

THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
LAGOS, NIGERIA - THE WEEKLY
MAY 18, 2006



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May 16, 2007

Dear AISL Voting Member,

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Election of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, May 15. The turnout was indicative of the value parents place on the education of their children. Of the six highly qualified candidates, there were two that secured enough votes to be seated. Congratulations to Mr. Dan Smith and Mrs. Orietta Sotomayor-Skarstein for being elected to serve on the Board of Directors. However, the third position on the Board of Directors of AISL is still undecided because there is a tie between Mrs. Aimee Edwards and Mr. Mike Steelman.

The protocol for resolving this is to have parents who participated in the election to vote in a run-off between Mrs. Aimee Edwards and Mr. Mike Steelman. The Nominating Committee has determined the following procedure for the run-off:

1. Only AISL association members who registered and participated in the election process on Tuesday, May 15th are eligible to vote in the run-off.
2. Each association member who participated in the election process must come in person to the Main Office to receive a new ballot of the run-off candidates at the following times:
 - Thursday, May 17th : 7:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Friday, May 18th : 7:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 19th : 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
3. You will only be allowed to cast your own vote. You will not be permitted to vote on behalf of any other association member who participated in the election process (i.e. spouse).

We would like to thank each of the candidates for their excellent presentation and open dialogue with the community. We encourage you to take the time to participate in this important run-off process. The results will be announced on Monday, May 21st.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Shearer
Superintendent

Ekaba Davies
Chairperson, Nominating Committee

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
REMINDER**

**LAST DAY TO PAY YOUR
TUITION FOR – 2007/08**

The last day for paying tuition is TODAY - Friday, May 18th! There is no guarantee of seat and a late payment charge of **10% will be levied** if payments are received after this date. If you have made payment directly to one of our bank accounts, make sure you have given the details to the Business Office.

May 18th, 2007

Counselor's Corner

Counselor- Julia L. Simens
American International School of Lagos

Happy to introduce the newest members to AISL

Mr. Burns and I have been very busy working on the enrollment for the 2007-2008 Pre-Kindergarten classes. We have assessed many of these eager students who are already in Lagos. Some of them will be joining brothers and sisters at AISL. Some will be coming from area play centers or schools and already have a network of friends in Lagos. The Pre-K orientation schedule for August is as follows:

All Pre-Kindergarten students who have been screened and approved by Mr. Burns will

join us on the first day of school for an orientation program. During orientation the children with parents will meet with the Administration, School Counselor, School Nurse, Class Teachers and Teacher Assistants. Then parents and students will visit the child's classroom for a short period.



Supporting Children in Transitions-

Friendship is a phenomenon that occurs between two children with a history together. Friendship researches say that children need eight things from childhood relationships, seven of which come for friendship and only one from the group. Friendship provides affection, intimacy, a reliable alliance, aid, nurturance, companionship, and an enhancement of self-worth. The only thing a group adds is a sense of inclusion, but something most children crave.

Please insure that your child has a "friend rich" summer. Get them involved with children with similar interests. If you need any help thinking of how to do this, stop by the counseling office.

Academic help over the summer. Many of you have probably seen or read the books by E.D. Hirsch, *What Your First Grader Needs to Know*, *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know*, etc. Dr. Hirsch covers a variety of things each grade level might have exposure to in an American curriculum such as "Kindergarten children should learn about Native American peoples, counting 1 to 31, and the seven continents." I think he books are a wonderful resource for the summer. Do not buy the next years level, buy this years level to make sure your child does not have any gaps in his or her basic knowledge.

But you know your kids and how fast they can learn better than any author, including myself so look carefully at the books and what they cover to see if it is right level for your child. Some children benefit from a lower level to prove master of all items covered.

American International School of Lagos
Board of Directors
Agenda for Tuesday, May 22nd, 2007 – AISL Conference Room

Study Session – 4:30 p.m.

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Regular Session – 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- I. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Adoption of Minutes
- III. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community
- IV. Superintendent Meeting
- V. Members of the Community Wishing to Address the Board
- VI. Old Business
 - A. 2008-2009 Calendar Committee Report
 - B. Report from Nominating Committee
 - C. High School Report
 - D. Second Reading of Revisions to Investment Policy 10.300
 - E. Capital Budget Approval 2007-2008
 - F. Surplus in 2006-2007 Capital Budget
 - G. Second Reading to Personnel Policies 6.000/7.000
 - H. Financial Statements and Management Control Report - July 31, 2006
- VII. New Business
 - A. Recognition of outgoing Board Members
 - B. Welcome New School Board Members
 - C. 2007-2008 Election of Officers
 - D. Board Retreat 2007-2008
 - E. 2007-2008 Board List & Summer Addresses
 - F. Modifications to 2007-2008 School Calendar
 - G. Memorandum of Understanding with:
 - U.S. State Department
 - Tacoma School District
 - Klein School District
 - H. Submittal of Contractual Bids for Summer Work
- VIII. Members of the Community Wishing to Address the Board
- IX. Next Regular Meeting
- X. Executive Session

AISL GOODWILL GAMES

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

The first annual AISL Goodwill Games features Boys & Girls competing in divisional soccer matches.

Division I:	3-5 Graders
Division II:	6-9 Graders
Teams:	5-on-5

Divisional matches will be played on Saturday, May 26, 8 am – 4 pm and Sunday, May 27, 8 am – 4 pm. Divisional Finals will be played on Saturday, June 2nd at 9 am. Division winners will receive a team trophy.

Player sign-up begins Monday, May 21st. The PE Department will compile teams and post team rosters and game times on School Bulletin Boards on Friday, May 25. Players must report to the Corporate Sponsor area ½ hour before the match to receive their game t-shirts.

Goodwill Games tickets are N500 per person (age 5-up) per game day. Tickets may be purchased May 21-25, and on game days.

Contact Marionette Audifferen (08030567442), Ekaba Davies (08033137155), Tom Shearer or the PE Department for further information.

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE AISL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

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REMINDER!



Please join us for our spring musical, Schoolhouse Rock Live! Junior on Friday, the 25th of May at 6:00PM (prompt) in the AISL gymnasium.

Ticket prices:

Adult – 1000 naira each

Child – 500 naira each

Tickets will be on sale NOW! Sales are right after school near the main office.

Please note that all students must be accompanied by an adult during the Friday evening performance.

Hope to see all of you there!!

SYNOPSIS:

Tom, a new school teacher, is nervous about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV. Suddenly, the Schoolhouse Rock bunch appear in his living room and proceed to show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through beloved Schoolhouse Rock songs that cover a variety of subjects: math, science, history and grammar.

Like the classic television series, Schoolhouse Rock Live! Junior is an entertaining and educational treat that shows young people that learning can be as fun as you choose to make it.

Library End of the Year Schedule

With only four weeks of school left, the library needs to look at making sure all the books have been returned by students, staff and parents. Below is the end of the year schedule for the library:

- May 25** Last day to check out books
- June 1** *All items checked out from the library must be returned
 *Last day of library classes
- June 4-8** Library will be closed for inventory

Please check with your child to make sure that all their library books have been returned. If they have lost a book, check with the library staff and we will let you know the cost to replace it. Report cards will be held until all outstanding book fines are paid.

Tickets are now available for the Junior High End-of-Year:

“The Grand Finale”

Date: June 1, 2007

Time: 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Location: Nirvana

Cost: 2700 Nira per person – includes softdrinks and finger food

Dress: Formal

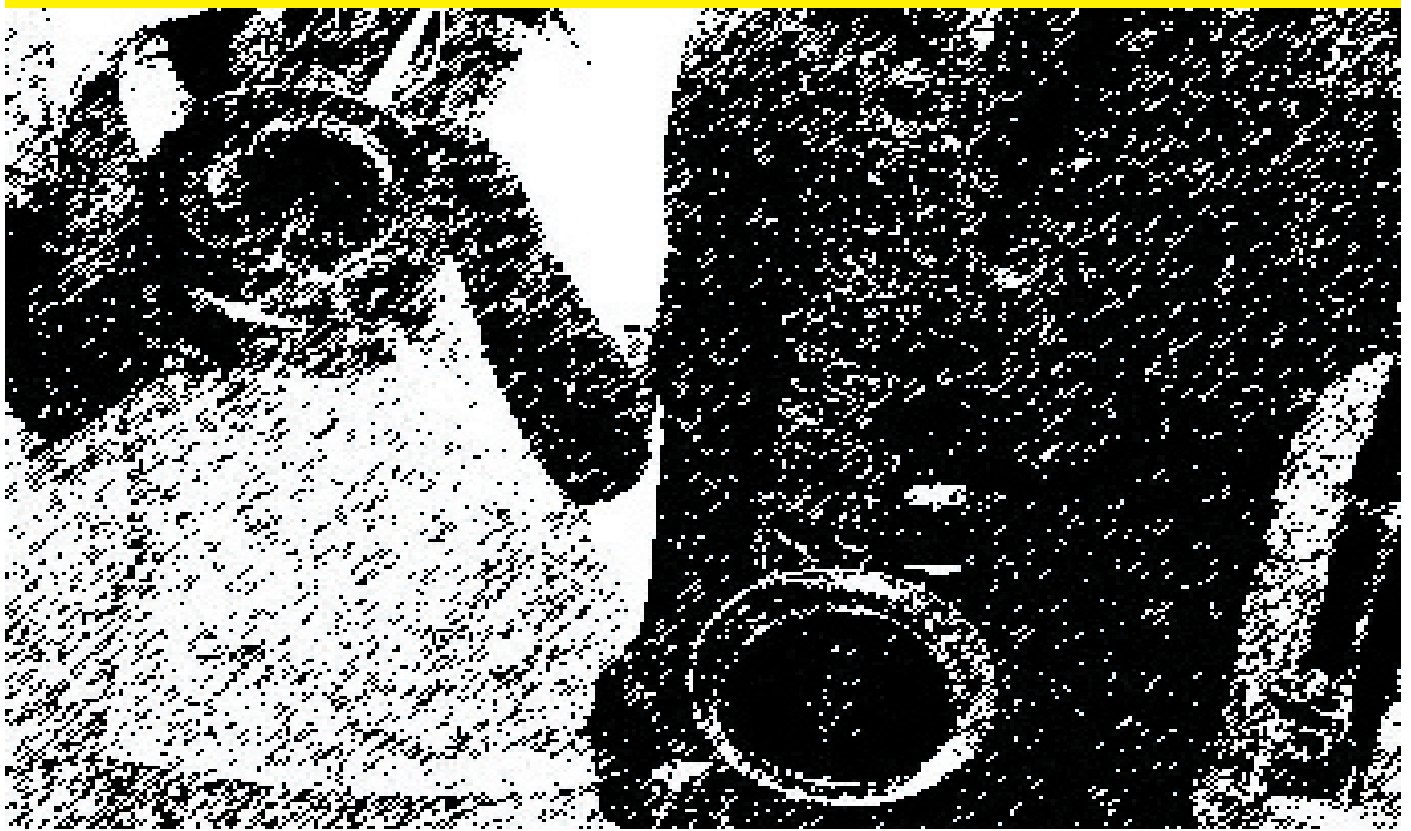


Tickets are on sale Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23 in Mr. Rainbolt's room.
No tickets will be sold at the door. Advance ticket sales only.

The American International School of Lagos
presents its

Symphonic Band and Jazz Band

IN CONCERT



SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007

5:00 P.M.

SHELL NIGERIA HALL.

MUSON CENTER