2009, after a detailed inspection process. The food

service supervisor received the award on behalf of the cafeteria staff. It is easy for us to overlook the fact that this quiet but dynamic team of only seven people feed over 700 students and staff members daily. Their tasks include all cooking, baking and food preparation. They are fully responsible for replenishing and stocking food supplies as well as cleaning and maintaining the work area, equipment, and utensils to high standards. All of these tasks must also be accomplished within a complex budgetary process!

The food service staff for a school of this size also must address many children with special dietary needs. The cafeteria team members are personally acquainted with these children and insure that their needs are addressed. We have all noticed how this vital component of our LES staff always seems to accomplish its mission with a positive attitude from day to day throughout the school year, no matter what challenges they may encounter. The award this year is well deserved. We all appreciate their dedication.



Member missing from group photo:



SUBJECT: NATURE CLUB (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Name of Student:

Homeroom Teacher:

Parent Contact Number:

Alternate Contact Number:

The LES after school Nature Club is now starting up again for your 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student interested in learning more about the wonderful world of plants and nature.

The class will be once a week on Wednesday from 2:45 – 4:00. Classes will start on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> in bldg 50, room 115 and finish on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Parents/Guardians please pick up your child promptly at 4:00 in the foyer of building 50. In the event that your child is not picked up on time, we will phone you or your alternate contact to make arrangements for pickup.

Thank you for your interest in the After School Nature Club! We look forward to working with your child and learning more about the wonderful world of Nature! Remember, this is a hands on activity, and children must come dressed to work in the dirt!

Ms Coutee & Ms Lewis

