

From Brian’s Desk

Happy Thanksgiving

Next Thursday is the American Thanksgiving, one of the most important holidays of the year. For those of you unfamiliar with this holiday, it began as a harvest festival where the Pilgrim settlers in America gave thanks to God for the harvest that would see them through the winter. Although primarily a North American holiday, people from all countries and of all faiths can reflect and be thankful for all the good in our lives.

Next Wednesday, we will celebrate Thanksgiving here at AISF by sharing a lunch together, and we are encouraging our students to bring national dishes to share. We did this last year, and it was a great hit.

Please note that AISF will be closed on Thursday 24th November and on Friday the 25th, so it will be a four-day weekend.

Now That Was Learning

Our Grade 3&4 students have been busy learning about politics and government over the past six weeks or so. They have visited Parliament and the National Electoral Commission and had the opportunity to meet David Sengeh, the Minister of Basic and Secondary Education.

They have also been busy developing their public speaking skills! As part of this unit, the students formed their own political parties with agendas for change here at AISF. Then on Tuesday they gave their campaign speeches before the whole school and many of their parents. What great learning!! Well done!!!





End of Trimester One

Trimester One ends on Friday 2nd December. For those families paying by the trimester, this means that Trimester Two payments are due no later than 2nd December.

Also, Trimester One after-school activities will end that Friday (2nd December) and will resume in the New Year when we will share a list of new activities. During the week of December 5—9, we will be busy with preparations for our Holiday Season Show that will take place on Friday the 9th.

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 23rd November	Thanksgiving at AISF
Thursday 24th November	American Thanksgiving/School Closed
Friday 25th November	AISF Closed for Thanksgiving Long Weekend
Friday 2nd December	End of Trimester One (Trimester Two payments due) / Last day of Trimester One Activities
Friday 9th December	AISF Holiday Season Show @ 5pm
Friday 16th December	Last day of school before the holiday Dismissal at 12 noon
Monday 9th January	School Reopens after the holiday

Quote of the Week: *Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.* Theodore Roosevelt

ECC

This week Pre-K and K students learned about travelling requirements and different means of transportations. They made travel passports for field trips and included their data and information. This afternoon we went on our first field trip this school year; it was fun to be on the bus and outside the school for once.

We went through immigration checks at the gate; we answered questions asked by the immigration officers and we were stamped out of AISF and welcomed by a different set of immigration officers when we came back.



Grade 1-2

This week the Pangolins have been investigating more about the properties of materials. We experimented with magnets and were surprised to learn that not all metals are magnetic. We also started looking at conductors and insulators of heat and electricity. At the end of the week, we put all our knowledge of materials together to design houses to live on Mars.

We also enjoyed a guest visit from Ms. Nachele. She reviewed the states of matter with us and showed us how solid wax can be melted to a liquid, the solidified to make a candle.



Grade 3-4

The teachers of Chimpanzee class would like to thank all the parents and AISF community who attended our exit point on Tuesday.

Kudos to our students who worked extremely hard over the past few weeks and applied all their knowledge and skills to compete in a thrilling political campaign.

We are so proud of you all!!!

You all spoke so well and put your points across in a clear and concise manner.

Congratulations to the winning party - We Can Change The School (WCCTS).

The main win is that Mr. Roach is very interested in all of your views and suggestions and will do his best to try and implement some of these. Everyone did an excellent job. We are super proud of you all!!!



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

8th grade learned how to perform operations on polynomials this week. 7th grade learned about square roots and real numbers. 6th grade converted tables and double number lines into graphs as they prepare for their mid-module assessment next week. 5th grade prepared for and shined on their end of module assessment! In Science, middle school studied how humans have impacted both ecosystems and adaptations over the years.



Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week, Middle School participated in the Kahoot! World Cup. This is a yearly event in which students from all over the world play a trivia game (on pop culture) with each other. We played against teams from Nigeria, Scotland, England, the Netherlands, France, Belgium and Senegal. Of course, our school represented Sierra Leone! While we did not win (though we came close!), we had a tremendous amount of fun!

In Social Studies, 7/8 began an investigation on the connection between standard of living and HIV infection in South Africa. They are currently working in groups developing presentations that they will present next week. 5/6 learned about early humans, and how crucial developments such as fire and sewing led to our development as the humans we are today.

In Language Arts, 5/6 began to work in groups investigating refugees from around the world. 7/8 edited their expository essays, and peer reviewed each other's work.



High School

The High School students faced new challenges in their work this week. Grade 9 is learning about *Linear Equations* in Algebra 1 and the students are part of a group project for Language Arts and they have to analyze the *Choice and Activism* theme in the graphic novel that they studied. Also, Grade 9 started to find out what *Industrialization* means in World History. Grade 10 continued reading and studying *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Shakespeare and Grade 11 had to write their own perspective about "The Story of America". Otherwise, trying new hair styles has been "in fashion" in High School this week...



Art

Balloon time fun with the sweetest class. Balloons out of material and woollen string take us up in the air. What fun.



French (Middle School)

The new vocabulary Grade 7 and 8 discovered in the second chapter was all about the house and its different spaces. The students also learned different ways to say 'to': *'en, au, à la, dans le/la'*. New adjectives were presented and attention was paid to their agreement with the nouns.

In grammar we focused on the verb *'être'* and on different ways to construct interrogative sentences.

Amie read and worked on a text about travelling in an airplane and did exercises in grammar on the auxiliary verbs *'être'* and *'avoir'*.

We closed off this chapter with a French song by the Belgian musician, Stromae. In *'Papaoutai'* he sings about the absence of the father and the students discovered how this theme was expressed in its video through the characters and their dance moves.

