



Asmara International Community School

“The NEWS to KNOW”

22 January 2010

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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| 22 January | End of 2 nd Quarter |
| 23 January | Board Retreat |
| 25 January | 3 rd After School Activities Begin |
| 28 January | Coffee Hour |
| 29 January | 8:15 Elementary Assembly 2 nd Quarter Report Cards Issued |
| 10 February | 100 th Day of School |
| 11 February | Coffee Hour |
| 12 February | 8:00 Elementary Assembly (Note change in time) |
| 18 February | 13:00 Board of Governors Meeting 14:45 PTO Meeting |

COMMUNITY NEWS:

End of Semester I

Today is the end of Quarter II and Semester I. Much work by everyone at AICS has been done to get us to this point. Congratulations to all.

Report Cards

Teachers are currently completing report cards. If all goes well, they will be distributed to students next Friday, 29 January. Please be sure that tuition has been paid, so that, your child's report card may be sent home.

Board Retreat

On Saturday, 23 January, the Board of Governors will spend the day together working for the benefit of AICS. The goals for the day include getting to know each other a bit better, reviewing the responsibilities of the Board, and setting goals. Many thanks to these individuals who willingly give their time and energy in service to the school.

The members of the Board are:

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| Gbemi Akinboyo | Chair |
| Rossana Di Bianco | Vice Chair |
| Janine Young | Treasurer |
| Saba Bahta | Secretary |
| Sara Ekube | Member |
| Gebremedhin Haile | Member |
| Dan Franch | Ex-officio Member |
| Ahferom Tesfagaber | Ex-officio Member |
| Jack F. Shepherd Jr. | Ex-officio Member |

Recruiting Trip

Next Friday, 29 January, I will depart for the United States to attend the Search Associates Recruiting Fair in Cambridge, Massachusetts. One of the most important jobs of a director is to hire teachers who will make a significant contribution to the school. While in Cambridge, I hope to fill the openings we have for 2010/2011.

Following the recruiting fair, I will be attending the Annual Conference of the Association for the Advancement of International Education (AAIE). This is a wonderful opportunity to become a student again and attend workshops and lectures. It also offers the chance to see friends and acquaintances who work at other schools around the world and to share ideas about ways in which schools can improve themselves. Various suppliers are present as well and so questions that may have arisen during the course of the year can be addressed.

Music Competition

Congratulations to Mr. Ghirmay Andom who has been named as one of the seven finalists from East Africa in the *Le Rêve Africain* Music Competition.

Should you wish to vote for Mr. Ghirmay, please send an e-mail to afropepiteshow6@gmail.com with the message "I vote for Ghirmay Andom" before January 31st.

Fanuel Yemane, Class of 2010

Congratulations to Fanuel who has completed requirements and so is the first member of the Class of 2010 to graduate. Best of luck to you, Fanuel.

Jack F. Shepherd Jr.
Director