



AIISL Band and Choir Hit the High Notes

**The Weekly
The American
International School
Lagos, Nigeria
November 3, 2006**

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AISL SPELLING CHAMPIONS!

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Superintendent's Message

Dear AISL Community,

November 3, 2006

It was quite a week of activity here at AISL. The Spelling Bee for grades 3-6 was held Wednesday evening and was an amazing display of some incredibly talented spellers. Congrats and thanks to Mrs. Ebele Mbanugo and others who helped organized the event. Then on Thursday evening, we as a community, were treated to a wonderful performance by our Music Department led by Mrs. Glenda Masha and Mrs. Laura Reese. All the performances by the recorders, choirs and bands were spectacular. What I came away with was how much I appreciated all the talents of our students and how fun it is to have them shine!

It appears that traffic is becoming more and more difficult for drop off and pick up. We realize that road conditions are not ideal and are frustrating at times. You may want to plan to arrive at school a little bit earlier to compensate for travel conditions. We have staff on duty as of 7:00 a.m. to supervise the courtyard and school grounds. For pick up, students need to wait in the "waiting area" until the vehicle enters the queue and their family name is called. New placards will be sent out to each family next Monday. Please remind your driver to place the placard on your dashboard so the family name can be seen by our staff. We will allow students to leave the "waiting area" to cross the street only if they are accompanied by a parent.

Remember: Everyday is a Great Day at AISL.

Sincerely,

Thomas Shearer
Superintendent

Nov. 3, 2006

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Counselor's Corner

Counselor- Julia L. Simens
American International School of Lagos

Taking the SSAT

Many parents ask me if it is important for their Jr. High student to take a standardized test. In short, yes, there are many excellent reasons to take these tests—and they go far beyond the benefit of succeeding as an admission requirement for another school.

As expat's you seldom have the benefit of know exactly where you might end up next and when so it can make it easier to get into the school of your choice. Most Jr. high students have little experience with this type of test, and I have found that familiarizing them with the format can help ease their way. It also measures your child's baseline in reading, vocabulary, and math and determine whether and if help is needed in content areas. The confidence your child will gain through this experience will very likely carry over to future standardized tests such as the SAT that most colleges require.

The Secondary School Admissions Test as a common measure for evaluating the abilities of all students, regardless of background or experience. The SSAT measures student ability in basic math, verbal and reading comprehension, and it evaluates the student's ability to think logically and to solve problems systematically. Many of the top American and Canadian schools will ask you to submit a report of your scores on the SSAT, an admission aptitude test used by more than 600 independent schools and given in 76 countries.

Students already pre-enrolled for this exam will meet Saturday Nov. 11 at 8:30 in the school library. The next available time will be March 3, 2007. Visit <http://www.ssat.org>

Jr. High has an excellent turn out to the Friday Dance.

A center in town with huge needs will be receiving the donated baby food and items. Thanks Student Senate!

8 B had a great turnout with almost 80% participation.

NEXT WEEK - 5th grade Lunch Bunches to start up!

Short Stories



November 3, 2006

High School Forum

Please join us Mondays in November in the Pool Conference Room for informational meetings regarding the new American International School Lagos High School. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last one hour. Come with suggestions, questions or even answers.

End of the Weekly

With the success of the new AIS Website and the E-Delivery of the weekly the paper copy of the weekly will cease distribution to students as of Jan 7, 2007. There will still be paper copies available for pickup in the office. To get current or past issues of the weekly go to and click on School then News and Info. To receive inbox delivery email jcain@aislagos.com. Sorry Hotmail users currently have inbox restrictions which will not allow attachments of over 2 MB to enter.

TAEKWONDO

TAEKWONDO Championship under 14 OPEN Nov 4 9 A.M.
Athletic Director.



PTO / AISL
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Dear Parents

We are hoping to have the **Telephone *Directory*** out soon, so if your telephone numbers or address have changed, or you wish to **add any information, comments or exclusions with regard to this**, please do so on the form below, before 6 November. **Telephone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses are included in the Telephone *Directory*, so should you object to this, let us know. This includes Shell, Chevron, Mobil and American Embassy parents.**

Thanks, once again, for your co-operation and assistance!

Changes to be made to the Telephone Directory:

Parents Name and Surname: _____

Telephone numbers:

Father: Mobile _____ **Office:** _____

Mother: Mobile _____ **Home:** _____

Office: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Childrens Names: _____ **Class:** _____

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Comments: _____

If you have filled this form in already for the Telephone Tree, you do not have to fill it in again for the Telephone Directory. Any queries, please text or phone Marion Taylor at 0803 5352692.

Competitive Volleyball Season 2006 / 2007

Sign up for this year's competitive volleyball is stated below:

Grade level: 7th-9th Grade (boys and girls)

Date: November 6, 2006

Venue: Gym floor

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Practice days: Monday, Wednesday and Fridays

Trials: November 10, 2006

First Game: AISL Teachers and parents vs. School team

Come with a lot of enthusiasm and good sportsmanship

Mr. Okosun
Head Coach.

After School Activities Update



End of 1st Term Activities

First Term After School Activities ends this Friday, November 3rd. All activities will be completed with the exception for private lessons (i.e.- gymnastics, tennis, etc.) If you have any questions, please contact your child's instructor.

A brochure for the Second Term Activities will be sent home on November 17th. Sign up information will be in the brochure.

Thanks and have a wonderful weekend!





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Washington DC Trip Closed!!!

Thanks to all of you that have turned in your deposit and filled out the information form and behavior contract. As of today, those students that have turned in the deposit will be going on the tour (pending approval of conduct and behavior at AISL).

If you are still interested in having your child be apart of this tour, the business office will be accepting deposits and your child's name will go on a waiting list.

Visas

It's time to make sure your child has an up-to-date Nigerian re-entry visa. Re-entry visas will be in good standing if the expiration date is after the date of the DC tour (March 25, 2007). **Re-entry visas issued as of April 2006 will be in good standing.** Also, it's important that your child's Nigerian re-entry visa is marked, "multiple entry," so their will be no issues when we arrive back in Nigeria.

For American visas, AIS is working with the consulate to secure visas for non-US citizens. For questions regarding US visas, please respond to Mr. Shearer. Otherwise, future newsletters will give more detail concerning US visas.

Can You Help?

Thank you for your help. We received many names of people to contact regarding the information below. We could still use some connections, so let us know if you can help with the following.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is very difficult to get appointments for, if you know of anyone who can make this happen for our students please let us know.

In addition, the Pentagon, Wreath Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery, Capitol Tour, and White House Tour all have to go through a congress representative.

If you know of anyone who can help, or have any information concerning these requests, please email or drop a note to Terry Burns or Jason Westerbur.

Thank you for your help and support.



Get those

Variety Show Entry Forms

filled out now

Due Next Friday, November 10th

Forms available in Mrs. Masha's Room 112

And

Return to Mrs. Masha's room also!!!

Become a STAR!!!!





Saturday Soccer League



We seem to be through the worst of the rainy season. If the weather doesn't look good, however, check for **weather issues** by phoning **08025015959**. I will let you know whether we're playing or not. I will **decide on the weather around 7:15 AM** and put a message on the voice mail.

Here's the schedule for Saturday. Please note that **Cameroon** and **South Africa** are the two Division B teams that **will play one hour early (8:00 AM on Saturday)**.

Time	Field	Week #8, Nov 4
8:00	1	India vs. Italy
	2	Spain vs. Australia
	3	Cameroon vs. South Africa
9:00	1	United States vs. Nigeria
	2	Ireland vs. Portugal
10:00	1	Denmark vs. Scotland
	2	Finland vs. Norway
11:15	1	Paraguay vs. China
	2	New Zealand vs. Canada
12:15	1	England vs. France
	2	Chile vs. Mexico
1:30	1	Germany vs. Holland
	2	Argentina vs. Brazil

Mr. Thompson, the **photographer**, will be on hand **this Saturday** to **make-up individual photos** for those that missed the photo day. Please note, we will not be retaking the team photos just individual photos for those who haven't had them taken yet.

Remember that the **school swimming pool** is **open on Saturdays for free swim**. There are **two lifeguards** on duty for your safety. It might be a good way to cool off after your game. Bring your whole family and enjoy!!

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.

MUSON News

Last three days of MUSON
Festival are here!!!

Fri. Nov. 3rd

**“Celtel” Jazz Festival Dinner
and Concert**
7pm (Shell Hall)

**Performers – Earl Klugh, a
Grammy Award winner acoustic
jazz guitarist from the USA
and the most popular Nigerian
performer, Lagbaja**
MC – Alli Baba

Catering by – La Scala Restaurant

Admission – N15,000

Sat. Nov. 4th

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7pm (Shell Hall)

**Performers – Earl Klugh, a
Grammy Award winner acoustic
jazz guitarist from the USA
and the most popular Nigerian
performer, Lagbaja**
MC – Alli Baba

Admission – N7,500

Catch one of the great events
still planned

Sun. Nov. 5th

“Total” Choral Concert
6pm (Shell Hall)

Featuring the MUSON Festival
Choir and Orchestra
1st half Mozart’s Mass in C
2nd half Music from various
countries of Africa and different
areas of Nigeria
Admission - N1,500



Earl Klugh, Photo by Chris Odeh

Earl Klugh



Lagbaja