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AISL EVENTS

**SOCCER MATCH
AISL VERSUS EIA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th
AT 10:00 AM**

**WEEK TWO
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
MON., WEDS. ,
THURS. & FRI.**

**VISIT BY LANCASTER
UNIVERSITY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

**HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st**

**ALL SAINTS DAY
SCHOOL HOLIDAY,
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**

**REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**

**PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)**

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are already in October with four weeks of school behind us. Everyone appears to be quickly settling into the routine of the new school year, and the campus is bustling with eager learners. Several back-to-school events have already been held. The enthusiastic support we are receiving from all of our stakeholders lets me know that we are going to have an exciting school year.

What do you get when you combine beautiful weather, community, music, home cooking, grilled hotdogs and a variety of games? Well, that sounds like the AISL Welcome Back-to-School BBQ. On Saturday, September 16th from 12:30 PM until dusk, AISL students, alumni, parents, faculty, and staff joined forces to celebrate the opening of school and to welcome new families to our community of learners.



AISL's community came out in grand style to support this event, and there was something for everyone, including a variety of foods from all around the world.



We played games such as musical chairs, toss the water balloon, safety darts, football and hula-hoop. Musical chairs became the hit of the day!



I could continue to describe the activities at the BBQ, but "a picture speaks a thousand words." The following images, many photographed by Karen Yuan, depict some of the highlights of the AISL Welcome Back-to-School BBQ 2017. Enjoy these wonderful photos.





OPEN HOUSE 2017

AISL officially kicked off the opening of school at Open House on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 6:00 PM.



Elementary (Nursery-Grade 5) parents attended teacher presentations and learned about the units of study for the year. Parents with children in grades 6 - 12 participated in a modified version of the daily schedule by visiting each teacher. Parents were presented with course descriptions, information about the curriculum, teacher expectations, the teaching materials used, classroom rules and procedures, major projects and assignments.



A big **THANK YOU** to our parents, faculty, and staff for a very informative and successful Welcome-Back-to-School Night/ Open House. From all accounts, it was an outstanding way to demonstrate our home - school connection for the 2017/ 2018 school year. In addition to meeting the teachers, it was also an excellent opportunity for parents to meet other parents and make new acquaintances.

The success of our BBQ and Open House events demonstrate that our home - school connections are getting off to a great start. I look forward to many more occasions where we can communicate about and share what is happening at AISL.

As stated in my remarks at Open House,

“Small schools like AISL present many challenges and opportunities. However, I firmly believe that working together in partnership, we can accomplish more for our students and more for the school.”

Our faculty and staff are committed to making AISL a safe, challenging, and pleasant academic environment for all students. As I conclude my message for this week, I am reminded of a quotation by Mari Evans,

**“Education is the jewel casting
brilliance into the future.”**

By working together in partnership (home and school), we can encourage, guide and support your children as they acquire the skills toward achieving a brilliant future filled with many opportunities and choices.

Have a great weekend.

Daphne Neal, Director

READING BUDDIES

AISL students in grade 1 – 5, under the supervision of our teachers, Ms. Lauren Elliott and Ms. Cristina Maiorino, have initiated a Reading Buddies Program.



Reading Buddies is a program in which two or more students read and learn together.



Older students read with younger students.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MODULE 1

Reading Buddies programs help:

- Model good reading.
- Improve student reading fluency.
- Students develop self-esteem.
- Promote good reading practice.
- Develop a sense of pride.
- Students see the value of reading.
- Develop a love of reading.
- Nurture a mutual interest in reading.

**BRAVO
AND
HAPPY READING
TO
OUR
YOUNG
READERS**

The first module of the **AISL After School Activities Program (AAP)** is in full gear. This module we are offering the following activities:

**Debate Club
Drama Club
Drum Set
English Language Support
Painting and Drawing
Reader's Theatre
SAT Math Prep
Soccer
STEM Club
Yearbook Club**

In the next issue of the AISL Gazette, we will provide visual images of our activities program.





**COME SUPPORT THE FIRST
FOOTBALL (SOCCER) MATCH**



**OF THE
2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

**THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LOME
VERSUS**

ECOLE INTERNATIONALE ATLANTIQUE

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

WHERE: AISL SOCCER FIELD

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE AISL STUDENT COUNCIL