

STUDENT COUNCIL LEADS THE WAY



THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
LAGOS NIGERIA OCTOBER 6, 2006



Superintendent's Message

Dear AISL Parents,

October 6, 2006

A huge thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, performers and parents for their contributions to the wonderful Nigerian Culture Day. (If you get a chance please check the website aislagos.com to see pictures from the event.) It was a great experience for the students.

Speaking of the website, kudos to Mr. Stewart who has made significant changes and new features. Also, Mr. Cain is producing a wonderful weekly newsletter. He is continually trying to convince parents that there is the capability to have the Friday Newsletter sent electronically. Please contact him if you are interested.

Lastly, please be reminded that parent conferencing is scheduled for the week of October 16-21st. We are looking for 100% participation. Conferences are valuable to assess student's progress and cooperatively strategize for ways to improve.

Sincerely,

Thomas Shearer
Superintendent



Junior High School
Arena
Parent Conferences
Schedule

Tuesday October 17th
 2:30-4:30 p.m

Thursday October 19th
 6:00-8:00 p.m

Saturday October 21st
 9:00-11.00 a.m

All conferencing will be done in the Gym

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Counselor's Corner

Counselor- Julia L. Simons
American International School of Lagos

Making the most of your Parent-Teacher Conferences.

A big Thank- you to the PTO for having the upcoming presentation for parents about P-T conferences!

The first parent-teacher conference of the school year provides a great opportunity for you and your child's teacher to share insights and information about your child. At this meeting, you can develop a relationship with the teacher and present yourself as a team player in your child's education. Because most conferences are limited in time, planning ahead can help you maximize the experience.

Teachers are already scheduling appointments so be sure to contact them to set up a time that works well for you and your spouse.

PTO Coffee; TUESDAY OCT. 10th TIME: 12:00

AISL made it into the Society for Neuroscience Newsletter

Do you remember the rainbow room when it was transformed into a brain museum and the 9th grade life skills class shared knowledge about the brain and learning?

AISL was a contributor to the society for neuroscience online Brain Awareness Week (BAW) 2006 report.

AISL counseling department has been asked to present a poster of our 2006 BAW activities. At this year's BAW campaign meeting they will be exploring how to build a culture that rewards and provides incentives for neuroscience public education as part of a scientist's professional responsibilities. Please let me know if there is any interest of holding activities during Brain Awareness Week this year.

19 students took advantage of the Learning Styles Inventory that was held after school on Tuesdays. The main age group was 7th graders but 8th and 9th were also equally represented. Many students appreciated the information on how they learn. Special thanks to parents that encouraged them to attend these classes.



Curriculum Corner

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Dear Parents,

As you all know, the French Committee is working on a new adoption for French for the year 2007-2008. Surveys went out last week evaluating the French Program and looking into other options,

114 surveys were turned in.

32 said that they were satisfied with their children learning French as a second language but would prefer Spanish.

14 said that they were not satisfied with their children learning French as a second language and would prefer Spanish.

47 said that they were satisfied with their children learning French as a second language and would not prefer Spanish or any other language.

21 said that they were satisfied with their children learning French as a second language but would like to see the school offering an additional language starting in grade 6, 9 or as an after school activity.

Carla Massoud
cmassoud@aislagos.com

Ms. Teague

Ms. Fizer

Ms. Jurgensen

Primary Academy



Welcome to another
exciting episode
of
FIRST GRADE!

A Bunch of Animals!

In Science the first graders are starting a new unit about Animals. We will be working on comparing and contrasting animals according to size and shape, how they move, and body coverings. We will learn the different characteristics of insects, and identify the basic needs of animals. We will compare animal parents and their babies (are they like us?) and learn many new science vocabulary words. Ask your child about it!

Don't forget!
Parent
Conferences!
Oct. 16-20th!

In Social Studies we are learning about what school was like in the past. Take a minute and describe what **YOUR** first grade classroom was like to your child! They will love it!

Everyday Math!

OUR MATH PROGRAM IS CALLED EVERYDAY MATH AND IT IS A NEW WAY TO LEARN MATH. THE CHILDREN EXPLORE MATH USING REAL LIFE SITUATIONS. THEY COUNT USING THE CALENDAR, LEARN ABOUT ESTIMATION AND PROBABILITY USING PENNIES, EXPLORE GREATER THAN/LESS THAN BY PLAYING CARD GAMES AND LEARN TO TELL TIME USING REAL CLOCKS. THE STUDENTS ARE ENJOYING THE PROGRAM AND LEARNING MANY IMPORTANT SKILLS.

If you have a few extra minutes (like in a go-slow!) here are some things you can work on with your first grader: counting by 2, 5 and 10; counting backwards from 25; and letter sounds.

AISL International Trip

Informational Meetings



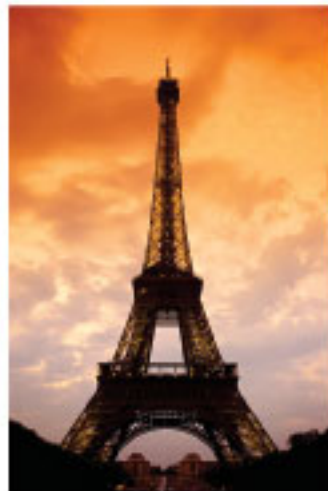
Washington DC

Who: Grade 4-6 Parents

When: Wed., 11 Oct. 2006

Time: 5:00 P.M. sharp

Where: AISL, Pool Conference Room



French Tour

Who: Grade 8-9 Parents

When: 11 October,

Time: 6:00 P.M. Sharp

Where: In Annex Room 6 (3rd Floor)



Tour of Italy

Who: Grade 7 Parents

When: 11 October,

Time: 6:45 P.M. Sharp

Where: In Annex Room 3 (Mr. Rainbolt's room)

FRENCH TOUR 2007

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

- * **DATE:** 11 OCTOBER 2006
- * **TIME:** 5:30 P.M.
- * **VENUE:** ANNEX ROOM 6. MR. VINCENT'S ROOM

This Tour allows all 8th and 9th grade students the opportunity to put to use what they have been learning in the classroom. They are immersed in the French language as they learn about history and culture, which in turn builds their confidence in using the language. Enriching experiences are added to their learning as they are called to take on responsibilities such as time management, budget management, and consideration for others while traveling as a group.

Number of students

- Minimum 16
- Maximum 30

Proposed Destination:

- France: Haute Savoie, Provence, Paris

Departure Dates:

- 20 March 2007

Return date:

- 30 March 2007

Criteria for eligibility

1. B- in French by mid-semester
2. B-average in all subjects by mid-semester
3. B in citizenship in all subjects. The student is expected to demonstrate the following:

- respect for people and property of others
- ability and willingness to work well with others
- enthusiasm for learning
- active participation in classroom activities
- on-task behavior
- responsibility

All of the above must be maintained up to time of departure to avoid cancellation due to ineligibility.

ANTHONY OMOLU (an_omolu@hotmail.com)





Appreciation

AISL Administration and Staff

Exhibitors and Vendors
Professional Performers and the AISL Concert Band

Student Performers

Storytellers
Mr. James Damisah and the Maintenance Staff

Nigerian Culture Day School Committee Members

Patty Anukwu, Yetunde Ayoh, Colleen Walhaug, Debra Davis, Mary
Teague,

Maria Ridenour, Tina Westerbur, Ebele Mbanugo, Betsy Lafontant,
Brian Slater, Anthony Omolu, Gita Thadani, Donald Trawick,
Josephine Ufere, Cristiana Jurgensen, Ethel Wellington-Trawick

Nigerian Culture Day Parent Committee
Omo Akpata, Uche Ike-Nwabuoku, Kemi Balogun, Hafsat
Hayatudeen, Ronke Edevbie, Amaka Chika-Mbonu, Lara Zabadne

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Mr. & Mrs. Khalid Zabadne, Mr. & Mrs. Wale Adeyinka,
Mr. & Mrs. Ayo Adeboye, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Onyewuenyi



We would also like to thank the following sub committees

Food (Mrs. Uche Ike-Nwabuoku)

The following mothers provided all the delicious food

Igbo (Mrs. Uche Ike-Nwabuoku)

Amaka Chika-Mbonu, Lilybell Onyewuenyi, Chioma Ekwevi, Mary Udeogu, Nne Oramasionwu, Franca Ohaeri, Uche Ike-Nwabuoku, Angela Imoh, Marilyn Nelken, Chioma Onwuchekwa, Christine Okorie, Ndidi Obioha, Yemi Akingbe

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South-South Minorities (Mrs. Omo Akpata)

Oyinkan Oyofa, Ronke Edevbie, Onari Duke, Isioma Aihie, Ebi Williams, Dorcas George, Roli Harriman, Omo Akpata, Ntekpe Inoyo, Helen Okocha, Eje Darlington, Yinka Taiga, Gladys Nwaukoni, Monica Aguele, May Mbu, Joke Chukwuma, Shirley Mac Naughton

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Angela Adebayo, Kemi Balogun, Adeola Adewunmi, Marionette Audifferen, Jodi Adeyinka, Dele Mabray, Iyabo Ogunmola, Maureen Akintilo, Odion Oseni, Folake Oladitan, Toke Adefioye, Yimika Adeboye, Joke Chukwuma, Toyin Adedoyin, Nana Dawodu, Henrietta Aladetimi, Funke Opeke, Adetoro Biobaku, Funmi Onadeko



Logistics (Mrs. Marionette Audifferen)

All the classroom moms

The Ekpe & Ekpo Masquerade was sponsored by:

Udom & Ntekpe Inoyo

The cake was sponsored by:

Omo Akpata

The Courtyard Design & Decoration was sponsored by:

Richard & Elda Akerele, Joel & Alexia Badnani, Dan & Margaret Bosman, Yinnakis & Dina Christodoulou, Todd & Morgan Creeger, Alan & Ekaba Davies, John & Tara Faseler, Yiota & Hillary Ilarionos, Rabi & Maya Jarmakani, Brian & Darlene Kim, Benny & Tal Rong, Gere & Orietta Skarstein, Chuck & Georgeann Taylor, Albretch & Marieke Zimburg

Dance Extravaganza

Omo Akpata, Uche Ike-Nwabuoku, Rebecca Randle

Fashion Show

Odio Oseni, Amaka Chika-Mbonu, Ronke Edevbie & Chioma Ekwevi



Saturday Soccer League



We're hoping to have some good weather on Saturday. If it doesn't look good, however, check for **weather issues** by phoning **08025015959**. This weekend you will need to come even if we don't get to play soccer. **Its picture day and pictures will be taken rain or shine.** So please **arrive on time** for your pictures. In case of bad weather, pictures will be taken in the pool conference room. All teams will have their pictures taken before their games except Spain and Italy. Please **check the schedules closely** for your picture times and game times.

Please note that our Superintendent, Mr. Tom Shear, has arranged for the **school swimming pool** to be **open on Saturdays for free swim**. He has 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!!

Division F will be playing their games on Friday afternoon, 6 October, instead of Saturday, 7 October. This only affects four teams, Germany, **Holland, Brazil and Argentina**. Their pictures will start at 4.30 PM with games following. Please **check the schedule and be on time**.

Remember, you **must wear shin pads and the correct plastic studded football boots** as the **surface is very slippery** at the moment. Please, also remember to bring suntan lotion, extra drinks and hats. There will be a gentleman at Saturday's games again, selling football boots, shin pads and other accessories.

Attached is the schedule for pictures and games. Please don't disappoint your team by arriving late and missing the team photo!!



Saturday Soccer 2006 Picture Day

Time Schedule for this weekend only!!



Game times for Picture Day, 6-7 October

Date	Time	Field	Week #4, Oct 6-7
Friday, 6 Oct	5:00	1	Argentina vs. Holland
Friday, 6 Oct	5:30	2	Brazil vs. Germany
Saturday, 7 Oct	7:30	2	Italy vs. Spain
Saturday, 7 Oct	8:00	3	Portugal vs. Ireland
Saturday, 7 Oct	8:30	1	Australia vs. India
Saturday, 7 Oct	9:30	1	Nigeria vs. Cameroon
Saturday, 7 Oct	10:00	2	United States vs. South Africa
Saturday, 7 Oct	10:30	1	Norway vs. Finland
Saturday, 7 Oct	11:00	2	Scotland vs. Denmark
Saturday, 7 Oct	11:30	1	Canada vs. Paraguay
Saturday, 7 Oct	12:00	2	New Zealand vs. China
Saturday, 7 Oct	12:30	1	Mexico vs. France
Saturday, 7 Oct	1:00	2	England vs. Chile

Picture Times

Date	Time	Team
Friday, 6 Oct	4:30	Argentina
Friday, 6 Oct	4:45	Holland
Friday, 6 Oct	5:00	Brazil
Friday, 6 Oct	5:15	Germany
Saturday, 7 Oct	7:30	Portugal
Saturday, 7 Oct	7:45	Ireland
Saturday, 7 Oct	8:00	Australia
Saturday, 7 Oct	8:15	India
Saturday, 7 Oct	8:30	Italy
Saturday, 7 Oct	8:45	Spain
Saturday, 7 Oct	9:00	Nigeria
Saturday, 7 Oct	9:15	Cameroon
Saturday, 7 Oct	9:30	United States
Saturday, 7 Oct	9:45	South Africa
Saturday, 7 Oct	10:00	Norway
Saturday, 7 Oct	10:15	Finland
Saturday, 7 Oct	10:30	Scotland
Saturday, 7 Oct	10:45	Denmark
Saturday, 7 Oct	11:00	Canada
Saturday, 7 Oct	11:15	Paraguay
Saturday, 7 Oct	11:30	New Zealand
Saturday, 7 Oct	11:45	China
Saturday, 7 Oct	12:00	Mexico
Saturday, 7 Oct	12:15	France
Saturday, 7 Oct	12:30	England
Saturday, 7 Oct	12:45	Chile

1. Nearly ALL GAME TIMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED for this weekend only to accommodate team pictures.
2. ITALY vs. SPAIN will start at 7:30 and they will have their PICTURES AFTER their GAME.
3. Games can start earlier than scheduled if both teams have completed their pictures and their assigned field is clear.
4. Pictures will go rain or shine. In case of foul weather the pictures will be taken in the Pool Conference Room.
5. Please don't disappoint your team by arriving late and missing the team photo!!

Do you have to fight the urge to spell words out rather than just reading them?

Do you want to dazzle people with your command of short/long vowel sounds, soft/hard consonants, prefixes and suffixes?

Well...then the AISL Spelling Bee is for you!

Coming soon...!

Thursday, November 3, 2006

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Open to grades 3 - 6



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L-U-C-K!

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MUSON New

MUSON is holding it's

"10th Annual MUSON Festival"

is being held on the following dates

**Wednesday, October 25th to Sunday,
November 5th**

**Below are the program details. There
are so many exciting events coming
up. Be sure to purchase your tickets
early. The tickets should be available
from Mrs. Masha in Rm 112.**

Wed. Oct. 25th

- Youth Concert
2pm – (Shell Hall)

Featuring seven finalists of 2006 Youth
Competition (5 vocalists, 1 pianist, 1
flutist)

Admission - Free

- 2006 Festival Opening Ceremony
6:00pm – (Agip Foyer)

- MUSON Day Concert
7:00pm – (Agip Hall)

(Harry Ibiyefiebo (organ) Maria Aseeva
(piano) Oguchi Egbunine (tenor) and the
MUSON Choir and Orchestra

Admission - Free

**Fri. Nov. 3rd and 4th "Celtel" Jazz
Festival Dinner and Concert**
Details will follow

Sun. Nov. 5th "Total" Choral Concert"
Details will follow

Thurs. Oct. 26th

My Kind of Music
7pm (Agip Hall)

Four eminent Nigerians share "their"
kind of music

Admission - Free

Fri. Oct. 27th

**Evening of Contemporary Nigerian
Music**
7pm (Shell Hall)

Performing Groups – Akinlolu, Dafe
Oghoghome, Wura and Glorious Golden
Voices

Admission – N500

Sat. Oct. 28th

Drama - "The gods are not to blame"
by Ola Rotimi
(Agip Hall)
Matinee – 3pm - N1,000
6pm – N1,500

Sun. Oct. 29th

Piano Duo Concert
6pm (Agip Hall)
Micallef-Inanga are two musicians based
in England. Glen Inanga is a Nigerian
that has become a renowned professional
pianist. They have won several
competitions playing two different
pianos at one time. Very interesting pair
to watch.
Admission – N1,500



Parent Teacher Organization Net



AVAILABLE in the
SCHOOL STORE
MONDAY October 9th
School t-shirts in the
smaller sizes. 1,500 N

*AISL Stainless Steel Coffee
Mugs*= 1500 Naira

POPCORN ticket booklets
with 4 tickets=200 Naira

French Dictionaries for
upper grades (1200 N) and
lower grades (1700 N).

ALSO: Room moms and
parents: Are you looking
for *Halloween goodies* to
buy? Great for grade level
room parties and goodie
bags. The PTO will be
selling the old items from
old fun fairs. Look for us
on Monday in front of the
office. 1:30-2:45

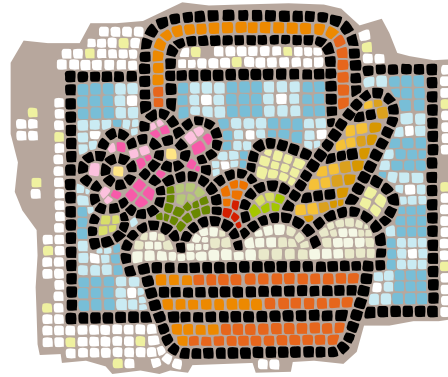
Our Next event: Tuesday Oct. 10th
12:00 PTO Coffee with Julia Simens,
our counselor, to talk about parent
conference expectations. Come find
out how to make the most of our
meetings with our children's
teachers. See you in the Pool
Conference Room!

Just like the festival in the past
with a bit of GEOGRAPHY
thrown in! Let's learn about
our countries AND have fun
games, candy, dressing up in
National Dress and more!

**ONE WORLD
INTERNATIONAL DAY**
November 18, 2006

Volunteers always welcomed!!
If you have any questions,
please contact a
Coordinator below:

Sabina Asnani	0802 5427127
Nirit Marom	0803 386 2321
Limor Rubin	0803 611 6633



Basket contributions are needed for the grade level One World Raffle baskets. Don't forget to send in your items these next few weeks. A box will be available by your grade level classrooms. We will also accept any "Worldly" items for country themed baskets.

Pre-K	Art's Alive Back to Barbies
Kindergarten	Spa/Pamper my body Off to school we go
First grade	Bratz/polly pocket Drive me
Second grade	Fun and Games Candles
Third grade	Wrap it up Gourmet basket
Fourth grade	Home in the Kitchen Lego Land Mania
Fifth grade	Gotta be a guy Pool Paraphernalia
Sixth grade	Star Wars Fun in the Sun
Seventh grade	Beach basket Candy Land
Eighth grade	Sports Enthusiast Just the girls
Ninth grade	Family fun night edition Computer crazy

It's almost Book Fair time – mark your calendars now!

The AISL PTO Book Fair will be held October 17 – 20, 2006 during the school day! We have hundreds of new titles and most books are priced between N550 and N1000!

Watch next week's newsletter for the schedule of each class's time slot!



Parents: in an effort to give each child a chance to choose their own books, we ask that you shop on Friday afternoon.

Book Fair Volunteers: please fill out this form and return it to the PTO box in the office by Wednesday, Oct. 11th.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Circle the times you are available to help:

Monday (set-up day): 7:30 - 11 a.m. or 11 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:30 - 11 a.m. or 11 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:30 - 11 a.m. or 11 - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday: 7:30 - 11 a.m. or 11 - 2:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 - 11 a.m. or 11 - 2:30 p.m.

Other: _____

Questions? Call Judy Anderson at 01-366-7659

Upcoming Variety Show

Become a STAR!!!

All grades, K-9, get your dancing shoes out, voices warmed up, instruments out, karate chops ready, gymnastic mats out, and anything else you can think of for it is VARIETY SHOW TIME!!!! The dates for the upcoming variety show are as follows:

Sign up sheets: available Oct.16 from Mrs. Masha in room 112
and Mrs, Reese - Band Hall

Return to Mrs. Masha by **Friday Nov. 10th**

Tryout week: Jan. 22rd-26th

Dress rehearsals: Monday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 6th

Day performance: February 7th

Evening performance: February 8th

Remember this act can be performed with anyone who is a student in our school and as many people in the group that you would like. Any question, please stop by and see Mrs. Masha or Mrs. Reese. Good luck! The Variety Show Committee will be looking forward to seeing you.

Short Stories

Room Moms Wanted

Seventh, 8th and 9th grade parents. We would like you to become involved as a room mom. Two per grade; please contact Barb Reynolds at breynolds@aislagos.com if you are interested.

No Gymnastics

Next week October 9 to October 13, Coach Alonge and his assistants are competing in Abuja. Good luck Ben!
D. Trawick, J. Mecca & J. Stewart

FRESH VEGETABLES

For Sale every Thursday in Pool Conference Room, 3:00 - 6:00
All are welcome!