

The American International School *Lagos, Nigeria*

Presents



The Weekly
December 1, 2006

The
Beloved
Dearly

Doug Cooney



Superintendent's Message

Dear AISL Community,

December 1, 2006

The winter holiday season is quickly approaching and I wanted to take this opportunity to reinforce the importance of student attendance. It is critical for a number of reasons particularly in terms of lost instructional time. Attempting to retrieve past assignments is really not in the best interest of the student, however, we do understand when there are emergencies and situational circumstances that require students to miss class.

Just for your information, students in elementary grades may not be absent for more than 10 days in any one Trimester. Students in Junior High may not be absent more than 12 days in any one Semester. The accumulation of more absences than allowed does jeopardize a student academic standing.

Teachers are sensitive to the needs of families and will allow students to make up work, assignment, tests, etc. However, it is our standard practice and expectation that students will make up the work in a reasonable amount of time following the absences.

I want to impress upon all our community that attendance does matter!

Sincerely,

Thomas Shearer
Superintendent

"The Beloved Dearly"

How would you like to spend a nice, relaxing evening with your friends and family in an air-conditioned room watching live (funny!) entertainment?

📣 **Here's your chance!!**

Our AISL actors are performing a play **TONIGHT** (*1st of December*) in the gym at 6:30PM.

The play title is "*The Beloved Dearly.*"

(No, this is NOT a typo. The title really *is* "*The Beloved Dearly.*")
Come and find out why!

TICKETS for adults are 1000 naira per ticket.
TICKETS for children/students are 500 naira per ticket.

📣 **Please come and support us!!**

All are welcome!



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Counselor's Corner

Counselor- Julia L. Simens
American International School of Lagos



Developing Capable Kids

Many parents have stopped by to talk about the upcoming holidays and how they need help with a few things from a counselor's view.

Please plan to attend a
Parent workshop

December 7th at 12:45 in the
pool conference room.

I will be talking about "persistent pester power" that some child use when they keep nagging to the parents. Then I will cover the "I want it now syndrome" that some of the children might display. The 40-minute presentation's main focus will be on "How perception is the key to attitudes, motivation and behavior in our children."

What does John Alexander, Mrs. Marsha, Femi Akpan, Catherine Sutherland, Christopher Jackson, Toritseju Harriman, Chinma Onyewuenyi and Hyun-Jung Wi all have in common?

These are "REMARKABLE" students and staff that have been nominated by the AISL community with skills and behaviors worth noticing! Job Well Done. Look for more remarkable people in our bulletin board in the courtyard.

Now is the time that we need to say good-bye to those special friends who will be leaving AISL for good. Take the time to be sure to say good-bye before those last few hectic days when the holiday travels start. Make sure you drop Mr. Burns a note if your children will withdrawal from AISL so we can make sure the office have all their papers in order.

Stop by if you want additional help with saying goodbyes and what might be important for a child who is your child's age. With six international moves and various other passport country moves, I might be able to help talk you through some of the transition issues that come up in a move. Contact is jsimens@aislagos.com if you would like to set up an appointment.

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TOUR OF ITALY

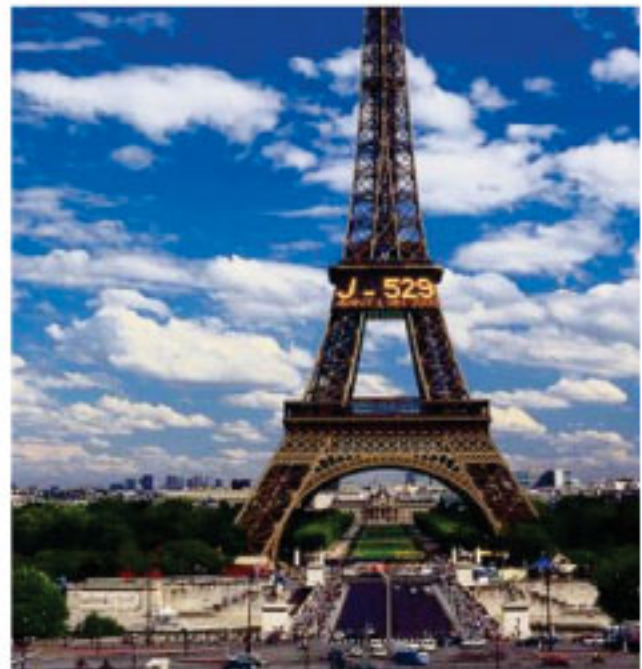


Don't miss it!!!!

- Final payment of the entire balance of the \$3200 fee for the tour is due in the business office at close of business 11 December.
 - Students who have not submitted the proper paperwork should **GET IT TO MR. MARKS IMMEDIATELY!!**
 - Thank you to everyone who promptly turned in their paperwork
 - Mrs. Simens is joining the tour as the third teacher chaperone.
- We would like to thank Larry Fizer, Kim Davis and Julie Jackson who are the parent chaperones accompanying the group.

Italy Tour website- Check out information updates at www.getjealous.com/aislitaly
Questions? Contact Mr. Marks (kmarks@aislagos.com) or Mr. Slater (bslater@aislagos.com).

FRENCH TOUR 2007 up-date



22 November 2007

Dear Parents

We would like to thank the parents of the 24 students who have paid their deposit for the French Tour. We look forward to our travel to Paris, Annecy, Avignon, Chamonix, La clusaz etc.

Please remember to pay the second deposit of \$1450 on or before December 15, 2006.

At this point we will need the following documents:

- Two photocopies of your child's passport data page
- Two photocopies of a valid re-entry visa
- For non-Nigerians two photocopies of father's Residence Permit
- Four passport photos

If your child requires a French visa the requirements will be sent home soon.

Thanks

Anthony Omolu

Students of the Month for 4th – 6th
November 2006

3 – Shearer

1. Nathan Blackall
2. Maria Bato

3 – Jurgensen

1. Rahul Sadhwani
2. Tegan Chomse

3 – Westerbur

1. Nadia Hayatu-Deen
2. George Hutchings

4 – Mecca

1. Krsana Asnani
2. Joseph Zivny

4 – Petersen

1. Ala Akkad
2. Sam Zabadne

4 – Walhaug

1. Emily Edwards
2. Nicolas Christodoulou

4 – Fowle

1. Daniel Zhu
2. Theresa Lundsford

5 – Baietto

1. Simisola Olagundoye
2. Max Davis

5 – Mecca

1. Maor Pelossof
2. Erin May

5 – Mbanugo

1. Osarhiere Akpata
2. Bar Atias

6 – Teague

1. Maia Petrova
2. Jose Phillips

6 - Westerbur

1. Ben Olson
2. Rachel Bowen

6 – LaFontant

1. Hyun-Jin Wi
2. Ayomitoro Biobaku

Congratulations!

Students of the Month
November 2006

Thank you for putting forth such a great effort to improve yourself and those around you!

Student Council News

36 Student Council Representatives, from grades 1-6 were invited to The Seed School on V.I. to see what was purchased with monies that were donated last year with Student Council funds. The students at the Seed School were putting the purchased tables and chairs to good use. A.I.S.L. students enjoyed a couple hours touring the school, getting to listen to the 3 year old classes singing while viewing the older students learning some algebra. We also got to spend some time with The Seed School students on their play field as well. The P.E. teacher led the students from both schools in dance and rhythmic activities.



After School Activities Sign-ups

Monday and Tuesday, December 4th and 5th

*Sign-ups start after school at 2:15

Sign-ups with **Teacher**

Ms. Masha- Chior room

- 3-5 Chior and Recorder
- Adv. Recorder I, II, III, and IV

Ms. Reese- Band room

- 6-9 Chior and Beginning Band
- Open Rehearsal
- Strings

Ms. Rubel- Rm. 113

- K-2 Story Time

Ms. Jurgensen- Rm. 106

- K-2 Homework Study Group

Ms. Ridenour- Rm. 103

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Ms. Westerbur- Rm. 205

- K-4 Jewelry Making

Ms. Petersen/Ms. Davis- Rm. 209

- 3-6 Puppet Theatre

Ms. Slater- Rm. 316

- 6-9 Science Extra Help

Mr. Rainbolt- 2nd Floor Annex- Room 3

- 4-9 Creative Writing

Ms. Ahluwalia- Rm. 220

- 3-6 French help/fun

Ms. Ayoh- Rm. 219

- 3-6 French help/fun

Ms. Lawson- Rm. 307

- 3-9 Art with Clay

Sign-ups in **Gym** only

Mr. Alfred

- K-9 Karate

Mr. Dutse

- K-9 Taekwondo

Mr. Bassey

- 3-9 African Dance

Mr. Inyang

- 3-9 Soccer

Mr. Shoyeolu

- K-9 Chess

Mr. Liman

- K-9 Golf

Mr. Alonge

- K-9 Gymnastics

Mr. Francis/Harrison

- K-9 Swimming

Mr. Kolawole & Arungwa

- K-9 Tennis

Mr. Carr

- K-9 Guitar





Announcing All Recorder Concert

**Friday, Dec. 8th
at 3:00pm
in the school gym**

Come and start your holiday season with some familiar melodies such as

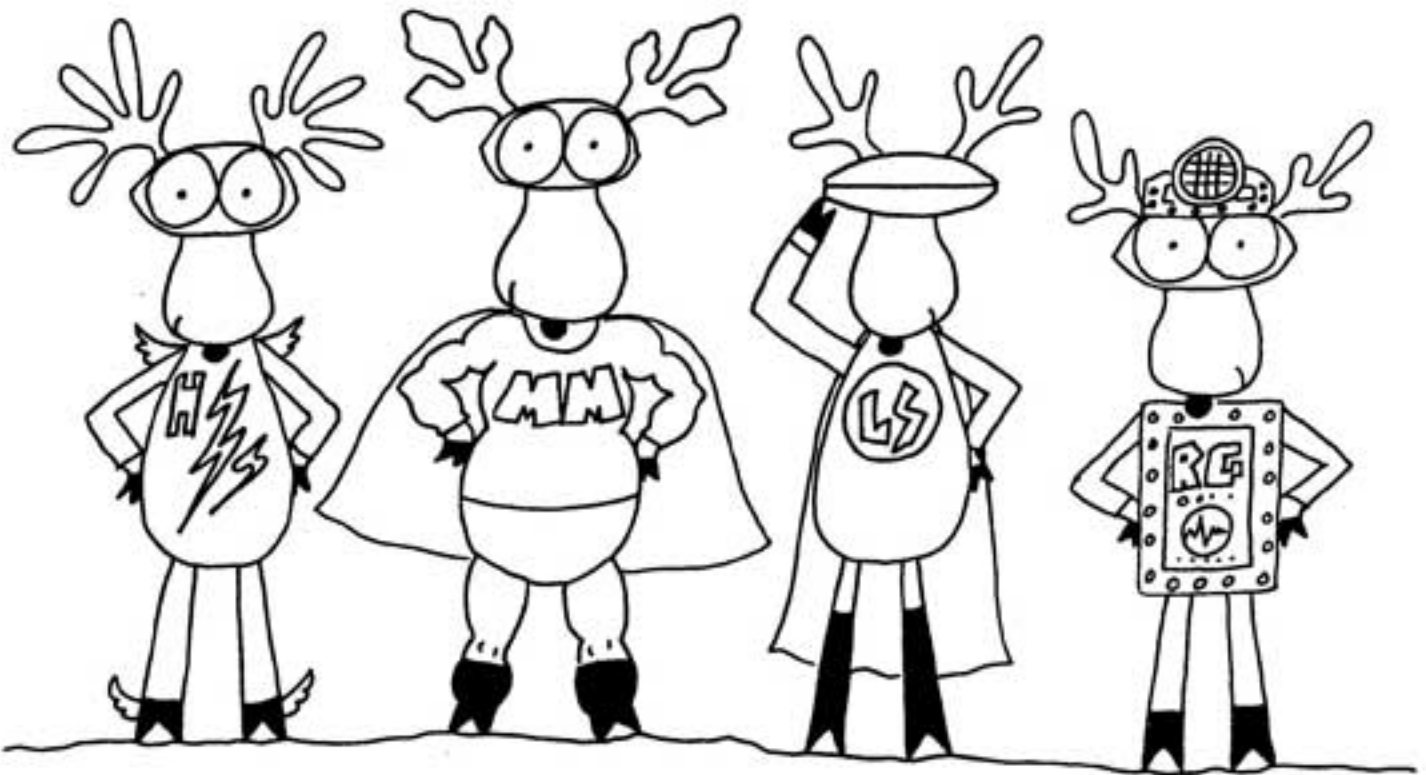
Frosty the Snowman
Santa Claus is Coming to Town
Little Drummer Boy
O Holy Night
And many many more

Hope you will join us!!



The 1st through 4th graders Present
***Incredible
Reindeer***

A Super Holiday Fantasy For Young Voices
by Teresa Jennings



Date: December 12, 2006

Time: 12:40pm

Place: The gym

A VOICE FOR ELLA

(The Stage Play)

....a magnificent modern adaptation of the age-old fairy tale 'Cinderella', its a fusion of music, dance, drama and more music....

The first of its kind in the country and its coming to AISL!!!

Date: Saturday 9th Dec. 2006

Time: 3pm - 4.30pm

Venue: AISL gymnasium

Tickets: N1500***

On sale next week beside the office and before the show

Come and enjoy a wonderful show and help someone in need as 50% of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

Its also starring one of your own, Idia Aihie - 2Ri!

For additional information, see poster in front of school or call 01- 0802 443 8285.

***Special rate for AISL



Saturday Soccer League



A reminder to all that **there will be NO soccer** again **this Saturday** as there will be a big Swim Meet at the school and baseball will be holding tryouts.

Saturday, 9 December, will be the last day for soccer. Please see the schedule for the games below. We will also have the **end of season parties and awards ceremonies on this day.** The format of the day will be the game at the normal time, then all players, families & coaches will go to the Pool Conference Room for trophy & photo presentations. After presentations, everyone can head to the pool area to eat & swim for the remainder of your hour. So **everyone needs to bring swimsuits & towels.** Teams Mom's are arranging for the food and drinks to be brought for their team's party.

Time	Field	Week #11, Dec 9	
8:00	1	Australia	vs. Spain
	2	Italy	vs. India
	3	Ireland	vs. Cameroon
9:00	1	Portugal	vs. Nigeria
	2	South Africa	vs. United States
10:00	1	Denmark	vs. Finland
	2	Scotland	vs. Norway
11:15	1	Paraguay	vs. Canada
	2	China	vs. New Zealand
12:15	1	Chile	vs. France
	2	Mexico	vs. England
1:30	1	Holland	vs. Germany
	2	Argentina	vs. Brazil

Please note that Ireland and Cameroon will be the two Division B teams playing at the 8:00 AM slot on 9 December.

Remember, you **must wear shin pads and the correct plastic studded football boots for all games and practices.** Please, also remember to bring suntan lotion, extra drinks and hats.

If for some reason the weather looks bad, check for **weather issues** by phoning **08025015959.** I will **decide on the weather around 7:15 AM** and put a message on the voice mail.

NOVEMBER 30, 2006

SCHOOL PICTURE ORDER UPDATE

Orders received before and up to December 1, 2006 will be ready in your child’s class on Monday December 4, 2006. If you will need your package before Dec. 4, let the photographer know.

Meanwhile the last day to order your child’s school picture is December 7, 2006. Picture package orders turned in at this time will be ready by January 15, 2007.

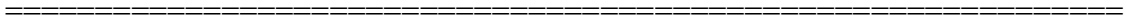
The photographer or his representative will be available to receive orders on the table outside the business office Mon. – Fri. 7.00am – 10.00am and 1.00pm – 3.00pm everyday. After that you will only be able to order by calling the photographer direct on 0802 831 9469/0806 244 0044.

PACKAGE CHOICES & PRICES

A 1 8x10 print 2 5x7 prints 4 3x5 prints 1 class photo 16 wallet size print N2500	B 1 8x10 print 1 5x7 print 2 3x5 prints 1 class photo 16 wallet size prints N2100	C* 1 5x7 print 2 3x5 print 16 wallet size prints N1500
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One 8x10 class photo only N1000

*Please note that Package C does not have a class photo.



SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER FORM

Student Name Last

..... First

Package choice Amount paid

Teacher/ Class