

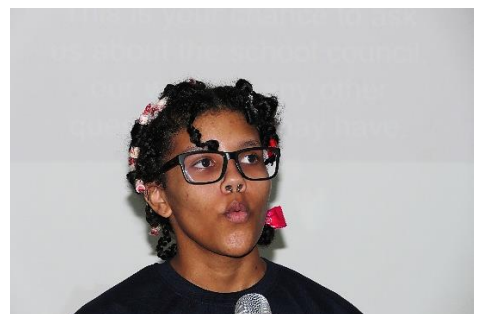
From Elizabeth’s Desk

The importance of student leadership.

Providing opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills, ensures that they naturally gain more independence in both their social and academic lives. They gain confidence and will be more prepared to embrace difficulties which they may experience in their futures. By assuming responsibility, they demonstrate a willingness to help others, to listen empathetically, and to make sound decisions based on working through problems to find practical solutions. They have an opportunity to channel their creativity to the benefit of the whole community. This was so evident over the course of the week.

Thank you to Ms. Kamara and the AISF student Leadership Council for organizing Spirit Week this year! Fantastic job!

AISF Student Council 2024 – 2025



There were some wonderful creative costumes on display and an extra vibrancy in the atmosphere around the school this week. My thanks also to parents for taking the time to support the event. The Student Council will be adding a section in this edition of AWOKO to share experiences of Spirit week. I, for one, learnt the names of new characters and updated my knowledge about films, cartoons and figures from history from our student community. Thank you to them all!

PTO a message from Claire

October's PTO meeting will be on **Thursday October 10th at 5:30-6:30pm.**

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) had their first meeting in September. We welcomed new (and old) members! We had a great overview of the events planned at the school throughout the 2024-2025 school year, thanks to Ms. Kamara. We took in a lot of new information at the first meeting and are ready to put some plans into action. This kicks off with the Learn with AISF Adults workshop program, starting October 3rd. See associated flyer. In addition, the PTO will be developing additional programs throughout the year. All are welcome on October 10th (at a new "after-work" time!) to help us grow the AISF community.

New workshop series



Learn with AISF Adults!

Join us for a new program where adults get to be the ones learning!

Our community has so many amazing professionals across so many industries!

AISF Parents and Teachers will be offering free, interactive 75-minute workshops on a variety of topics this term.

All the adults in our community are welcome to participate.

Entrance is free and refreshments will be served!

Time: 5:30 - 7:00pm

Location: AISF Multipurpose Room

Have a workshop you would like to offer? Get in touch with the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) so that we can get you on the calendar.

Supporting Identity to Create a Culturally-Affirming Learning Space

Oct
3

Agricultural Science 101

Oct
17

Theatre Workshop
+ Play

Oct
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Managing Conflict
in the Workplace + Home

Nov
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Keeping Our Children Safe
Online and Offline

Nov
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Cooking 101:
Basic Recipes Kids Love

Dec
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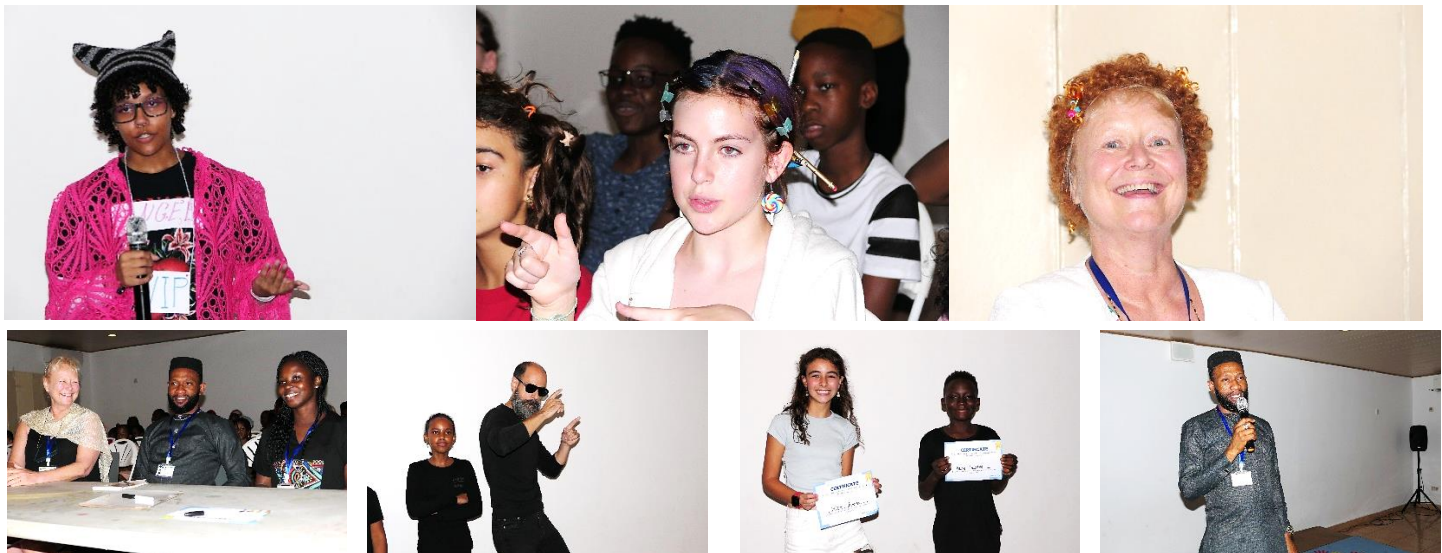
Sierra Leone Minerals

Dec
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Looking Ahead



Monday 30th September to Friday 11th October	MAP Testing at AISF
Monday 30 th October	PTC Schedule for Parents will be sent out.
Wednesday October 2nd 2024	Board Meeting 5pm
Thursday October 3rd	PTO: Creating a Culturally Affirming Learning space 5:30-7:00
Saturday 5 October	SAT Exams at AISF
Week beginning Monday 14 October	Parent-Teacher Conferences. We look forward to welcoming parents and celebrating your children's learning. There are NO After School Activities on the evenings of the PTCs (Monday 14th October, Tuesday 15th October & Wednesday 16th October)
Thursday 17 th October	After School Activities recommence today.
Friday 18 October	School Closed Mid-Term Long weekend
Thursday 28 November- Sunday 1st Dec	Thanksgiving Long weekend (School closed)
Week beginning 2 nd December	No After School Activities
Week beginning 9 th December	No After School Activities
Friday 13 December	Last day of school before the holiday/Noon Dismissal
Monday 6 January	School Reopens

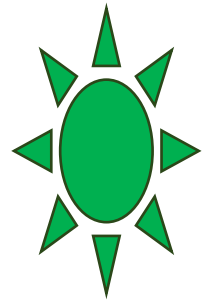
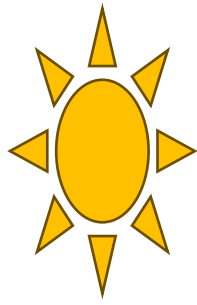
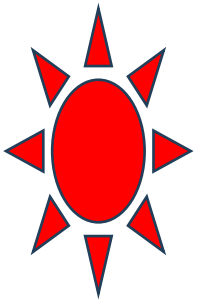


ECC

We have had so much fun this week! It has been really special coming together with the school community and dressing up in different attires for Spirit Week.

We've also worked hard this week in Math, Art, Phonics, Reading and Writing. We are very proud of all work completed.





Grade 1-2

This week has been a busy one filled with lots of dressing up, role playing as teachers as well as learning about new topics. We want to give a special thank you to our parents for just being awesome.





Grade 3-4

This week, the 3rd and 4th-grade students had an exciting time participating in Spirit Week, coming to school in a wide variety of creative and colorful costumes, which added a vibrant energy to the campus. It was wonderful to see the students express their individuality while building a sense of community and school spirit. Alongside the fun festivities, we also introduced our new IPC unit, Roots, Shoots, and Fruits. To kick things off, students were given the chance to share what they are most curious to learn about in this unit. They reflected on their interests and wrote down the topics they are eager to explore, sparking a lot of enthusiasm for what's to come. We're excited to incorporate their ideas into our lessons, blending their personal interests with the core elements of the IPC curriculum. By integrating their input, we aim to create an engaging and dynamic learning experience. We look forward to a fruitful journey through this unit, guided not only by our curriculum but by the students' natural curiosity and passion for learning.

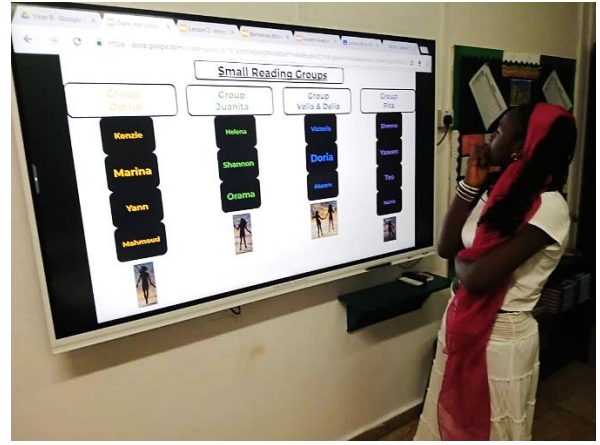




Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week in ELA the grade 5/6 class was introduced to the concept of simple, compound, and complex sentences. They also continued to read through this trimester's novel, *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*. In addition, they began preparing for the upcoming chapter by learning a variety of new vocabulary words. While in social studies they put on their archeologist hats and investigated various artifacts from around the world. In grade 7/8 students continued reading through their novel, *Summer of the Mariposas*, both as a class and in small groups. They looked at different literary devices, including similes, metaphors, alliteration, and the novel's symbolism. While in social studies students began working in groups to narrow down the events in Ancient Greece's timeline from 50 to 10, with the final goal of constructing a concise, organized, and visually appealing presentation on poster board.

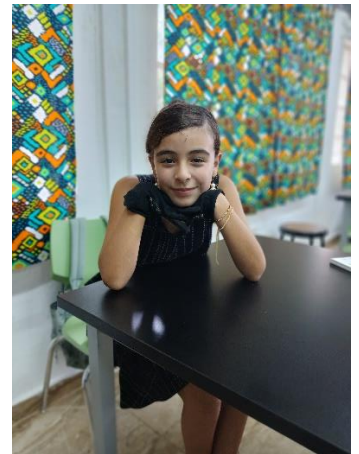




Grade 5-8 (math and science)

This week in science, grades 5 and 6 presented their periodic tables to the class and began learning about molecules. Grades 7 and 8 learned about physical and behavioral adaptations of animals. In Math, grade 5 completed their lesson on using the volume formula. Grade 6 completed their lesson on finding the area of triangles and other polygons. Grade 7 began a lesson on finding unit rates and grade 8 completed their lesson on single rigid transformations in the coordinate plane.

In addition to all of the academics, the students really enjoyed spirit week. Most everyone participated, thank you parents for all of your assistance in finding costumes!





High School

Spirit week at AISF, high school students. Final rehearsals before the performance





French (Middle School)

French class in middle school began very well this school year. We saw lots of faces we know very well and were happy to meet some new ones. To begin properly we did an introduction activity by making *un acrostiche*. We had to find French words starting with each of the letters of our names to describe ourselves.

To understand why we even make the effort of learning a new language, we discovered the many places on earth where French is spoken. What an advantage in this world to master French! Also very useful, before continuing with the lessons, are the instructions in French that we will use regularly in class. We practiced them in pairs and by playing charades.

And then it was time for the real thing. Grade 5 begins working in Français Plus 2 and Grade 6 will start the year by closing of the last chapters of this book. Grades 6, 7 and 8 were first asked to dig up what they remember of the previous years. Grades 7 and 8 will start by completing Français Plus 3. This year the francophone students will work in a

separate group, using Arc-en-Ciel 4 with some more time for specific explanations and attention to the oral aspect of the language learning.

Looking forward to an exciting year of French together!



Student Council

This week, the Student Council hosted Spirit Week, filled with daily themed activities. It began on Monday with Crazy Hair Day, followed by Parent-Teacher Swap Day on Tuesday. Wednesday was Cartoon Character Day, bringing fun and creativity, while Thursday took everyone back in time with History Day. The week concluded on Friday with Class Choice Day.

It has been a week filled with joy, excitement, and laughter, as both students and teachers embraced the spirit and dressed up, creating lasting memories for this school year. The Student Council would like to extend a BIG thank you to

the students and parents who participated, and to the teachers who helped organize today's Class Choice Day, which turned into a fantastic assembly performance this morning.

Once again, thank you all for your efforts and enthusiasm. We hope you enjoy the pictures below!

- Danny Abera, Student Council Vice President



