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From Elizabeth's Desk

A Fresh Look for Our School!



Dear AISF Families,

Happy New Year! As we embark on a new term, I am delighted to share some of the exciting improvements that have been made to our school facilities over the past few months. These changes reflect our collective commitment to creating a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students to learn and thrive.

Thanks to the hard work, creative thinking, and dedication of our team, we have been able to address several areas that needed attention. From refreshed classrooms to enhanced outdoor spaces, these updates are designed to benefit every member of our school community.

This transformation would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of our staff, leadership, and supportive community. Together, we have made significant strides in aligning our environment with the high standards we strive for in every aspect of our school and community life.

It is worth noting that these upgrades are part of a broader vision to invest in the school's future while making the best use of available resources. We are all excited about the opportunities it brings for all of us.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and ideas as we continue to move forward together. Thank you for being part of this journey, and for your unwavering support in making AISF a place where excellence and care come together. I have included a few pictures below but please come and view for yourself as well! There will be an opportunity to tour the school and enjoy the different spaces as part of the **Welcome Assembly from 5pm to 6pm today, Friday January 10th**



Welcome Back Assembly for students!

This was an interactive and fun way to welcome new students on Monday the 6th of January, celebrate some birthdays, reconnect, learn some new things, play a few games, and laugh!

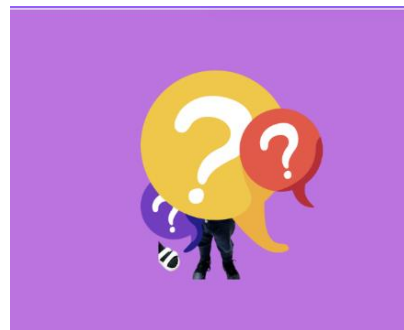


There was some serious writing and thinking going on as well



Some students shared about traditions and special food they enjoy! And one student worked so hard at his scribing role he won himself a 'Galette des Rois' like the one on the slide below. I think he shared it with his friends! I hope so.

Who is behind the Question Marks?



The Quote for this week comes from a one of our students, Tiara Bhurani. It was on her T-shirt.

POSITIVE MIND POSITIVE VIBES POSITIVE LIFE

THANK YOU, TIARA!



ECC

Happy New Year!

It is great to be back in the swing of things!

We welcomed new children to our class, Victoria and Alex, and happy to learn, grow and play together.

This week we talked about what makes a great classmate and made new year's resolutions for the year **2025**.





Grade 1-2

HAPPY NEW YEAR PANGOLINS! The year may have changed but the Pangolins are still steady at work while enjoying some fun bonding time with one another this week. We cannot wait to show you all that we have in store for the rest of the year.





Grade 3-4

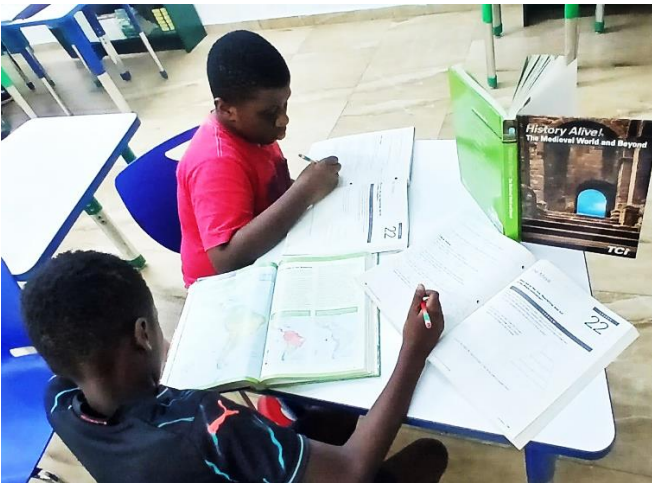
Welcome to 2025! This week, Grade 3 and 4 students harvested corn from the garden that was planted earlier. We cooked and enjoyed the corn together and shared some with the staff. In math, students are completing their iReady tests for the second trimester, and in IPC, they are researching islands of their choice and creating posters with the facts they find.





Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week in ELA both classes finished their final diagnostic for IXL to see the progress they've made over the school year so far. Next week students will begin their journey on iReady, a new program being rolled out in middle school ELA. While in social studies, the 5/6 class began learning about the ancient Maya civilization of the Americas. The 7/8 class learned about daily life in Ancient Rome. While both middle school classes engaged in the completion of an important multi-step exercise that taught critical thinking and emphasized effective communication when it comes to the compaction of pre-teen and adolescent anatomy within the realm of in-class vertical storage.





Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

Happy New Year! In middle school Math, the students reviewed and then began taking their 2nd diagnostic test. In Science, grades 5 and 6 got an introduction to the different types of waves. Grades 7 and 8 worked on their body system models. Both Kelemi and Mahmoud celebrated their birthdays this week. We also celebrated with Nina and Cherub who had their birthdays during the break.



Festive after-break with the birthday party for the youngest member of the high school. **Happy Birthday Michael!**



First Harvest from The Community Garden



LOOKING AHEAD



Tuesday 14th January	PTO meeting at 5:30pm
Wednesday 15th January	MSA Planning Team Meeting 3pm G5-G8 Math & Science Classroom
Wednesday 29 January	MSA Planning Team Meeting 3pm G5-G8 Math & Science Classroom
Wednesday 29 January	Entrepreneurship FAIR
Monday 3 February	Black History Month 
Tuesday 4 February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 7 February	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Wednesday 12 February	MSA Planning Team Meeting 3pm G5-G8 Math & Science Classroom
Friday 14 February	PTO Movie Night
Monday 17-Friday 21 February	PTC week (details to be confirmed)
Tuesday 18 February	Sierra Leone Armed Forces Day: School Closed
Wednesday 26 February	Event: GUMMBAY
Wednesday 26 February	BOARD MEETING 5pm