



AVIANO MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL  
SY2011-2012  
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Buon Natale e Felice anno Nuovo

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## On the Calendar...

### December

16 ~ Christmas Movie Night (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) in the Gym, 1930-2200

19 Dec – 2 Jan ~ *Winter Recess* (school resumes Tuesday, 3 January 2012...will be a “C” day)

**\*NOTE:** Aviano School Complex will be working on limited hours during the Winter Break. If you need assistance please call: **3351415659 or 6325089 from 19-22 Dec** and **3351028637 from 27-30 Dec.**

### January

3 ~ **Welcome Back! First school day of the New Year ☺**

5 ~ PEP Rally!

9 ~ Deadline for MLK Essay (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)...*details below*

16 ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School

26 ~ last day of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

27 ~ Teacher Workday, No school for students

\*\* Check out our school website..... <https://inet.eu.ds.dodea.edu/avia-hs/>

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## CONGRATULATIONS to:

**SAM HILLESTAD** (AMHS Graduate and Valedictorian, Class of 2011)

At the close of his first semester at Brown University, Sam’s final architecture project was chosen ‘Best in Show’ and will be on display this winter in the lobby of the visual arts building at Brown.

Proud mother, Mrs. Pam Hillestad, who is a teacher at AMHS, shared these encouraging words, “*Sam is so excited; clearly Dave Izzo had a great deal to do not only with nurturing Sam’s love of architecture, but in teaching him the skills necessary to achieve at his current level. Thank you so much Dave!!! We all know you run an amazing program, but it’s always nice to hear how your students are doing out in the world!*”

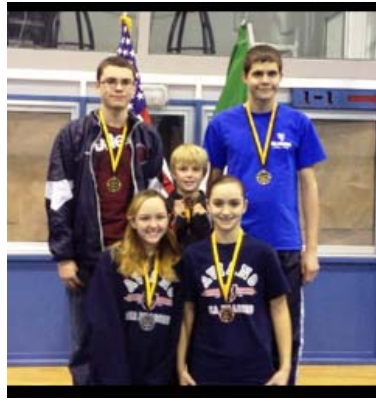
\*Mr. Dave Izzo is one of our highly esteemed **STEAM** teachers(**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math**)

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**Congratulations to the five Sea Dragon swimmers** that medaled in the Southern Division Pentathlon meet in Vicenza last weekend. The Pentathlon requires the swimmers to swim all five events in their age group: freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and individual medley. The winners are determined by the lowest combined times.

9-10 – E Whaley – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

13-14 - B Malley – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
15-16 – K Ramos – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
15-16 – A Chavez – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
17-19 – S Killen – 1<sup>st</sup> place



CMSgt Jeff Craver and the previously Graduated Class 12A, Airman Leadership School (ALS), for your donation of \$250.00 to the Aviano Middle/High School Booster Club!

## Seminar Class Door Decoration Contest...

*And the WINNER is.....*

**First Place**  
**Ms. Williams**  
**7th**



**Second Place**  
**Ms. Malknecht**  
**9th**



**Third Place**  
**Mrs. Thompson**  
**7th**



***\*to view all doors visit our "Aviano School Complex" FaceBook page!***

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A **"Mystery Night"** (Rock & Roll Over Dead) was held in the M/HS Information Center on Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Information Specialist, Tina Lake. Detectives(middle school students) were assign to groups and given rock band group names. High school students acted out the part of the murder suspects. Mystery night is similar to the game "Clue" where students visit crime scenes and listen to police and suspect statements. The middle school students gathered evidence from the crime scenes and researched the suspect's motives. This is a great activity where students gathered information using graphic organizers to organize information and then to draw conclusions about "Who did it". This activity is in support of the school-wide continuous school improvement communication goal

**The Mystery Night was a success.... Special thanks to K Biasotti, A Vasquez S Ridgeway, E Good, R Herrera, E James, and S Kohl for volunteering to be the cast for the Mystery Night.**

**Congratulations to Y Gagum, G Rodriguez and R Wentworth as they solved the Mystery and took first place for the event.**



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**Announcements** *IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR 31FW BASE COMMAND...*

**\*Martin Luther King (MLK) Middle School Essay Contest:**

As part of the MLK Day events, "Remember, Celebrate, Act... A Day On, Not a Day Off", Middle School students (grades 6-8) are invited to participate in an essay contest. All interested students should write a short essay expressing what the theme "Remember, Celebrate, Act" means to them and why they think Dr. King was an important part of history. **Essays should be turned in by 3pm on January 9th to Ann Maglio in the School Liaison Office, located in the Middle/High School Building.** First place essay winner will have their essay

published in the base Compass, second place essay winner will be invited to read their essay for the Martin Luther King Breakfast on January 13th, and the third place essay winner will receive an I-tunes gift card. For specific questions about MLK Day events please contact TSgt Shaleika Anderson at DSN: 632-4851 or for drop-off/ deadline information please contact Ann Maglio at DSN: 632-5261.

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Ann Maglio  
School Liaison Officer  
Aviano AB, Italy  
DSN: 632-5261

**\*"The 31st Medical Group** would like to announce its modified holiday schedule. The Medical Group will operate normal clinic hours 19-22 and 27-30 December. Acute care clinic services will be available on Friday, 23 December from 0900-1300 by calling the appointment line @ 0434-30-5000. The Medical Group will be closed on both holiday weekends and Federal Holidays. For health care concerns or questions, you may call the Nurse Advice Line by calling the appointment line and selecting the '\*' option at the main menu. For any urgent care needs or emergencies, please go to Pordenone or the nearest emergency room. Inpatient obstetrical services will NOT be affected and will continue to be available 24/7 during the holidays, and ambulance services will remain on standby for real world emergencies. The Medical Group will resume normal clinic operations on Tuesday, 3 January."

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**Love & Logic** - *Helping adults to raise responsible kids since 1977.*

### **Love and Logic – Word of Caution**

Many of you have taken the Parenting with Love and Logic course, written by Jim Fay and Foster Cline, which has been offered at this base for years. In fact, it was so popular at one point we had to put a limit on how many could attend. Some people even took it three times! If you took the course, hopefully over the years, all the ideas and language patterns have become part of your parenting style and you have managed to raise responsible children who have learned from logical consequences with a loving parent nearby for support. Some of you may have children who have resisted this love and logic approach and continue to make choices that aren't really working for them. For example, you might have a child who is about two to three years older than they were when you took the course. They may have become so adept at learning to live with their bad choices that it doesn't faze them at all – or so it seems. Here is where the *caution* comes in. Don't let that fool you. Being a Love and Logic parent doesn't mean you can stop being a parent. When your child continues to make bad choices, you must step in. That is what parenting is all about. Don't forget – your child needs parents who are not “**drill sergeants**” or “**helicopters**” but are “**consultants**”. If this doesn't ring a bell, get out your old workbook! If your child is failing a class it is still your job as a parent to help them see the errors of their way.

I imagine some of you don't know what I'm talking about because you haven't taken the course. **If this is the case, please sign up for the next Becoming a Love and Logic Parent class that is going to be offered starting in January. It starts Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and runs for 6 sessions.** Remember, you can offer choices for your child, but they must be ones you can live with. To sign up or ask questions, please email [Kristine.Kessler@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Kristine.Kessler@eu.dodea.edu). (counselor, Aviano Elementary School)

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*"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in"*

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**Aviano MHS Vision Statement** The vision of Aviano Middle/High School is to provide a rigorous and challenging learning environment that will empower all students to maximize their success in the global community.

**SMART Goal: Communication**

By 2012, all students at Aviano Middle/High School will improve their communication skills by demonstrating enhanced organization, editing, and presentation skills to be measured by selected system-wide and local assessments.

**SMART Goal 2: Critical Reading**

By 2012, all students at Aviano Middle/ High School will improve their critical reading skills by demonstrating an enhanced ability to summarize, predict, determine main idea, interpret and analyze text and graphical representations as measured by selected system-wide and school-based assessments.

Let's work together as Team Aviano to help our students believe in their potential, be accountable for high standards and reach high student achievement.

**Walk Proud, Saints!**

**Cristina Echevarria**

*Principal*

**Kenneth Younkin**

*Assistant Principal*