

## From Brian's Desk

### International Week

It has been a great International Week here at AISF! From Monday's scavenger hunt, to Tuesday's collage, to Wednesday's International Feast (thank you parents!), to Thursday's assembly, to Friday's international parade, we had a great time sharing our diversity.

A former British Prime Minister once said, "If you consider yourself a citizen of the world, you are a citizen of nowhere." I couldn't disagree more profoundly! I know that every country in which I have ever worked and lived has shaped some part of me, and I see this in AISF's students every day as I watch children from across the globe, many with multiple nationalities, laughing, playing, working, and learning together! Our humanity and experience must be a shared one! This is not to take away from a sense of national belonging, but I hope that we can simultaneously both love our country (or countries!) while embracing the world as our common home.

Friday's International Parade was a wonderful celebration of the richness of our backgrounds and experiences! It was lovely to see so many parents attend and walk with their children!! In the end, this small community represents some 45 different nationalities...and I suspect that we could find a few more!

I would like to thank our Special Events Committee of DeMetria Hopkins, Joy Kamara, Kerri Kamara, and Frederick Conteh for bringing us this week. They are tireless...even though they may be tired.



















## High School Graduation



AISF is, by a significant margin, the smallest school at which I have worked, but I like to think that we do try our best to meet the very diverse needs of our 90 learners who range in age from 3 to almost 20. On Wednesday of this coming week, AISF will celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2024. While we have only two graduates, Samson Woldemichael and Mahawa Bangura, it will—believe it or not—be the largest graduating class in AISF’s history dating back to 1986! We look forward to sending Mahawa and Sami out into the world! The future belongs to you and what you make of it.



## Promotion Ceremonies

Once we have graduated our Grade 12 students on Wednesday, we will hold another day marking important transitions. On Friday at 09:30, we will “promote” our Kindergarten students to Elementary School, our Grade 4 students to Middle School, and our Grade 8 students to High School. Family and friends of students in those grades are invited to attend.

Both life and school involve important transitions and we will celebrate our children’s success and wish them well as they move on to the next stage of their educational journey.

## Important Upcoming Dates

<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony @ 11:00</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School Promotion and Awards Ceremonies @ 09:30</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Last day of After-School Activities</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Spirit Week</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>AISF Art Exhibition 2pm-4pm</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Eid-al-Hadha (tentative—school closed if confirmed)</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Final Day of School (noon dismissal) Report cards go home</b>

**Quote of the Week:** ...we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal. *John Fitzgerald Kennedy*



# ECC/KG

This week, ECC and kindergarten students enjoyed talking about their countries of origin. Some children chose to represent one country over their other countries and discussed why they wanted to represent that country. We had a good time with our parents this morning during the parade. Thank you to all the parents who brought in food on Wednesday, it was indeed a great celebration of diversity.





# Grade 1-2

Happy International Week!!! The Pangolins had a great time learning about our cultures and others and celebrating our similarities and differences. It was a lot of fun and really was a great chance to celebrate our school community!





# Grade 3-4

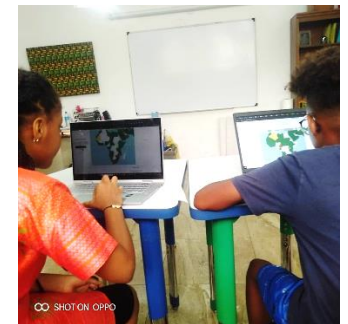
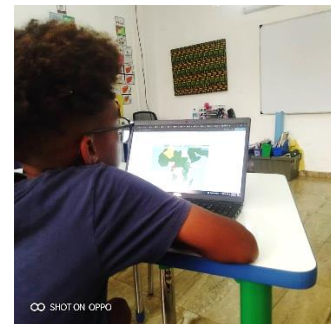
What a wonderful week of learning about various identities, cultures and backgrounds. We've had so much fun taking part in the International Week activities. We are now even more proud of our heritage and culture!





# Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

This week the grade 5/6 class held a Greek mythology press conference where each student pretended to answer questions from the viewpoint of a specific Greek god. In ELA students finished writing their final essay on *The Hobbit* and then exchanged them with one another for peer review. In grade 7/8 students continued to read *Fahrenheit 451* in addition to learning about censorship and propaganda. For social studies students continued to work on their final projects which will be looking at the history of AISF.





# Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

Middle school spent the week celebrating our cultures. We realized that we have over 25 different nationalities in just middle school alone. From the nationality scavenger hunt to the collage to the assembly, we all enjoyed the activities of the week.

In Math, 5th grade began a lesson on evaluating, writing and interpreting expressions. Grade 6 learned about statistical questions and data distributions. Grade 7 completed their lesson on surface area with a quiz and grade 8 students solved problems involving volume.

In Science, grades 5 and 6 completed their dinosaur projects and grades 7 and 8 completed their project predicting the status of the natural resources in the world in the next 50 years.





# High School

This week has been special from the beginning to the end. The High School students have participated actively in all the International Week events. The students who were working on flexible courses shared their time between them and the whole school activities.

