



Asmara International Community School

“The NEWS to KNOW”

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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 April	Coffee Hour 18:30 ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND
30 April	Elementary Assembly Lock-In Grades 7-12 (To be confirmed)
1 May	May Day
7 May	4 th Quarter Progress Reports Issued
12 May	Board of Governors Meeting
13 May	Coffee Hour
14 May	Elementary Assembly 9:00-13:00 Book Exchange
15 May	10:00-13:00 Family Fun Day
19 May	Board of Governors Meeting
20 May	PTO Meeting

COMMUNITY NEWS:

In Remembrance of Mr. Paul Johnston

Wednesday, the 21st the students from Kindergarten through Grade 12, joined by the Board of Governors, assembled in the Multipurpose Room for a moment of silence in memory of Paul Johnston, AICS Director, 2006-2009.

A candle, provided by Benyam Ahferom of Grade 12, burned throughout the day in the Reception. The whiteboard at the main entrance has been filled with messages written by students to Mr. Johnston. In his honor, a linka bush has been planted outside the Pre-Kindergarten classroom and a plaque will be mounted there.

Association Meeting, 29 April, 18:30

Please plan to attend the meeting on the 29th. The agenda includes recognition of the 15th Anniversary of AICS, student presentations, an overview of the school year, review of the AICS financial status, presentation of the 2010/2011 budget, and elections for the Board of Governors.

Should you wish to raise any questions, there will be an opportunity during the meeting. If you would like to submit comments or questions in writing, please send them in to the Reception or drop them in the Suggestion Box.

Board Elections

Members of the Board of Governors are elected by the Association which is composed of AICS parents and legal guardians of students, as well as teachers. At the Association Meeting on Thursday, 29 April all members of the Association will be able to vote for two positions reserved for members of the international community on the Board of Governors. The two members whose terms are coming to an end are standing for re-election. They are:

- Saba Bahta: Currently Board Secretary
Mother of Deborah (P-K), Haset (2), and Gideon (3)
- Rossana Di Bianco : Currently Board Vice President
Mother of Filippo (KG)

(Nominations of candidates may also be made from the floor at the Association Meeting.)

Should you be unable to attend the Association Meeting, absentee ballots are available at the Reception.

Food Service Trial

The Student Council has begun a trial run of lunch delivery for Grades 7-12 this week. The American Bar has offered a range of items and delivered them for high school lunch. This trial will continue for the next few weeks. The procedure will then be assessed and we will decide whether to expand to include the elementary school. Your comments would be appreciated.

Book Exchange

This year's Book Exchange will be held on the 14th of May from 9:00 to 13:00. Students are encouraged to bring in books they have already read, so that they can swap them for new ones on this day. Parents are also encouraged to donate old books, magazines, and other reading materials to the Library (Mr. Merhawi). At the end of the school day, leftover books will be available for sale.

Family Fun Day, May 15

Preparations are being made for Family Fun Day. Volunteers are needed to run activities, cook hamburgers, supervise games, and a variety of other tasks. Leave your name at the Reception if you are willing to assist.

If you are departing Eritrea and would like rent a table to sell household items, you may do so for 150 Nakfa. Leave your name and payment at the Reception.

Further information will be available at the Coffee Hour and the Association General Meeting on the 29th. You may also contact Chantal Gerritsen and Frehiwot Lijam to volunteer, rent a table, or for additional details.

Jack F. Shepherd Jr.
Director