

From Brian’s Desk

Good-Bye That’s All She Wrote!

Well, another school year has come to an end. I am pleased to say that, for the first time in my three years at AISF, we have been able to end the year in person! The end of a school year is a time to reflect and to say thank you and a few farewells.

First of all, I must thank you—our AISF parents—for trusting us with the care and education of your children...nothing is more valuable for any parent than the well-being of their children. Next, I must thank the teachers and assistants who are with your children throughout the day...teaching is a wonderful profession but a tiring one! And, of course, we need our admin team, our school nurse, our janitors, and groundskeepers to keep the school ticking over, so thanks and recognition to the entire support staff. I would like to recognize our Board Chair, Karim Kone, and the AISF School Board for their wisdom and guidance and also the good folks at the US Embassy who offer us so much support. The danger of embarking upon offering thanks is that one inevitably misses someone out...if I have, apologies.

Sadly, at the end of each academic year, we must say goodbye to some of our students and their families as they move on to new countries, new positions, and new schools. To all those leaving AISF, we wish you all the very best wherever life might take you. Please remember that, should you visit Freetown again, the children are always welcome to spend a few days with us.



Farewell Miss Kim!

This year, AISF says farewell to a teacher who has truly been the heart and soul of this little school—Kim Gardner. Kim has been with us since 2016 and the energy, enthusiasm, laughter, and generosity that she has brought not only to the children in her care but to her colleagues and her parents has been truly remarkable. As Kim moves to Riyadh to join a new school and join her husband, Nick, I know that she will be truly missed. Safe travels Miss Kim!! Until we meet again...don't know where, don't know when....



What a Way to End the Year

This week's themed activities and Field Day have been a wonderful way to end the year. I would like to recognize our special events and Salone learning coordinators—Joy Kamara, DeMetria Hopkins, Frederick Conteh, and Kerri Kamara—for bringing extra life and energy to our school with themed days, weeks, and months! Good on 'ya!





A Plea to Encourage Reading

The most important skill for success in school—but also, perhaps, for success in much of the world of work and life—is the ability to read effectively, so for all of you who have young children (and even not so young, I read to my son until he was 13!), have them join you as you curl up with a good book and enjoy some family time and story reading and story telling. It really will make a difference.

New Look Website

AISF’s website has a new look so check it out at www.ais-freetown.net.

Important Upcoming Dates

August 8—19	AISF Summer Art Camp (see the poster!)
Monday 5th September	AISF Reopens for 2022-23!

AISF 2022-23 Calendar Link: https://7e4da441-2734-43d6-bc20-cc1ae046068f.usrfiles.com/ugd/7e4da4_2510147e263642a3a312e03f92d924a3.pdf

Quote of the Week: *Parting is such sweet sorrow.* William Shakespeare

Pre-K

We have had a wonderful year in Pre-K class.

This week has been bittersweet for us as we said our final goodbyes to Miss Kim, Isatu, Yiyi, and Lanxuan, they will be greatly missed.

We enjoyed Spirit Week and had fun yesterday with different games and a water fight.

I wish all my students a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming them back in September.



KG-Grade 1

Crocodiles have had a terrifically fun Spirit Week at AISF. We started on Mismatch Monday with crazy combinations of clothing. Zoom Tuesday meant a lot of us came in pajamas but office smart tops. Twins Wednesday saw the boys in blue shorts and tie-dye or green/blue tops and the girls in pink, including Miss Kim. Field Day Thursday was a day filled with wonderful games and races plus of course the stupendous end of year Water Fight. And Friday we said our final goodbyes and enjoyed a class party.



Grade 2

The Pangolins have had a great time in the Last Week of School!!!

We've had a great time dressing up for Spirit Week. We made certificates to celebrate our friends and classmates and reflected on our year at school. On Thursday we had a lot of fun at field day and tried to drown Ms Eliza during the water fight!

It's been a great year together! We hope that everyone has a fantastic holiday and look forward to seeing old friends and new after the summer.



Grade 3-4

It's Spirit Week and we have been very creative dressers! We were mismatched, became twins and triplets, showed our Salone Spirit, and dressed up as our teachers. We also had a great time on Thursday with all the games and sports activities, especially soaking our teachers during the water fight!!!

It has also been a week of fun celebrations and sad farewells. We said goodbye to Oskar and wish him all the best at his next school. We celebrated Adombroso's 10th birthday with cake and snacks. We also celebrated the last day of school with some Tanzanian snacks called Mandazi from Sagal.

We hope that everyone has a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing old friends and new after the vacation!

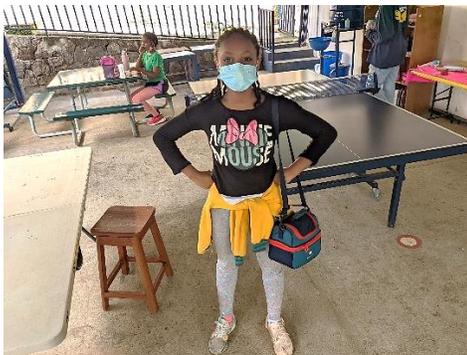


Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

We had a fun-filled last week of school here in middle school! We loved participating in Spirit Week!

7/8 presented a scene of A Midsummer Night's Dream to 5/6, which was well received!

Have a fun summer!



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

Ms. Hopkins and Mr. Sylla would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer! We will see you in September! And for those students who will not be returning, we wish you the best and please know you will always be part of the AISF family.



HAPPY
SUMMER

High School

Last week of school brought a lot of fun to High School, too! Danny and Fatmata tried to keep up the Spirit Week and to continue learning on their online courses. Fatmata received a good grade for an open book evaluation in French and Danny continued working on his CAD summer course where he received maximum scores for the first assignments and excellent feedback from his VHS teacher, Mr. Penza. Good Job Danny! Field Day brought a lot of excitement and the feeling that the summer holiday is around the corner. Happy Holidays and see you safe and sound in September!



Happy Holidays