

# **AISS TAKES THE COURT**



**The American International School  
Lagos, Nigeria  
January 26, 2007**

January 25, 2007

Dear AISL Community,

In conjunction with the Board of Directors, I wish to inform our constituency of our intent to stay with our current school year calendar, specifically the Spring Break. The Spring Break will remain as scheduled with Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. April 5<sup>th</sup> with school resuming April 16<sup>th</sup> at our normal start. However, school will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, which was previously identified as a day off. This will help us “bank” on extra day if we need it later on.

These decisions are based upon information gathered from the U.S. State Department as well as security resources from a number of our companies that have children here at AISL. Of course we understand the complexity of trying to predict what will happen during the upcoming elections, however, after reviewing all the different scenarios that impact our school calendar, the original 06-07 calendar allows us to better plan and prepare for any unforeseen days when school might be closed. Maintaining our commitment to academic integrity, insuring students and parents safety are the most important factors. I believe staying with our original calendar helps us do that!

Our faculty will work diligently to have School Note functioning, a plan to extend days if we need to make up time, or at the worst case extend the school year. Regardless AIS is prepared to address short delays and extended delays. We will keep you informed of plans as we get closer to Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Shearer  
Superintendent

February 2, 2007

Issue 10

# Counselor's Corner

Counselor- Julia L. Simens  
American International School of Lagos

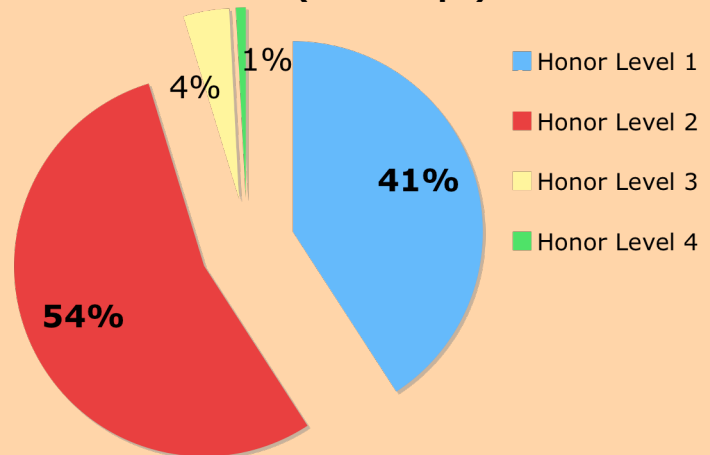
## Those wonderful Jr. High Students

It was great to see so many students able to attend the Jr. High End of Term BLUE SLIP party. The last week was full of "firsts" for many in our Jr. High program. All of the students went to their first cross aged grouping of homerooms. Students used this study hall time to prepare for finals. Also for forty-nine 7<sup>th</sup> graders this was their first exposure to finals.

Special Thank You to Mrs. Camp and Mrs. Carmon who provide wonderful snacks for our party.

Hats off to the teachers who orchestrated a fun event of pool games, tug of war and capture the flag games. All had good fun and it was a nice way to say good-bye to those Finals

**Jr. High Behavioral Leadership for Unlimited Education (BLUE slips)**



It is with great pleasure to introduce the 34 new students who arrived into the AISL family in January. I have met each and every child; they appear to be getting into a routine already. Please remember that it takes up to 6 weeks for a child to really feel like they can be comfortable and get down to the business of learning. Remember a new Mom and Dad can also need a smiling face so if you see someone in the courtyard that you do not know, please extend them a warm welcome.

As in all international school, I have already started the process of working with some children on leaving. Please let me know if I can help with this situation in your family or any other issues you might be facing.

**Jr.High Behavioral Leadership**

for Unlimited Education (BLUE) Honor Level

# Do you have one?

If you drive to school, you will need an AISL sticker for your car! Changes are on the way, cars without an AISL sticker will not be allowed onto the main road that runs in front of the school! The guards of the 1004 Estates will block your entry.

Don't delay!

Please stop by the office to get your sticker. You will need to bring the following information.

## Vehicle Information Needed to Receive AISL Car Sticker:

Model/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_

License number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Curriculum Corner

Dear Parents,

Grade1 to grade 9 parents, please remember that we are testing for ITBS all next week.

- We hope to keep a positive upbeat approach to the testing.
- No extra study is needed for these tests.
- The students need to sleep early in order to rest.
- Prompt arrival each day is a must as many tests are given while the students are fresh.

We are encouraging each student to give every effort for an outstanding performance.

# Parent Teacher Organization



BINGO NIGHT REQUESTS!

DOES ANYONE OUT THERE HAVE  
EXTRA BOTTLES OF TOMATO  
KETCHUP OR MUSTARD!!!!

IF YOU COULD DONATE ONE (OR  
MORE) TO THE PTO WE CAN SHARE  
THEM AT BINGO NIGHT  
PLEASE LEAVE THEM IN THE  
GIFTS BOX IN THE OFFICE.

ALSO:  
UNWANTED GIFTS? UNUSED  
BIRTHDAY PRESENTS? TOO MANY  
XMAS PRESENTS?

THE PTO WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO  
TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS AND  
USE THEM FOR FAMILY BINGO  
NIGHT. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE  
GIFTS ARE UNOPENED AND  
UNUSED.

A BOX WILL BE AVAILABLE IN  
THE OFFICE FOR ANY GIFTS YOU  
CAN DONATE.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
CONTACT TRICIA GLOVER  
08032442146

**Wireless and Wine night** was a very fun and interesting night. I am sorry if you missed it. I learned a great deal about the school's program for my children in regard to the computer classes they give. I even had a chance to try out a few of the programs they use with our children. It was quite challenging.

Our next event is on February 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. Mrs. Duke of Eco Travel will be joining us at 12:30 to talk about trips available to take within Nigeria and beyond. Come and enjoy the great topics she has to share with us. Pool Conference Room Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

Bingo has been moved to March 24<sup>th</sup>  
We realize this is during the International trips, but the families are still welcome to come and the children who are traveling will have a chance to buy raffle tickets for the special prizes during the week before they travel.

PTO board elections will be coming in a few months. The PTO is looking to find a nominating committee to help in the process of elections. If you are interested please call :  
Katrina Head 0803 568 9707 or 262-1878

If you have an interest to be more involved next year with the PTO, then let a board member know.

# Saturday Baseball Update



AISL parents, the 2007 season is up and running and the first games are this weekend, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for this Saturday is below. Please try to have players there 15-30 minutes before games to warm up.

Date	Day	Time	Field 1	Field 2	Field 4
27-Jan  Week 1	Saturday  Environmental Late game times	11:00 - 12:15	<u>T-Ball</u> Cardinals vs. Tigers	<u>Bantam</u> Indians vs. White Sox	<u>T-Ball</u> Royals vs. Brewers
		12:30 - 1:45		<u>Bantam</u> Marlins vs. Twins	<u>Minor</u> Rockies vs. Red Sox
		2:00 - 3:15		<u>Mustang</u> Phillies vs. Diamond Backs	<u>Minor</u> Reds vs. Nationals
		3:30 - 4:45		<u>Mustang</u> Diamond Backs vs. Cubs	<u>Little</u> Mariners vs. Blue Jays
		5:00 - 6:15			<u>Pony</u> Astros vs. Rangers

Parents, if you have any gloves that your child has outgrown and could be donated to the school, it would be much appreciated.

# **AISL PTO TELEPHONE TREE AND DIRECTORY**

**2007**

To all Parents

## **TELEPHONE TREE**

The telephone tree has been sent home to all participating parents. This excludes parents from Shell, Chevron, Mobil, AISL employees and the US Embassy, who have their own emergency communication systems in place.

**The school will test the efficiency of the Telephone Tree on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Please check that you have received your document and that your telephone numbers are correct. If there is a mistake, please tell the person above you on the list, and also drop a note in the PTO box, for attention Marion Taylor, with the correct information.

Good luck and best wishes for effective messaging!

## **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

The telephone directory will be on sale on Monday at the school store.



# **Saturday Soccer League 2006**

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**We have given out most of the late  
arriving soccer trophies for the 2006  
season.**

**All players who played in Saturday  
Soccer earned a trophy.**

**If you haven't gotten yours, please call**

**Dan Smith 08035355425**

**or**

**Tricia Glover 08032442146**

**To get yours.**

# A Piano Recital

Another concert to look forward to!

Chief Maria Asseeva, the MUSON Centre's resident pianist, is performing works by Tchaikovsky, Ayo Bankole and Lizst. In addition an AISL guest star, Anna Benoit will be also performing works by Tchaikovsky and Rubinstein.



This recital will be held at the Agip Recital Hall at the MUSON Centre on Sunday, Feb. 4th 2007 at 6:00 PM. Tickets cost N1000. For MUSON members and students N500. Tickets are available at the door, the MUSON centre: 8/9 Marina, Onikan Tel: 2646670, 2646665 and at Quintessence: Falomo Shopping Centre, Falomo, Lagos. Tel: 2694680



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## Important Dates!

- ◆ TBA Feb.  
Chaperone Meeting
- ◆ 1 Mar. @ 6:30PM  
Meeting to discuss  
travel logistics,  
luggage, shopping,  
etc.
- ◆ 14 Mar. @ 6:00PM  
Luggage pre-check

### Chaperones:

Jason Westerbur  
Terry Burns  
Ebele Mbanugo  
Jimmy Mecca  
Marne Burns  
Anne Mathers  
Kathryn Fannin  
Nancy Massey  
Ntekpe Inoyo

*Thank you!*



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## US Visa Meeting Recap and Instructions

**Thank you! Thank you!**

**Thank you!** Hanna Cheves for taking the time to work with our parents who need US Visas. We really appreciate your help and effort in making this process user friendly for all those involved. Parents left feeling relieved and grateful.

To recap, parents please provide the following documents to Mrs. Mbanugo (Rm. 305) by **Fri., 2 Feb. 07:**

- Electronic, bar-coded DS-156 non-immigrant visa application, help available at AISL and/or online at <https://evisaforms.state.gov/ds156.asp?lang=1>
- International passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended period of stay in the United States
- 2 passport (5cm x 5cm) photographs, full face forward against a *white* background

- Invitation letter from Mr. Westerbur (pick up from the office or Mr. Westerbur (Rm. 315))
- Proof of residence (Nigerian Residence Permit or the like)
- Verification of employment (letter from your company)
- Fee must be paid to UBA Bank, visit:

**<http://abuja.usembassy.gov/visaapaymentinfo.html>** for bank locations) Receipt of payment will be issued (please copy receipt and include in this package) Information regarding US Visa fees is available at: **<http://travel.state.gov/visa/reciprocity/index.htm>**

### Important! VWP Passport Holders

Most Canadian citizens and many citizens from Visa Waiver Program countries can come to the U.S. without a visa if they meet certain requirements. Starting October 26, 2004, visa waiver travelers from ALL 27 Visa Waiver Program countries must present either a machine-readable passport at the U.S. port of entry to enter the U.S. without a visa, otherwise a U.S. visa is required. See information about the upcoming 10/26/05 digital photograph and 10/26/06 e-passport requirements for VWP travelers. Other foreign citizens will need a nonimmigrant visa.

More detailed information about this new procedure and the Visa Waiver Program can be found at: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp\\_1305.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html) or email Hannah Cheves at: [ChevesE@state.gov](mailto:ChevesE@state.gov) for clarification.



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Ebele Mbanugo  
Jimmy Mecca  
Marne Burns  
Anne Mathers  
Kathryn Fannin  
Nancy Massey  
Ntekpe Inoyo

*Thank you!*



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## Documents Required for Safety

As the regulations for air travel become tighter around the world, it is important for our students to travel with correct documentation. **Therefore, parents please provide photocopies of Cerpac (Resident) Cards, shot records, and health insurance cards to Mr. Westerbur before March 1, 2007.**

You may ask why this is necessary? The regulations for entering and exiting the USA via air travel have changed in recent months. Travelers may be asked to show proof of residency along with re-entry visas for travel to countries of which they are not citizens when exiting the USA.

For this reason, *copies of parents' Cerpac (Resident) Cards* are necessary.

Health concerns are more prevalent these days. *Copies of shot records* prove your children have immunizations and vaccinations for various illnesses. *Copies of health insurance cards* are beneficial in the event of an illness that requires care to be provided at a hospital/clinic. Your insurance company is notified and paperwork is started before arriving at the hospital/clinic.

Thank you for your help!

## Paperwork Due 1 March

### WashDC Paperwork

Due Date: Wed., 1 March 2006

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Rm 315, Mr. Westerbur

Complete: **Copies** of Items below

- ◇ Passport
- ◇ US Visa
- ◇ Transit Visa
- ◇ Nigerian Re-entry
- ◇ Parent Cerpac (Resident) Card
- ◇ Shot Record
- ◇ Health Insurance

## Parent Info Meeting

**WashDC Parent Information Meeting scheduled:**

**Date: Thur., 1 March 2007**

**Time: 6:30 PM sharp**

**Place: Drama Room**

**Why:** Discuss luggage, packing information, medications, special needs, travel details, AISL luggage pre-check date and procedures, and other details