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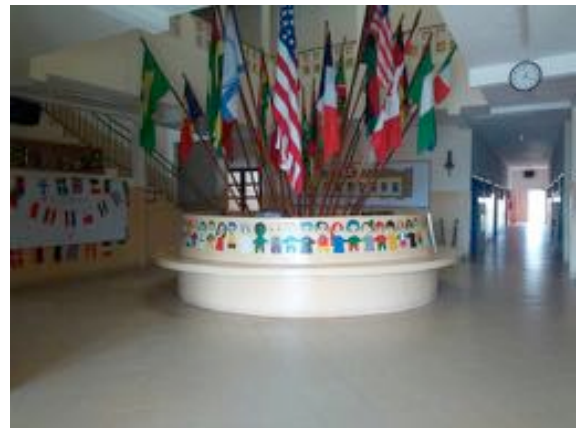
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



This is the first issue of the **American International School of Lomé (AISL)** newsletter for the 2017-2018 school year, also known as **The AISL Gazette**. Our newsletter will feature general information, news, events, programs, activities, and student reporting and writing. We look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful activities at our school.



Welcome back to our returning families and **WOEZON** to the new families who are joining us for the first time. AISL's administration, instructional and support staff are extremely excited about the 2017- 2018 school year!



Before I begin writing about what you can expect from AISL this school year, I want to introduce myself. My name is Daphne Neal, and I am pleased to be AISL's new Director. As an educational leader with over thirty years of experience, I have served at schools in Côte d'Ivoire, Tunisia, Gabon, and the United States. My most recent post was as the Interim Academic Director at the American International School of Libreville in Gabon. I began my professional career in international schools in 1985 taking on a variety of administrative posts including Registrar, Admissions Counselor, College Advisor, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Director. I am married and have three adult children, who all attended and graduated from international schools. Having worked in and been a parent of children who attended international schools, I am well aware of the role a quality international education can play in impacting a child's future endeavors. I am delighted to be AISL's new director, and I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children.



This week has been outstanding for many reasons. I have had an opportunity to meet and or greet many of our AISL families as they enter the campus in the mornings. Daily, eager learners come into our classrooms. Our students' enthusiasm energizes us, creating a stimulating learning environment.



Adjusting to a new school community is always an enjoyable experience for me, and while standing at AISL's front entrance on the first day of school, I was elated to be a part of the warm greetings, hugs, and smiles associated with a school community meeting after a long vacation.



AISL has a welcoming family atmosphere that permeates throughout the campus. Small classes and individualized instruction are two characteristics of an AISL education.



The 2017 – 2018 school year is a special period for AISL because it will be celebrating its

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

AISL 1967 – 2017



Yes, AISL is 50 years old this year, and we hope

to find ways to acknowledge the history and traditions of the school. If you have any ideas, please contact me.

On our second day of school, AISL had a special visitor from the U.S. Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools. Ms. Mary Russman, the Regional Educational Officer for Africa, came to visit AISL and met with the administrators and teachers. This year, AISL was fortunate to be the recipient of two grants from the Office of Overseas Schools.



We want to thank Ms. Russman and the Office of Overseas Schools, and the US Embassy Lome for their support.

Without a doubt the 2017-2018 school year will be one of transition and change, as we adapt to a new administration, grow in enrollment and begin planning for our future development. We appreciate that you have entrusted the education of your children to us.

Please be assured that we will provide each child with an academically challenging and enriching educational experience.



Believe it or not, small schools like AISL can be effective schools, because size is not a criterion for effectiveness. Instead, effectiveness is based on how a school can meet its intended vision, mission and goals. One of our primary goals this year is to foster a learning environment that demonstrates AISL's ability to fulfill its commitment to its stakeholders, We want a school of excellence. A school where students are engaged global citizens and one where parents are active participants in the educational process.

From all indications, AISL is moving in a positive direction! Join us, as we embark on an outstanding school year.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Daphne J. Neal, Director



TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

First-semester tuition payments were due on Monday, September 4, 2017. Please ensure to make your tuition payment by Monday, September 11, 2017, to avoid your child/children being denied entry onto the school premises.

All parents are required to sign a Tuition Agreement Payment Form at the time of payment. If you have not done so, please see Mr. Ketor, our Business Manager.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION
TO THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.**

WELCOME BBQ



The AISL Back to School/Welcome BBQ and Games Day will take place on Saturday, September 16th at 12:30 PM at the school. Each family is asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share, which can feed 12-15 people. The school will provide drinks, plates, cups and eating utensils. COME JOIN THE FUN!!

AISL OPEN HOUSE/

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, September 27

at

6:00 PM (18h00)

You will have an opportunity to meet all of your child's teachers and other staff members at Open House/Back-to-School Night 2017.

Afterschool Activities Program at AISL Coming Soon!

The first of three modules of the AISL After School Activities Program (AAP) will begin on Monday, October 2 and end on Friday, December 8, 2017. AAP information will be sent home with all students soon. We will offer a wide range of activities and programs during the first module.

We encourage you to permit your child to participate in at least one activity. We strongly believe that children should be able to pursue their own interests and explore new activities. By interacting in positive ways with peers during the AAP, students learn new skills and have a chance to develop and enrich their school experience.

If you have questions or want to offer an after school activity, please contact **Ms. Neal**.

SIGHTS FROM THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

