

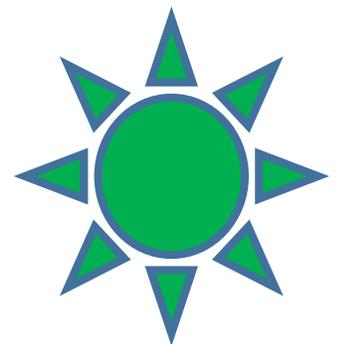
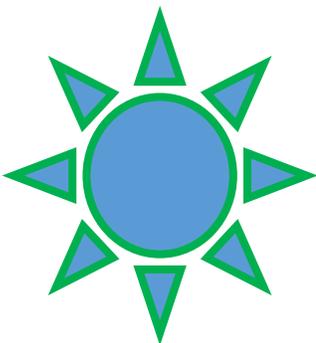
AWOKO

Director Update We're Back!

We're finally back, without the floods in our upstairs classrooms. Exactly one year ago I was writing about our amazing recovery from the massive leakage that poured water into classrooms the day before we opened. This year we were fortunate, a rainy opening day but dry indoors. I'm also happy to report that attendance is nearly 100% this first week. I'm impressed with our families' serious support for their children's education. No doubt about it. Students with great attendance inevitably become the notable achievers.

As usual our Opening Assembly featured a warm welcome from the US Ambassador Maria Brewer. AISF is proud to be the only US Embassy sponsored school in Sierra Leone. It's an honor to have the Ambassador launch our school year.

Best part of opening is being immersed in students again at last. They're so glad to be back, not just friends, but also teachers, staff, and the whole "AISF experience."



A Few Announcements

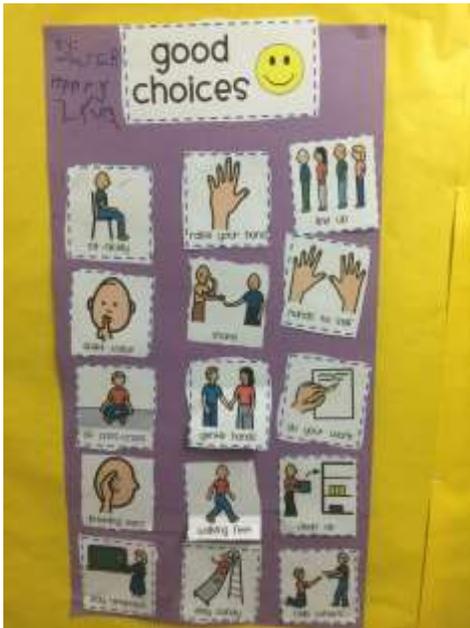
- **AISF High School:** Our grade 9 pilot has grown up. AISF now has 5 students in our onsite/online high school program. This year we have students in grade 9, grade 10, and grade 12. They were ready to go and starting course after registration on the first day. This year high schoolers will be full participants in PE, Programming, and Art here on campus along with their full academic course load of English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and French, all for US High School credit that leads to a US Diploma.
- **Catered Lunches:** Catered lunch service will begin on **Monday September 17**. Contact Mariana Alie at malie@ais-freetown.net to sign up and ask questions.
- **After School Activities:** AISF offers an exceptional selection of ASAs for students. Mariana Alie will be sending home selection sheets next week. Again, do contact her with questions as the email above. Many activities are free. Others charge 150,000le for the trimester. **Activities start Monday September 17.**
- **Stay and Play:** ECC educator Maureen Fashole-Luke is offering a special activity for children from infancy through age 5 from 3:30 until 5:00pm every Wednesday on our campus, using the ECC area. There will be music, art, stories and more. She'll have coffee and tea for parents and a chance to meet other families with young children. The charge is modest and folks can drop in for a session or pay ahead for a few weeks. See the notice attached to this AWOKO.
- **PE Attire:** For PE classes students need trainers (sport shoes) and shorts or trousers. A tshirt is ideal. Having an extra t-shirt is useful as they are extremely active in PE.
- **REMEMBER YOUR WATER BOTTLE!** AISF does not supply cups. There is ample potable water at many locations on campus.
- **OPEN SCHOOL NIGHT** is set for Wednesday October 3. Mark your calendars for this important event. We'll start at 6:00pm sharp in the MPR.

AISF is a close, supportive community. My door is always open. Never hesitate to phone, text or email me at 079 552 345 or director@ais-freetown.net.



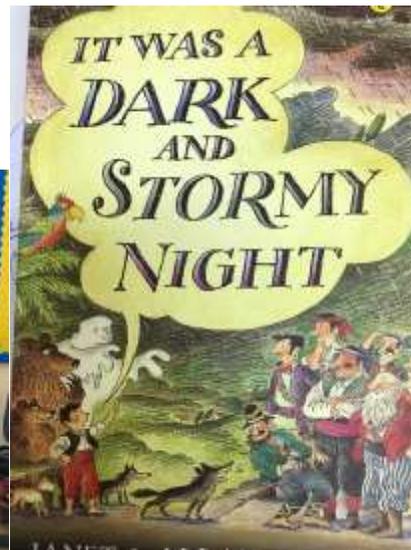
ECC

This week we discuss how to make choices and all ECC kiddos agree that making good choices make us happy while poor choices make us sad. We create T-charts for both good and poor choices; our "good choices" side has a smile face while the "poor choices" side has a sad face. We are determined to learn, grow, play happily, and make good choices throughout this school year.



Grade 1-2

What a wonderful first week we have had in Grade 1/2! The students have been busy learning new classroom routines and making new friends. They have playing with math resources and playing lots of counting games, they have begun writing fiction and non-fiction, including drawing diagrams and labels for wild animals, and they completed a story that begins "It was a dark and stormy night.." (based on the J&A Ahlberg book). What a great group they are!



Grade 5-8

Start the year off the middle school collaborated to create the school rule poster: Respect every body's Learning, Safety, and Well-being. We would like to invite all parents to come and sign the poster when you have a chance. It is located at the top of the stairs near the middle school classrooms. We also got our various learning accounts setup (TCI, Google Drive, Newsela, IXL...) and even got student emails! We celebrated our first middle school birthday on Thursday. Happy Birthday Abigail!!!



High School

Fabiola settles in to Grade 10. Meet our exclusive High School! Excellent students already showing huge potential. Isaac hits the books in Grade 12. Old hand Jacob helps new student Anaelle as they both settle in to Grade 9.



“Stay & Play” at AISF

For those with children under five years old, here’s a super activity for you to share with you little one AND meet other families based in Freetown.

No need to be part of the American School - this is part of their outreach into the community, offering a stimulating environment for a lovely group of kids.

Led by UK qualified HLTA Maureen Fashole-Luke, the session will begin with a bit of singing and percussion - a Musical Bumps session with finger puppets, the giant scrunchie, scarves and other great props. Then there will be a craft or exploration time - messy play, junk modelling, sensory activities and the like. Each session will end with story time.

It’s at the American School at Hill Station and costs le70,000 per child. Cheaper if you book a block of sessions in advance. Wednesday’s at 3.30pm. First session is 12th September.

