



# Asmara International Community School

## “The NEWS to KNOW”

### 02 October 2009

Asmara International Community School serves the international community by providing a rigorous English language academic program of excellence, emphasizing individual discipline, personal integrity and respect for others.

#### CALENDAR NOTES:

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| 02 October    | 08:15 Elementary Assembly                    |
| 08 October    | Coffee Hour: Following student morning entry |
| 09 October    | 1 <sup>st</sup> After School Activities End  |
| 15 October    | 14:45 PTO Meeting                            |
| 16 October    | 08:15 Elementary Assembly                    |
| 17-25 October | October Break                                |
| 26 October    | School Resumes                               |

#### COMMUNITY NEWS:

##### *Back-to-School Picnic*

The PTO sponsored event on Saturday was an unqualified success. The dishes brought to share were delicious, the enthusiasm was palpable, the weather was wonderful, the music was lively, the celebratory dessert provided by the family of Filippo Fiocchi was tasty, and the turnout was tremendous. Estimates of attendance range from 200 to 250. Maybe next time a way will be found to entice more of the high school students and their families.

Many thanks to the PTO with special recognition to Majeed Sayed Ezatullah, Michael Breece, and Emilie Siraj. Thank you to all who helped with setting up and cleaning up. Suggestions for a place to hold the next such event are welcome.

##### *Board of Governors*

The Board of Governors has had two official meetings. The constitution of the Board for 2009/2010 has been confirmed. Here are the current voting members:

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| Gbemi Akinboyo | U.N. Representative         |
| Janine Young   | U.S. Embassy Representative |

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| Saba Bahta         | Returning Member |
| Rosanna Di Bianco  | Returning Member |
| Sara Ekube         | New Member       |
| Ghebremedhin Haile | Returning Member |

In addition, ex officio nonvoting members are:

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Dan Franch         | Faculty Representative |
| Ahferom Tesfagaber | Deputy Director        |
| Jack Shepherd      | Director               |

Board Committees will be forming shortly. Interested parents should contact me if they are interested in serving AICS as we work to develop the school.

### ***Faculty Meeting***

Last Friday afternoon, 25 September, the faculty met to pursue improving the problem solving skills of AICS students. Under the tutelage of Gary Hinds, high school Math and Science teacher, we were challenged, enlightened, and amused during the course of the afternoon. Thank you Mr. Hinds.

### ***Progress Reports***

Parents please be sure to sign and return the Progress Reports given to students last Friday morning.

### ***Parent Directory***

The AICS Parent Directory is almost ready to be distributed, please let Muna Nassir know if you do not wish to have your e-mail address included.

Jack F. Shepherd Jr.  
Director