



# Asmara International Community School

## “The NEWS to KNOW”

### 29 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:

29 January	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Issued
05 February	18:30 Debate Team Performance
10 February	100 <sup>th</sup> 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
20 February	Boys' Activities Day
25 February	Coffee Hour Café de Coeur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Issues
26 February	No School: Mawlid Al-Nebiy

#### COMMUNITY NEWS:

##### *Recruiting Trip*

As noted earlier, I leave tonight for the United States to attend a recruiting fair and the Annual Conference of the Association for the Advancement of International Education (AAIE). Both of these events are in the Boston areas so I will be returning to the region where I used to live when I attended Boston University and then first started teaching. In my absence, Dan Franch will once again serve as Acting Director. Please contact him should any questions arise. In addition, Emilie Siraj will be at the gate each morning.

##### *Board Retreat*

Last Saturday, 23 January, the Board of Governors met for the day. We had a productive time together as we shared a bit about ourselves, addressed Board operations, and discussed various aspects of the future of AICS. Thank you to the Board for their time and support.

##### *Quarter 2/Semester I Report Cards*

Report cards went out on schedule today. My thanks to the teachers, most of whom submitted their grades and comments before the deadline. Congratulations as well to Solomon Lebassi who developed the reporting program and who has continued to modify it so that it meets our needs. Congratulations to all for completing Semester I.

Parents please sign one copy and return it to the homeroom teacher so that we know that the report has been received. Should you wish to make an appointment with a teacher, please contact the school.

### ***Elementary Assembly Time Change***

Following this morning's assembly, future assemblies will begin shortly after 8:00. Students will line up as usual at the bell. Then they will go to their respective classrooms, drop off their bags, and go to the assembly. One concern that has been expressed is the potential for interruptions by students coming late. Ideally, we will not have any more late arrivals on any day. Please do come to school on time.

### ***Tuition Payments***

Tuition payments for the Third Quarter are due by 12 February. Please be aware of the need for timely payment. In addition, according to policy AICS is entitled to charge a late fee to those who do not pay on time. Payment may be made directly at the Commercial Bank, by wire transfer, or by check submitted to Esayas Abraham, Business Manager.

### ***Honor Roll***

Students in Grades 7-12 who qualify for the Honor Roll will be recognized at an assembly following my return from the U.S. We hope that many parents will attend to applaud the success of those students in Semester I.

### ***Debate***

You are invited to join us for a public performance of the Debate Team on 5 February at 18:30. The team has been coached by Ajani Husbands, Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy and Dan Franch, AICS English teacher. As Ajani will be leaving Asmara shortly after the event, your attendance would be a wonderful way to recognize his contributions to AICS. Many thanks and bon voyage, Ajani.

### ***Elementary Assembly***

At today's assembly, students with birthdays in January were recognized. In addition, the following awards were given:

Kindergarten, Ms. Lija

- Aaron Minassie, Dehai Woldeghebriel, Filippo Fiocchi, Lena Noetzold, Maico Teklu, and Maitea Williams for committment to Home Reading.
- Nathan Lledos for extra effort and wonderful work.

Grade 1/2B, From the students

- Ms. Elsa Zeweldai for being so nice and so helpful to us.

Jack F. Shepherd Jr.  
Director