

September 15, 2023

From Brian's Desk

Regional Education Officer Visits!

On Wednesday, AISF hosted the visit of Dr. Tim Stuart, the Regional Education Officer (Sub-Saharan Africa) for the Office of Overseas Schools in Washington. The Office of Overseas schools assists AISF with an annual grant and may also assist with professional development, security upgrades, and a variety of other projects. They also provide generous funding for the Association of International Schools in Africa which truly does offer many training opportunities for international teachers across the African continent.

While he was with us, Dr. Stuart toured the school and met with faculty, staff, and students before heading off to the US Embassy.





After-School Activities

Trimester One After-School Activities will begin next Monday and run until Friday 1st December. We have quite a diverse set of offerings and we hope that your children will enjoy them!

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday 18th September	Trimester One After-School Activities Begin
Wednesday 27th September	Mawlid (The Prophet's Birthday) School Closed. This date is still tentative
Friday 29th September	Child Protection Workshop for Parents in the MPR @ 08:15
Saturday 7th October	SAT at AISF
16th—19th October	Parent-Teacher Conferences
23rd—26th November	Thanksgiving Long Weekend (School closed)
Friday 1st December	End of Trimester One (Trimester Two payments due)
Friday 15th December	Last day of school before the holiday / Noon dismissal
Monday 8th January	School Reopens

Quote of the Week: *Everything you can imagine is real.*—Pablo Picasso

Our week started with grades 3 and 4 students coming into our classroom to teach us about time. They shared with us essential information about the importance of time and how to read a clock and tell what time it is. In math, we are all doing different things with numbers and objects. Kindergarten students are learning to count as well as explore why people count. Pre-K 3 and 4 students are learning to match numbers with objects as well as sort objects into different categories.

We started our IEYC unit and are learning about our body and what different body parts can do.

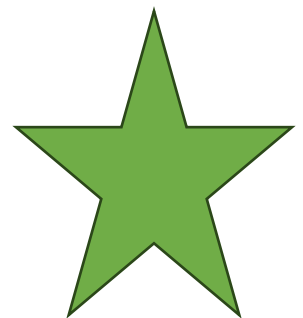


Cutting and pasting our numbers 1 to 10

Grade 1-2

This week the Pangolins have been learning all about tectonic plates! We discovered the layers of the Earth and how the plates moved from Pangaea to our modern continents.

Outside of IPC we have had a lot of fun activities! We learned about time from the grade 3-4 class, practiced yoga for a healthy body and mind, and sung and drummed in music class.



Grade 3-4

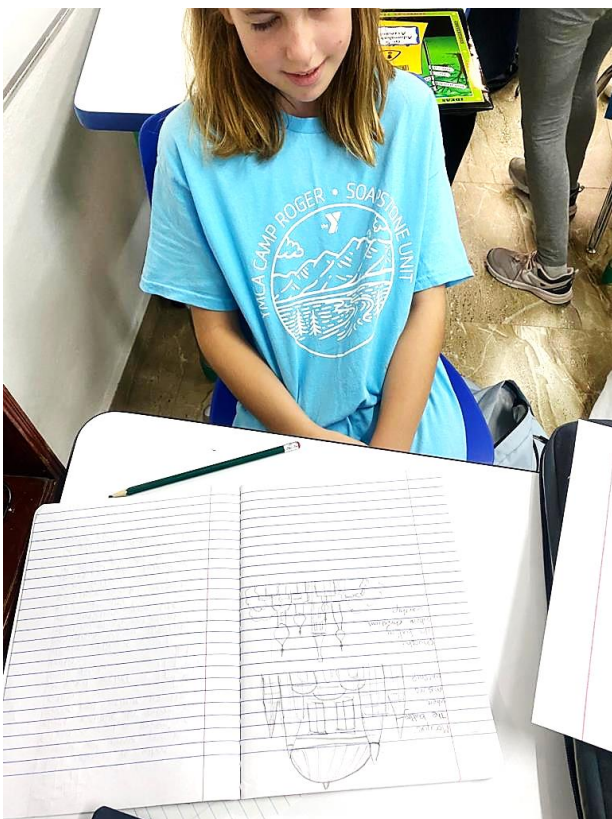
It has been so fun dressing up for Spirit Week! We've loved the themed days and really enjoyed stretching our imaginations!

On Wednesday, we had an online meeting with some Year 4 students from Westcoast International Primary School in Mauritius. They have started the school year with the IPC unit 'Different Places, Similar Lives'. The Year 4 students asked us many questions to find out about the similarities and differences in our lifestyles. They were very interested to learn about our lives in Sierra Leone and we too learnt a lot about their lives in Mauritius.



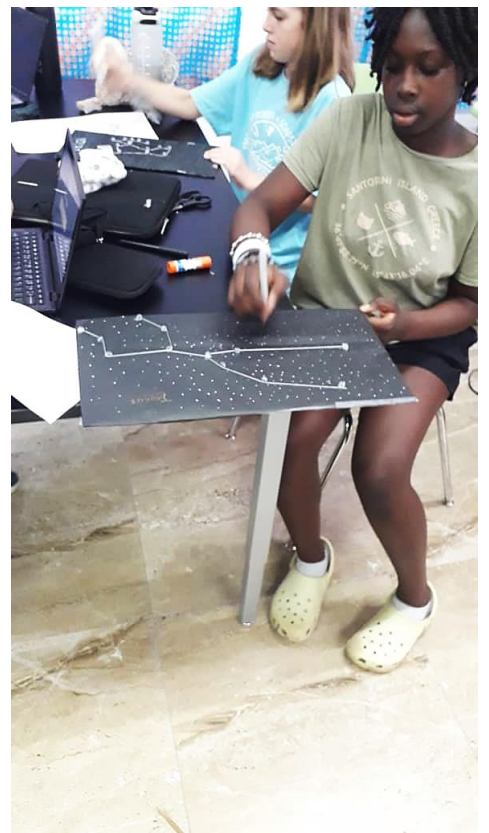
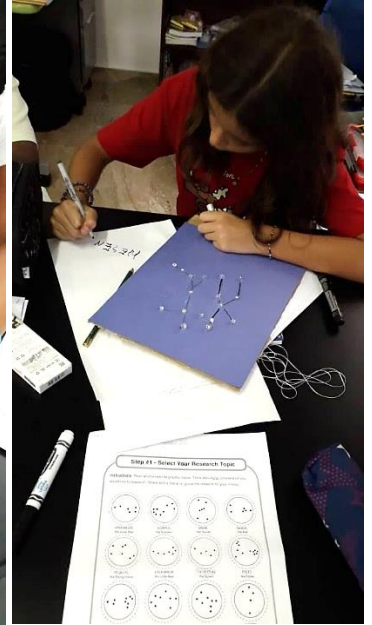
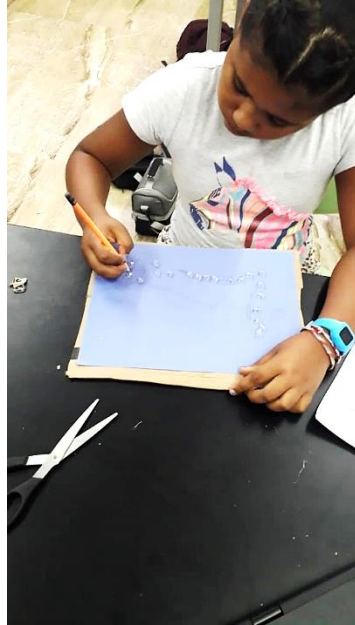
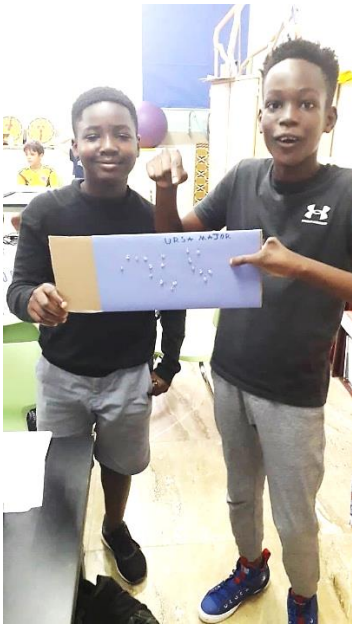
Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week in ELA the Grade 5/6 class were introduced to the idea of Design Thinking in preparation for the story of William Kamkwamba in *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. While in SS they were introduced to the world's religions and their distribution around the world in preparation for a deeper look at the beliefs and history of specific religions in the months to come. While in ELA the Grade 7/8 class looked at different texts to see the way sentence structure and voice can be used to affect how a story is told. In SS they looked at a variety of maps of Africa to determine the ways in which humans shape, and are shaped by, the environment.



Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

This week in middle school science, grades 5 and 6 completed their research projects on constellations. Grades 7 and 8 completed investigations on speed and velocity as they prepare to learn about Newton's Laws of gravity. In Math, the students completed their diagnostic tests for our new program, i-Ready. We will be discussing those results with you soon!



High School

Welcome back Emma! High School students have started to work harder on their online courses. This week already brought up serious pieces of reading and writing and had the students commenting and discussing the content of their subjects with their mates around the world. Also, the high school students started to make elaborate projects to show their understanding and thinking. They get daily feedback from their VHS teachers and **Weekly In-Progress Grade Emails**. The online high school program really challenges the students. They have to work every day for around 60 minutes per course. In the midst of everything, there was time for Spirit Week ..

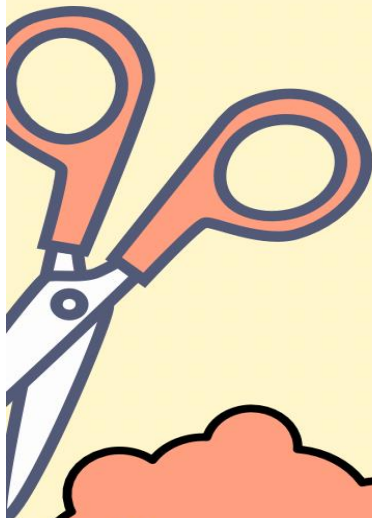


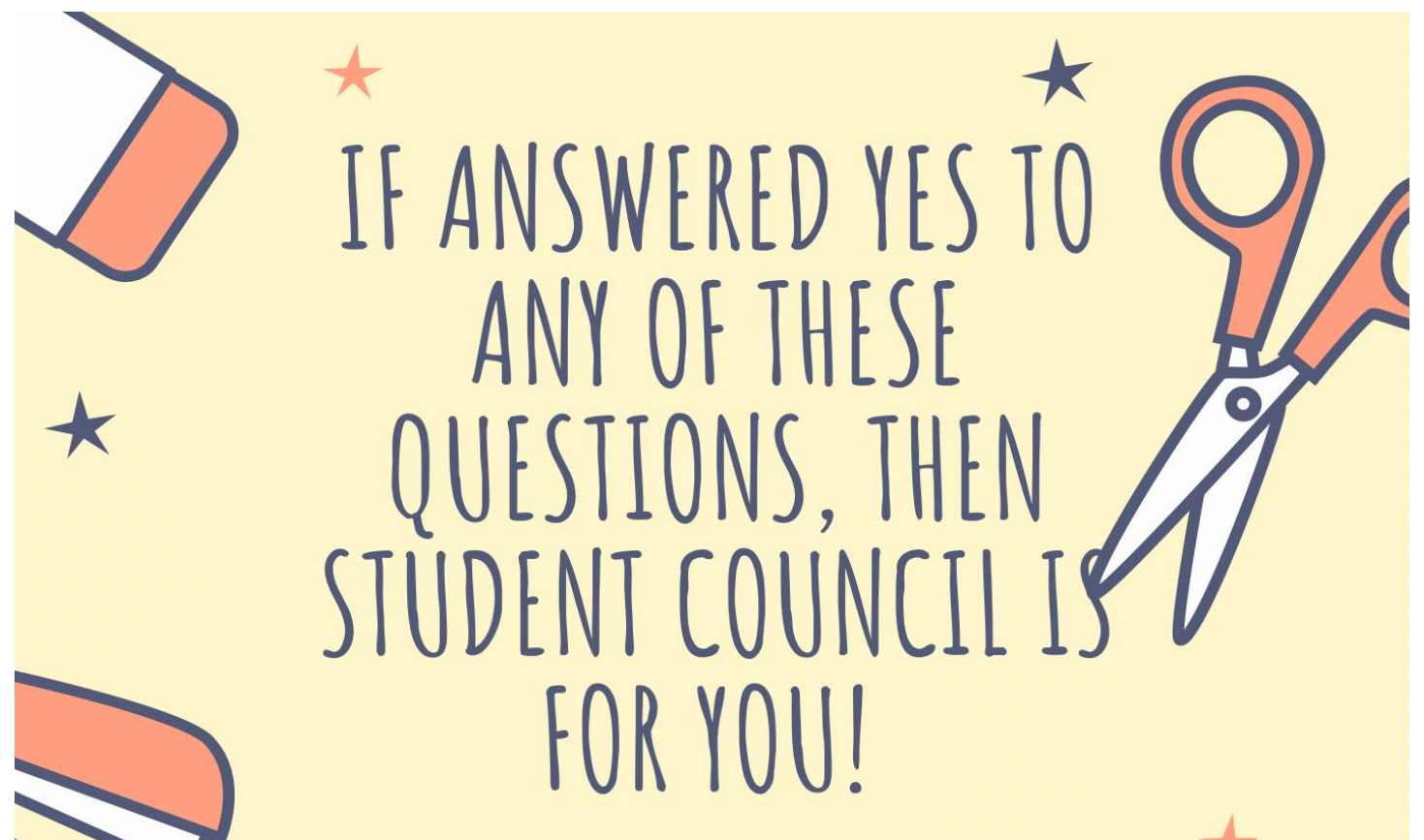


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IF ANSWERED YES TO
ANY OF THESE
QUESTIONS, THEN
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**We are looking for 2
members each from
Grades 3-8.**



**All we need to know is why! Why should we vote
for you to be a part of this trailblazer team!**

You can campaign by making flyers and posters

SPEECHES WILL BE GIVEN DURING OUR WHOLE
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON

WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH

