



Asmara International Community School

“The NEWS to KNOW”

30 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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| 06 November | 1 st Quarter Report Cards Issued |
| 07 November | 10:00 - 12:00 Pumpkin Patch (Sponsored by PTO) (<i>Children up through grade 4 should be accompanied by an adult</i>) |
| 12 November | 8:00 Coffee Hour
12:00 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| 13 November | 8:15 Elementary Assembly
12:00 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences |

COMMUNITY NEWS:

1st Quarter

Yesterday was the end of the 1st Quarter. While there have inevitably been certain concerns to address since the start of school on 20 August, the atmosphere at school is quite positive. Teachers are working conscientiously to deliver their programs, students are engaged and enthusiastic about coming to school, and parents are increasing their participation in school activities. Working together we can maintain this positive focus. Thanks to all for a strong beginning to the year.

AISA Conference

Just before the October Break began, I departed for the annual Association of International Schools in Africa Conference. Many people there expressed concern about AICS and it was a pleasure to reassure them of the positive beginning that we have had to academic year 2009/2010.

Dan Franch filled in during my absence and I thank him for taking on that responsibility. Lija Bate deserves thanks as well for running the Elementary School Assembly on Friday, 16 October.

Parent Telephone Directory

The Parent Telephone Directory for 2009/2010 will be available next week. One copy will be sent home to each family. If you discover that your information, is incorrect please inform Muna Nassir at Reception.

Access AICS, "The Axe"

Under the guidance of Dan Franch, Michael Breece, and Monte Williams a new school newspaper has been launched. The paper has a broad scope and features articles in English, French, Arabic, and Tigrigna. Members of the AICS community who have submitted work include students, teachers, and members of the administration. Parent contributions are welcome. Will you be the first parent to submit?

In order to save paper and energy, copies are not being distributed to all. A plan is in effect for purchase of individual copies, as well as subscriptions. We also intend to post each issue on the school web site.

Congratulations to all for this first impressive issue!

High School Student Council

The Student Council has begun their work with their first meeting having taken place on Monday, 26 October.

President: Rim Abraham

Vice President: Temesghen Tewolde

Secretary: Shewit Woldemariam

Treasurer: Natsnet Tewolde

Public Relations: Haben Kidane

9/10 Representative: Saimon Woldu

7/8 Representative: Yohannes Fitsum

Elementary School Representative: Reem Berhane

Late Arrivals to School

Parents, your cooperation is needed. Too many students are coming late to school. Arriving late has a negative impact on the individual student and on the class that is being interrupted when they arrive late.

In the Second Quarter should a student accumulate three tardies, parents will then be contacted. Should the failure to arrive on time continue, various responses are being considered.

Students please come to school on time. Parents please be sure that your children are at school well before 8:00.

Jack F. Shepherd Jr.
Director