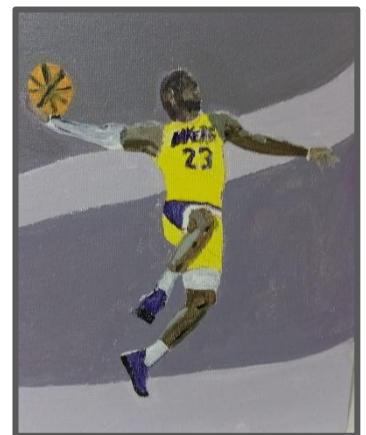


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From Elizabeth's Desk

This has been another packed week for all our students! As we come to the end of a vibrant and productive trimester, we celebrate the wonderful learning, creativity, and growth demonstrated across our school community. From classroom achievements to enriching activities and shared experiences, our students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and joy! Our awards ceremony and talent show today have been like icing on the cake! Please enjoy some of the beautiful Middle and High school Art below!



We wish all our families a peaceful and happy holiday season, filled with rest and togetherness. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on the **5th of January** for an exciting new term ahead!

This week was our final week of fun and learning before school closed for the Winter Break, and we enjoyed every moment! We practised our songs in Music class for the upcoming talent show and made beautiful Christmas cards to take home to our parents.

What a wonderful and joyful last week we have had!



Grade 1-2

What a wonderful week we've had! Our class received a special surprise visit from Santa, which brought so much joy and excitement to everyone. In IPC, we completed our final experiment for the "Shake It!" unit, wrapping up our exploration of matter, reactions and density with hands-on learning.

The students showed great enthusiasm participating in the iXL leaderboard competition, demonstrating their dedication and competitive spirit. We also celebrated a major milestone, completing Volume 1 of our Magnetic Reading Foundations phonics book in iReady! This is a tremendous achievement, and we're so proud of the progress each student has made.

It's been a busy and productive week, and the students have worked incredibly hard. We're excited to see them continue growing in the new year!

Happy Holidays to All!



Grade 3-4

This week, we have enjoyed consolidating our knowledge of factors and times tables through playing a range of Math games. Some games even included dancing!



We are also enjoying learning to play chess - a great game of problem solving and strategy-building.



We enjoyed another phone call with our pen-pals in England to help celebrate Jeremiah's 10th birthday. The children made Jeremiah some lovely cards.

Finally, on a sad note, we say farewell to Amamchim and Lena, both of whom are leaving AISF this Friday. We wish them and their families every success and happiness in their new homes!

They will be greatly missed!

Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week in ELA the grade 5/6 class completed worksheets reviewing various parts of speech. They also watched the movie *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* and compared and contrasted it against the book they read this trimester; they noticed various important (and unwelcome) differences. In social studies students began learning about the origin and spread of Islam. In grade 7/8 students reflected on their learning over the course of the trimester, and the academic and personal goals they set for themselves back in September. Students also completed their *Fahrenheit 451* interview projects. In addition, students completed surveys about the school dance and the potential for a lunch time concession stand in the new year. And as some students will be leaving Sierra Leone and AISF with their families over the winter break, the Middle and High School classes got together and students shared some thoughtful and heartfelt words regarding their classmates!



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

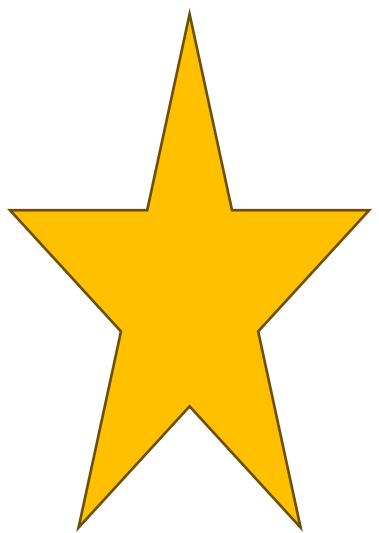
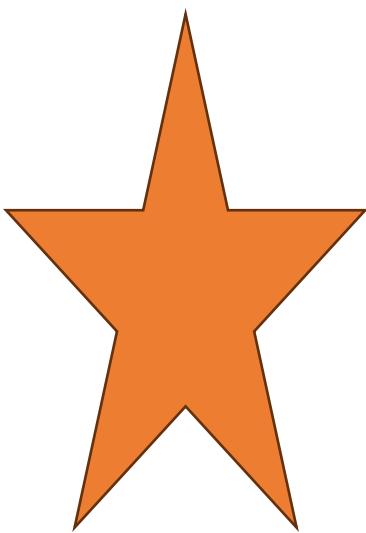
This week in middle school math, grade 6 completed a project on surface area and volume. Grade 7 took their Unit 2 Assessment and reviewed solving equations. Grade 8 completed their lesson 9 Quiz and also reviewed solving equations. All of the classes had the opportunity to discuss the Entrepreneurship Fair this week. We reviewed Marketing concepts and discussed business proposals which will be due once we return from break. The Entrepreneurship Fair will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 11 am - 1 pm.

Happy Holidays to everyone and we send a heartfelt goodbye to those students who will not be returning after the break. You will all be greatly missed but will forever be a part of the AISF family! In fact, an alumni student from Iceland joined us for our Awards celebration and Talent show today!



High School

Last week before the winter break. Very busy week with exams for semester courses. Also a week of farewells for Tate, who is moving to the United States. Their last contribution was helping to decorate the classroom and singing a solo in the talent show. We wish you all the best for the future. Happy holidays to everyone.



French

This first trimester in Middle School French has been an exciting blend of language learning, culture, and interactive digital tools. We began with **“Tout sur moi” (All About Me)**, where students learned to introduce themselves, share personal details, and ask simple questions. They practiced using *je m’appelle*, reviewed French **numbers**, and used the verb **avoir** to talk about age and basic information. Most importantly, they created their own poster with captivating details.

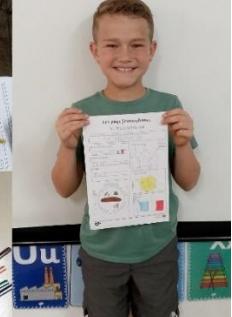
We also touched base with our language passport to help us know where we are in our language learning journey and made our language tree to help us determine how many languages we speak.

Our cultural focus explored the **Francophonie**, the worldwide community of French-speaking countries. Students discovered how French is spoken across Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, and North America, gaining a deeper appreciation for global diversity and francophone traditions.

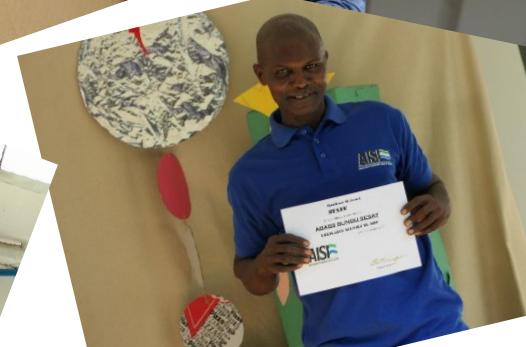
In grammar, students learned how to use **French prepositions with countries and cities**, helping them communicate more accurately.

To make learning engaging, we incorporated technology throughout the trimester. **Google Classroom** supported assignments, resources, and class announcements, helping students stay organized. For added fun and review, we used **Kahoot**, where friendly competitions helped reinforce vocabulary and grammar in an energetic and enjoyable way.

Overall, it has been a productive and lively trimester filled with creativity, cultural discovery, and growing confidence in French. Our individualized learning system allowed every student to grow at their own pace. We are looking forward to more language learning fun in the next term.

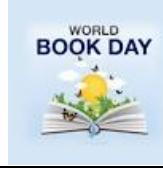








Thursday Jan 1st			
Monday Jan 5, 2026 Re-accreditation	School Re-opens		
Monday Jan 12- Friday Jan 16	i-Ready Diagnostic testing		
Tuesday Jan 13	Board Meeting 5-6pm		
Wednesday 14	ECC + G1&2 Field trip [Biodiversity & Renewable Energy Learning Center]		
Thursday 15	Back to School Night 5pm to 6:30pm		
Monday Jan19- Friday Jan 23	i-Ready Diagnostic testing		
Wednesday 21	ECC Field trip (Details tbc)		
Monday Feb 2	The Launch of Black History Month Theme AFRICAN ROYALTY		
Tuesday Feb 3	Safer Internet Day [Details tbc]		
Friday Feb 6	School Photo Day		
Saturday Feb 7	Entrepreneurship Fair		
Friday Feb 13	Reminder to Parents: No ASAs on PTC days		
Monday Feb 16, Tuesday Feb 17, Thursday Feb 19	PTCs		
Wednesday Feb 18 SCHOOL CLOSED	Sierra Leone ARMED FORCES DAY		
Friday Feb 20	ASAs resume		
Sunday March 1	CESS-MSA Visiting Team arrives		
Monday March 2- Thursday March 5	CESS- MSA Visiting Team in School African History Performance. Parents in school details [tbc]		
Monday March 9 SCHOOL CLOSED	INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY		

Wednesday March 11	Science Fair G3-12 STEAM				
Friday March 13	End of Trimester 2/Final Fee payments due				
Thursday March 19	Last day of ASAs before Spring Break				
Friday March 20 SCHOOL CLOSED	Eid al-Fitr				
Thursday April 2 SCHOOL CLOSES	NOON DISMISSAL SPRING BREAK: Please collect your children promptly				
Monday April 13	School re-opens after Spring Break				
Monday April 20	Readathon: STUCCO Decorated Doors to represent a Book Competition				
Wednesday April 22	Earth Day Whole school project				
Thursday April 23		Students and staff Dress up as a book character Guest Readers! [tbc]			
Friday April 24	Celebrating Sierra Leone- Colors-Costumes-Activities				
Monday April 27 SCHOOL CLOSED	Sierra Leone Independence Day				
Friday May 1 SCHOOL CLOSED	LABOR DAY				
Monday May 4- Friday May 8	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK				
Monday May 11-Friday May 15	MAP TESTING				
Monday May 18-Friday May 22	MAP TESTING				
Thursday May 28	Last Day ASA's for this Academic Year				
Friday May 29	International Day Flag Parade & Costumes. International Buffet				
Friday June 5	AWARDS + Celebration ASSEMBLY 5-6:30pm + Promotions				
Friday June 12	FIELD DAY led By Coach Nat!				
Thursday June 18	STUDENTS HELP TO TIDY CAMPUS Afternoon: WATER FIGHT				
Friday June 19	Final Assembly for students and Talent show REPORTS GO HOME NOON DISMISSAL CLOSE OF ACADEMIC YEAR FOR STUDENTS				
Tuesday September 1 2026	School re-opens for Learners				