



AIS Weekly

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A Message From The The Superintendent

I understand that everyone is looking forward to the Holiday Season and having a break away from school. I hope all of you enjoy the Break and get a chance to catch up with family and friends. For those of you traveling... be safe. For those of you leaving permanently, thank you so much for your contributions to AISL and we do wish you the best in your next location. We look forward to seeing everyone elses smiling face on January 5th as we open the New Year.

We recently sent home a notice for school closure on Monday, December 8th and Tuesday, December 9th in recognition of the Id El Kabir Holiday. We originally planned our school calendar using Muslim Holiday dates which indicated the date to be December 9th. I apologize for the inconvenience, however I was not made officially

aware of the two day closure until this week. It does impact the last week of school before the break and we will have to adjust and make the best of the time we have the last three days of school before dismissal on Friday.

Congratulations to all the cast members of the play production "Scrooge at Christmas Carol". It was truly an outstanding show.

Wednesday, December 10th the Elementary Production of "Carnival of the Animals" which will be held at 1:00pm. It promises to be a great show!!

Happy Holidays

Mr. Shearer

Week at a Glance

Saturday December 6th

- Last Saturday Soccer Games

Sunday December 7th

- Campus Closed

Monday December 8th

- Secondary Music Concert "Make a Joyful Noise" **TIME CHANGE...4:00pm**
- Id El Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- Campus Closed

Tuesday December 9th

- Id El Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- Campus Closed

Wednesday December 10th

- Girls' Basketball vs Holy Child 3:00pm
- Elementary Musical "Carnival of the Animals" 1:00pm

Thursday December 11th

- Nothing Scheduled

Friday December 12th

- Campus Closes at 11:00 for the Winter Holiday

Saturday December 13th

- Campus Closed Until School Resumes on January 5th

Due to the holidays next week, ALL elementary after school activities are cancelled.
When we return in January, everything will continue with the normal schedule.

Superintendent - Thomas Shearer 776-4535
Secondary Principal - Sharon Schauss 776-4532
Elementary Principal - Justin Smith 776-4526
Director of Admissions - John Stewart 776-4531

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234-1-261-7798

RELOCATION of the BLUE LOST PROPERTY BOX

You will find the Blue Lost Property box outside the Hub next to the food court in future. If you are looking for lost clothes, lunch boxes, books and other lost items please make sure that you look in the blue box first.

Please note that any items still in the Lost Property Box by the end of school next week will be donated to charity.

**The Federal Government of Nigeria has declared Monday, December 8th and Tuesday, December 9th as Public Holidays to celebrate the Eid-il-Kabir Festival.
School will be closed.
School will resume on Wednesday, December 10th, 2008.**

Thank You....

To all the PTO, AISL Carnival entertainment, and food suppliers

At the carnival there were few details that could and will be improved for next time but in general everyone had a good time. This was made possible by the professionals we worked with:



Bungy Jump Trampolines:	Silver Bird Galaria contact: Mrs. Naomi Iwugo @ 0806 7763654
Entertainment:	MARKLOON productions: Ice creams, candy floss, bouncycastle, electric train, merry go round chairs & balloons. Contact: Mark Uzoechina @ 0803 3017630 or 07028126797
Hot Dogs:	Shoprite
Mineral & Water:	Coca Cola
Sushi :	Bungalow Restaurant
Pizza:	Cactus

On my behalf and that of PTO, we would like to thank everyone at school who helped us make the carnival as successful as it was, starting from maintenance staff to each of you who are reading this newsletter. Gracias amigos!

Gisela Akkermans.

YOGA CLASSES (FOR PARENTS)

Please be informed that there will be no Yoga next week. Yoga will resume again as usual on Tuesday and Thursday next year beginning 6th January 2009. Kindly take note.

Visit www.aislagos.org for School Information

**AISL BANDS AND CHOIR
Present a Winter
Concert**

**"Make a Joyful
Noise"**

December 8th, 2008

4:00 P.M.

(NOTE NEW TIME)

***In the interest of safety, and
given the holiday, we have
made the decision to change
the concert time.**

Students should arrive at 3:15.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LAGOS

*Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 2
Guest Stars: Grade 6*

Present:



A grand zoological fantasy, by Camille Saint Saëns

*Narrated by Justin Smith
Elementary School Principal*

AIS Gym: Wednesday, December 10th 2008 - 1pm

2008 Saturday Soccer

The last day of the season is here ! The final round of matches is tomorrow followed by trophy and photo presentations. Read on for the details....

This Week's Games

06-Dec-08	Pitch 1/1a		Pitch 2		06-Dec-08
0800-0900	INDIA	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL	MEXICO	8am -9am
	NEW ZEALAND	CHINA			
0900-1000	CANADA	ARGENTINA	U.S.A.	PARAGUAY	9am -10am
1015-1115	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT	KENYA	GHANA	10:15-11:15 am
1115-1215	CAMEROON	NIGERIA	ITALY	FRANCE	11:15am-12:15pm
1230-1330	PORTUGAL	GERMANY	SPAIN	HOLLAND	12:30-1:30pm
1330-1430	SCOTLAND	WALES	IRELAND	ENGLAND	1:30-2:30pm
1445-1545	NORWAY	FINLAND	SWEDEN	DENMARK	2:45-3:45pm

End of Season Parties / Presentations

Following each round of games next Saturday, there will be presentations in the pool-side conference room starting 15 mins after the end of the game. The pool will be open so bring your swim-suits and enjoy a post-game party. Team Moms, please make sure you have volunteers sorted out for party food and drink. The presentations will go ahead even in the unlikely event the day is rained out.

Thanks !!

End of the season and time for a few thank you's. First of all to of the kids for joining - almost 400 this year and it's been great to see so many happy faces on Saturdays, even if we missed a couple of weekends for weather. Thanks also to all the parents who have helped out with snacks, organisation etc. and especially to all the Team Moms (British spelling!) who coordinated the efforts. We can't run Saturday Soccer without coaches so thanks also to all the parents and other coaches who gave up their valuable time for practices and games. Columbus and his coaches and referees have of course been an invaluable element of the season so thanks to them too and to all the School staff and the first aid teams that make Saturdays work. Thanks also to Tom, Sharon and Justin for their cover on Saturdays. Finally thanks to the Commissioners who helped organise the whole lot, especially Dan, who probably did more than he expected to when he handed over to me, to David who has backed me up while also handling baseball, Bridget who expertly handles the finances, Rocky who we'll see more of coaching coaches next season, and finally my wife Jennifer, who does much of what I am probably supposed to. Happy holidays and here's looking forward already to the start of next season !



Rain Out Number
0802 501 5959

Saturday Soccer Website !
<http://sites.google.com/site/aislsoccer/>

05 December 2008

T-minus 91 days to blast-off

Your Mission Commanders are proud to announce the names of forty-two 5th graders who have accepted the challenge of loads of learning through hands-on fun activities @SPACE CAMP in Huntsville, Alabama, U.S.A.



Anazodo, Maniasara
Ayoh, Timilehin
Bejer, Oliver
Boshoff, Luke
Cheves, Lukas,
Dansingani, Nikhil
Davies, Ben
Gaudet, Angelise
Hansen, Anders
Hayatu-Deen, Nadia
Ikaheimonen, Marcus
Inoyo, Denise
Kuye, Sunkanmi
McGeoh, Cameron
Mohinani, Shaila
Okunfulure, Demilade
Olumogba, Fifi
Sadhvani, Rahul
Shivek, Noam
Skarstein, Alex
Smith, Addison
Zarmansyah, Yarra

Arbeli, Amit
Banjo, Brian
Blackall, Nathan,
Chandani, Aashna
Cox, Kim
Daswani, Akshay
Duke, Donna
George, Boma
Harriman, Toritesju

Ikomi, Anire
Kim, Dowon
Martinez, Grace
Mensah, Jacob
Oforiokuma, Louie
Okosun, Amy
Panagis, Yannis
Savalani, Manoj
Siva, Vignesh
Smith, Jose Andres
Winefield Jessica

Take note:

Requirements due
Wed., Dec. 03:
2 passport photos,
copy of passport,
copy of signature
page of passport,
copy of re-entry
permit

**Full payments
must be made
no later than
Wed., Dec. 10.**

**Parent
Chaperones:**

Jakob Bejer
Amberly Cox
Annabel Winefield

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**06-16 March
2009**

PTO Briefing

Teacher Appreciation – “Thank you” is two words we never say enough. Each day people go out of their way and do things for us, particularly in Lagos and we sometimes forget. Here is a big reminder day and a chance to say “thank you” to a special group of people who do so much for us and our children. Take the opportunity to let your children’s teacher know how grateful you are. The day is being celebrated by different classes at different times but the PTO days will be on the 10th and 11th of December.

Wednesday, January 14th, 6.00pm – 8.30pm – Night Forum.

Topic for the forum will be **3rd Culture Kids with Barry Phipps**. This informative lecture tells how living abroad will change you and your children’s perspective on living forever. From being born in a home country, Barry takes us on a journey where as citizens of the world ours and our children’s outlook changes both positively and negatively. Come and find out more. **Norm Gaudet** will also speak about the **Elementary Science Program – FOSS**. Door prizes of lunches and dinners at local restaurants will be given out. Meal and drinks provided on the night.

The **PTO Board meets** the last Friday of every month at 1.00pm unless it is a holiday then we meet the Friday before. These meetings are open to the general public or you can submit questions to the PTO box in the office and we will get back with answers for you.

Forum’s for the rest of the year are

3 February – Lunch
3 March – Dinner
21 April – Lunch and PTO Elections
12 May – Handover Lunch

Bingo – is still in need of a coordinator – Will be held on the **28th of March from 5-7pm**.

May will be the giant size – by invitation only **Volunteer Appreciation Party**. All those parents who have volunteered time and effort at the school during the year will be feted in a huge party hosted by Tom, the school board and the PTO. **28th of May 7 – 10.30pm**

Teacher Appreciation has two more functions this school year a luncheon on the 13th of February for the teachers. Donations of food or help to Dele Maybrey via the PTO Box and PTO Teacher Appreciation Dinner on the 22 May again donations or offers of help to Dele.

We wish everyone a safe holiday, peace and joy.

Anne Mathers
PTO President

Backpack Safety

Backpacks are a popular and practical way for children and teenagers to carry schoolbooks and supplies. They are designed to distribute the weight of the load among some of the body's strongest muscles. When used correctly, backpacks can be a good way to carry the necessities of the school day.

Tips for Proper Use of Backpacks

Backpacks that are too heavy or are worn incorrectly can cause problems for children and teenagers. Improperly used backpacks may injure muscles and joints. This can lead to severe back, neck, and shoulder pain, as well as posture problems. These guidelines can help your family use backpacks safely.

Choosing the Right Backpack

The correct use of both of the wide, well-padded shoulder straps will help distribute the weight of the backpack.

When choosing a backpack, look for some of the following features.

- Wide, padded shoulder straps
- Two shoulder straps
- Padded back
- Waist strap
- Lightweight backpack
- Rolling backpack



Injury Prevention

Always use both shoulder straps. Tighten the straps so that the pack is close to the body.

To prevent injury when using a backpack, do the following:

- Always use both shoulder straps
- Tighten the straps
- Pack light
- Organize
- Remove items
- Lift properly
- Build muscle strength



Parents also can help by:

- Encourage your child or teenager to tell you about pain or discomfort that may be caused by a heavy backpack.
- Do not ignore any back pain in a child or teenager.
- Talk to the school about lightening the load.
- Be sure the school allows students to stop at their lockers throughout the day. Team up with other parents to encourage changes.
- Consider buying a second set of textbooks for your student to keep at home.