

5TH GRADE NATIVE AMERICAN THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



THE WEEKLY
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THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
LAGOS, NIGERIA



Superintendent's Message

Dear AISL Community,

November 23, 2006

The American Community celebrates Thanksgiving once a year to acknowledge the pilgrimage to America made by the Separatist who had earlier fled their homes in hopes of something better. The Pilgrims set ground in Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts on December 11, 1620. The first winter was devastating. Despite losing a number of people to the harsh winter, the harvest was plenty. So they decided to celebrate with a feast and this was the beginning of Thanksgiving.

In 1789, George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving. Not everyone joined in the recognition of Pilgrims, in fact Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of Thanksgiving. Finally in 1863 Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as the "National Day of Thanksgiving." In 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt introduced and Congress sanctioned this "Legal Holiday" on the fourth Thursday of November.

We are proud to give thanks for our heritage as all AISL families are to their own countries. Yet Thanksgiving to all of us includes giving thanks for the people who enhance and bring joy to our lives. On behalf of the AISL faculty, we are thankful for the tremendous contributions each of you make to this school on a daily basis to enhance and enrich the AISL environment.

Remember: Everyday is a Great Day at AISL.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Thomas Shearer
Superintendent

AISL Drama Club
presents our 2006-2007 fall play...

"THE BELOVED DEARLY"

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Ernie, a twelve-year-old business entrepreneur, makes a tidy profit in the pet funeral business. When he refuses to give his star employee a raise, the business starts to fall apart...

WHO ARE THE CHARACTERS?

Come and see a crying, tough tomboy, a girl science fair genius, a squeaky cheerleader, two creepy bug collector kids, a bunny owner, a canary owner, a digger, a drummer brother, an artistic kid, the captain of the Little League, and some very, very sad pet mourners IN ACTION!

WHEN?

Next Friday, December 1st from 6:30PM to 8:00PM.

WHERE?

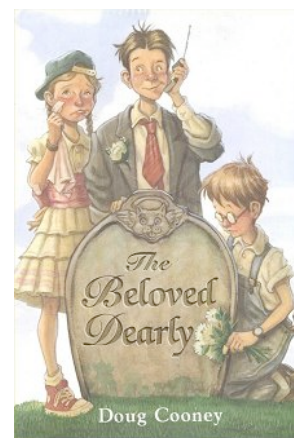
In the gymnasium

COST?

N 1000 per adult, N 500 per child/student
Tickets on sale next week by office and on night of evening performance.

ANYTHING ELSE?

We'd love to see everyone there HOWEVER we are asking parents to accompany AND SIT with their children at the play. Thanks for your cooperation!





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Important Dates!

- ◆ Nov. 23 Flights are booked
- ◆ Dec. 11 All fees must be paid in full in business office
- ◆ TBA Jan. 6:00 Organizational meeting to discuss **Visas**, travel logistics, luggage, shopping, etc.
- ◆ TBA Mar. 6:00PM Final Preparations Meeting



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Final Balance Due by 11 Dec. 2006

Attention Wash DC Parents!

The Passport Information Form is due now. To book the tickets KLM must have this information. Please fill out the Passport Information Form on back and return to Mr. Westerbur ASAP.

The **final balance** due for WashDC 2007 is **\$1280 (USD)** payable in the AISL Business office. Please pay with USD dated 1991 or later or with a check drawn on a US bank account. See Trudy Mafe, Business Office Manager, if you need to make other arrangements.

The last day for final payment is Mon., 11 Dec. 2006.

Things to Think About

As the Winter Break is approaching, there are some things to think about in preparation for WashDC 2007. Does your child have the following items in Lagos?

- Comfortable walking shoes (2 pair recommended)
- Coat for cold weather
- Raincoat for wet weather
- Sweatshirts (2-4)

If the answer is “no” to the above items, you may want to get these items during the Winter Break.

Visa Information

If you have not started the process of obtaining a US Visa, don't worry!!!

Hanna Cheves, from the US

Consulate will be scheduling a meeting in the month of January 2007 to begin the process with those who need a US Visa. Details are forthcoming, so please be advised. We ask that you have your a valid passport and all documentation is up to date.

Travel through Amsterdam Airport will require an **Airport Transit Visa** for some students. When the tickets are booked, KLM will notify us of who will need one. Students who need the Airport Transit Visa will need to submit 2 passport pictures (face-forward against a white background) and N8,500 to Mr. Westerbur.

Chaperone Info

Chaperones please remember to pay your deposit of \$1280 (USD) in the AISL Business Office, if you have not already done so.

Chaperones please remember to complete the registration forms and return them to Mr. Westerbur as soon as possible, as well as copies of your passport information.

***Yellow student travel and medical consent forms will be handed out next week.**

Paperwork Due Now!

Photocopies of DC students' passport information are due to Mr. Westerbur immediately. When making photocopies the most recent information is needed:

Copy of picture page(s)
Copy of Nigerian Re-entry
Copy of US Visa
Copy of Schengen Visa (if applicable)

*Airport Transit Visas will be issued after tickets are booked to applicable persons (more info coming soon)

If your child travels with two (2) passports, photocopies from both passports are needed.

Passport Information Needed ASAP

All Washington DC 2007 participants must complete the information below and return to Mr. Westerbur by Wednesday, 15 Nov. 2006. The information is needed for airline ticket purchases because we are flying in a large group.

Name as it appears in Passport: _____

Country of Passport: _____

Passport Number: _____

Date of Expiration: _____

Flier Mileage #: _____ (KLM/AIRFRANCE)

Final Balance Payment Form

Washington DC 2007 Deposit Form

Name: _____

Grade/Teacher: 4P 4M 4W 4F 5B 5N 5M 6L 6W 6T

Kindly submit this form with payment of \$1280 (USD) to the AISLagos Business Office. Deposit is payable by:

- Cash in USD, bills dated 1991 or newer
- Check payable on a US Bank Account

This form will be date stamped on/after Thurs., 16 Nov. 2006 by the AISL Business Office and collected by Mr. Westerbur.

Last date for payments is 11 Dec. 2006. No late payments!



Short Stories

November 23, 2006

Volleyball

Teachers/Parents vs. Students

A big thank you to all the teachers and parents that played or came to cheer up last Friday AISL students and volleyball coaches highly appreciate your coming.

THANK YOU

Mr. Okosun

E-Weekly

Sign up now for E-delivery of the weekly. Send requests to jcain@aislagos.com.

Boarding School Brochures

The Library is looking for extra copies of boarding school brochures to keep on file for check out. If you have any extra brochures please drop them off in the library.

High School Meeting

There will be an informational meeting regarding the new AIS Lagos High School at 1:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 28 in the Pool Conference Room.

Short Stories Part II



SWIM MEET: CHANGE OF TIME

The swim team Fall Invitational meet will hold on Saturday 2, December 2006.

Time: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm due to the MTN marathon coming up on the



Attention 3rd - 6th Grade Parents First Term Honor Roll Assembly

**Tuesday, November 28th, at 8:00 AM
Gymnasium**

**Agenda: Honor Roll & November Student
of the Month**

5th Grade Native American Thanksgiving Celebration

Thanks to the parents and teachers for making the Thanksgiving celebration fantastic.





After School Activity II Update

Please be aware of the changes to these After School Activities Session II. Download the updated copy at www.aislagos.com.

Story Time

- ✓ Wednesday – Mrs. Rubel 1:40-2:30 Grades K-2 – Room 113
 - ★ Students will read and listen to some of their favorite stories and act them out using puppets.
- ✓ **Limit 10 Students**

Jewelry Making

- ✓ Thursday – Mrs. Westerbur – 2:30-3:30 – Grades K-4 – Room 205
 - ★ Students will make jewelry with string and beads
- ✓ **Limit 10 Students**

Help with French Homework and Fun

- ✓ Tuesdays and Thursdays, – Mrs. Ahluwalia – Grades 3–6, 2:20-3:00 p.m. – Room 220
- ✓ Tuesdays and Thursdays – Mrs. Ayoh – Grades 3–6, 2:20-3:00 p.m. – Room 219
 - ★ **Limit 24 students (12 with each instructor)**

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

SATURDAY A.I.S.L.

BASEBALL ASSESSMENTS



Saturday, Dec. 2nd

Bantam –	(Boys & Girls grade 1 & 2)	8:00 to 9:00
Minor –	(Boys & Girls Grade 3 & 4)	9:00 to 10:00
Little –	(Boys Grade 5 & 6)	10:00 to 11:00
Mustang –	(Girls grade 5 thru 9)	11:00 to 12:00
Pony -	(Boys grade 7 thru 9)	12:00 to 1:00

We understand that this is the same day as the AISL swim meet. If your child is on the swim team, then they can be assessed after they are through swimming.

It takes a great deal of work to put these events together, so all others, PLEASE be on time. This will enable the assessors to move the players through quickly and waste as little time as possible.

It would also be very helpful to have a few parents help keep the kids in order while doing assessments. Anyone interested in helping out with this, please be there at the listed times. If you have any questions contact Kevin Huehlefeld on any of the following numbers:

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