



# Asmara International Community School

## “The NEWS to KNOW”

### 04 December 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:

10 December	8:00 Coffee Hour 13:00 Board of Governors Meeting, Director’s Office 14:45 PTO Meeting
11 December	2 <sup>nd</sup> After School Activities End
15-17 December	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Final Exams, Gr. 9-12
18 December	a.m. Elementary Winter Holiday Celebration Assembly: Lunch with Santa p.m. High School: Pizza and Movie Afternoon
19 December	Winter Break Begins
11 January	School Resumes
14 January	8:00 Coffee Hour
15 January	8:15 Elementary Assembly

#### COMMUNITY NEWS:

##### *Information Please*

Parents, if you are planning to leave early or return late from any vacation, please send a letter to the office so that we are informed. Please do the same at any time you are planning to take your children out of school. Student attendance is a key part of the learning process. Work that is missed due to absence of any kind should be made up. Thank you for your cooperation.

##### *In Response to Items Found in the Suggestion Box*

###### *Consider a canteen or catering service*

We are looking into having certain restaurants supply food at lunch times. A questionnaire is being prepared to determine the interests of students and parents.

###### *Provide a microwave for reheating elementary school lunches*

Again, having food provided by local restaurants might speak to this concern.

### *Concern about a teacher*

Part of the job of the Director is to help teachers improve, so information is important. I will share the concern raised with the teacher while still maintaining confidentiality. Related to this notion of improvement, I spoke with all teachers recently and encouraged them to have students evaluate the work being done in the classroom. Students, do ask your teachers to give you a course evaluation to complete. Also, students should do their best to talk to their teachers about their concerns.

### ***Elementary Assembly***

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

#### Kindergarten, Ms. Lija

- Dehai Woldeghebriel for using such lovely manners and reminding his friends to share.
- Lena Noetzold for being such an eager reader and writer.
- Maitea Williams for such wonderful writing and detailed pictures.
- Saymon Woldesellasié for remembering to play safely with his friends.

#### Grade 1/2B, Mrs. S

- Hazael Alazar for Writing
- Eulogio Montijano for Writing

Benhur Ghebremeskel and Mogen Kim Young spoke about being friends and Grade 4 performed poems of Shel Silverstein. Thanks to all who attended.

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Director