



Asmara International Community School

“The NEWS to KNOW”

19 March 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:

19 March	3 rd After School Activities End
22-26 March	I.T.B.S Tests Kindergarten - Grade 8
25 March	Coffee Hour
30 March	End of 3 rd Quarter
02 April	NO SCHOOL: Orthodox Good Friday Spring Break Begins
04 April	Easter
12 April	School Resumes 4 th After School Activities Begin
13 April	3 rd Quarter Report Cards Issued
15 April	Coffee Hour 12:00 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 14:45 PTO Meeting
16 April	8:00 Elementary Assembly 12:00 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences
17 April	Board/Faculty Get Together
21 April	13:00 Board of Governors Meeting
29 April	18:30 Association General Meeting

COMMUNITY NEWS:

AICS 15th Anniversary Celebration

A committee is being formed to plan an AICS 15th Anniversary Celebration. AICS was founded in 1994, so this is the 15th school year. We would like to have an event or events to recognize this important year. Students, teachers, and parents are encouraged to contribute ideas. Please submit your name to Ms. Muna at Reception should you be willing to participate.

3rd Quarter Ends, 30 March

As we near the end of the 3rd Quarter, please encourage students to remain focused. The weather is warming and energy is rising. Students should use that energy to produce quality work.

Elementary Assembly

Thanks to Grade 1/2A students for performing “Our Senses” in the assembly this morning. Congratulations to Blen Tezare in Kindergarten who received a certificate for all her extra efforts and commitment to Home Reading.

Girls Around the World

More than 100 girls accompanied by an adult attended the PTO sponsored activity last Saturday. Nails were painted, drawings were made with henna, a fashion show took place, and lots of pizza was consumed.

Special recognition to the National Honor Society members who staffed a table and to Rim Abraham and Benyam Ahferom who served as d.j.’s. Thanks to the PTO volunteers as well:

Julie McClanahan	Sara Ekube
Chantal Gerritsen	Elsara Badri
Frehiwet Lijam	Emilie Siraj
Saba Bahta	Fakhriya Majeed

Spring Break, 2-11 April

Spring Break is approaching. Should it be necessary for you and your family to depart early or return late, please send in a letter to the Reception as soon as possible. While extending a vacation and causing students to miss school is discouraged, it is also understood that sometimes family obligations may take precedence.

Book Fair at Expo, 19-28 March

The annual Book Fair is taking place at the Expo with opening ceremonies happening tonight. The fair is open until March 28. Hours are 8:30-18:00 Saturday, closed on Sunday, 8:30-18:00 Monday to Saturday, and 8:30-12:30 Sunday.

IOWA Test of Basic Skills Kindergarten-Grade 8, 22-26 March

Students from Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be taking the ITBS next week. Each morning one or two hours will be used to administer these tests which are produced in the US and administered in many schools there, as well as in international schools around the world.

The primary purpose of these tests is for the school to track individual student progress from year to year. Student grades are not affected and there is no question of passing or failing.

In order to be ready, students should go to bed early in order to be well rested. They should eat a good breakfast each morning. They should listen carefully to instructions during the tests and apply themselves diligently.

Jack F. Shepherd Jr.
Director