

**From Brian’s Desk**

**Annual General Meeting**

Each year in May, the Board of Directors meets the parent community and presents some of the school’s successes, some of its challenges, an overview of the finances, and—if there are vacancies—the Board recruits new Board members. Heading into the 2023-24 school year, the Board already has a full complement of six members, but we do have a vacancy on the Finance Committee, and **we are looking for someone with a finance or business background** to join our treasurer, Doris Asamani, and me as we work to keep the school financially sound and secure. If that is you, please let me know.

**Come and find out more about AISF and meet the Board. The Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 5:30pm. You are all welcome!**

**Director Search**

The Board of Directors is presently deliberating and considering next steps in the search for a new director to lead AISF starting in August 2024. You will hear more soon.

**A New Face for 2023-24**



After a good five-year stay, we will be sorry to say goodbye to Ben DeCoste, our Middle School English and Social Studies teacher, as he moves on to teach Grade 5 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia next year.

Replacing Ben DeCoste will be Nicholas Ingram who is presently teaching Middle School Social Studies at Cambodia International Academy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Here is a short biography:

Nicholas received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Guelph in Canada, majoring in History. Following this, he completed his teaching degree in the United Kingdom. In addition, Nicholas has completed creative writing courses through the University of Guelph and has written for the editorial board of his city’s local newspaper. After substitute teaching in Canada for a year Mr. Ingram has spent the last three years teaching middle school social studies in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Before embarking into the world of education, Mr. Ingram gained much work and life experience in the many and varied jobs he had which ranged from working on a horse farm; within the construction industry; in factories; in retail; as a delivery driver; with an arborist; and even opening an art studio. Nicholas brings his eclectic range of interests and experiences, his appreciation for creative expression, and his love of teaching and learning into the classroom to help inspire his students and get them to recognize their unique gifts and inherent value.

**Important Upcoming Dates**

22 <sup>nd</sup> —26 <sup>th</sup> May	MAP Testing Grades 5—8
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Entrepreneurship Fair at AISF 11am to 1pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Annual General Meeting (Board meets the community) @ 5:30pm in the MPR
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Promotion Ceremony (KG to Elementary, G4 to Middle School, G8 to High School)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	International Day @ AISF
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Final Day of School: 12 noon dismissal

Quote of the Week: *Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.* Will Durant



# ECC

We started the week by washing our tie-dye T-shirts and taking group photographs with them to celebrate a good year of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) in Elementary school.

ECC students are making their own books and writing stories. They all look forward to sharing their books/stories with their parents at our next exit point which will take place soon.

Today is Journey's last day at AISF and her mom brought in a lot of goodies! Journey has been in our class for two years and we will no doubt miss her very much. We wish her all the good things in life!!!





# Grade 1-2

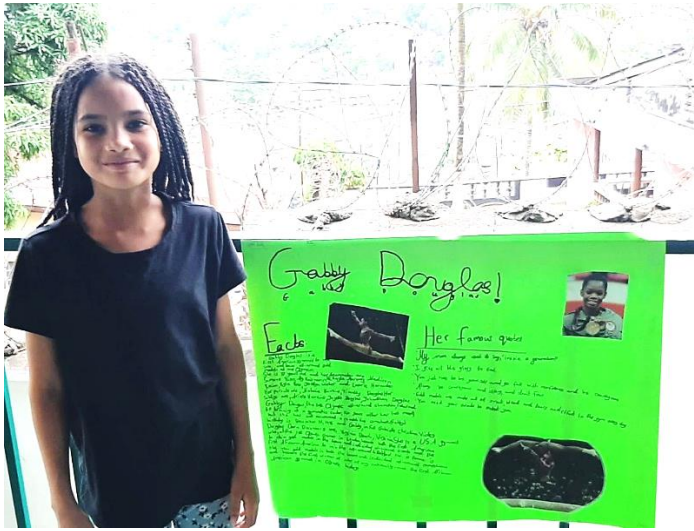
This week the Pangolins have been learning all about rainforests! We learned the characteristics of the rainforest and studied the 4 layers. Then in pairs we made Rainforest posters depicting the plant life of each layer.





# Grade 3-4

What a wonderful week we've had! We learnt about synonyms in Literacy Skills, we familiarized ourselves with the super fun game Blooket. We also took our MAP tests in Math, Reading and Language. Finally, today we gave presentations to our friends in ECC and Pangolin Class. We each researched Olympic and Paralympic winners. On the 29th of April we will have a mini-Olympic Day and will take part in some fun sport activities.





# Grade 5-8 (Math and Science)

All classes reviewed in Math this week.

In Science, grades 7/8 developed models of the water cycle. They also created weather measurement devices that they plan to test at the beach! Grades 5 and 6 reviewed wave properties as they prepared to measure the waves on the beach. They also researched what makes a good kite and made their own.





# Grade 5-8 (English and Social Studies)

In Language Arts, both 5/6 and 7/8 prepared for their summative oral assessments this week. 5/6 is preparing to discuss the question, "Which matters more: safety or freedom?". We have been pondering this question for weeks, ever since we started reading the dystopian novel, *The Giver*. 7/8 has been preparing for their discussion on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. They will discuss questions such as, "Are the characters motivated more by internal or external forces?" and "In what way is the play a critique of gender stereotypes?"

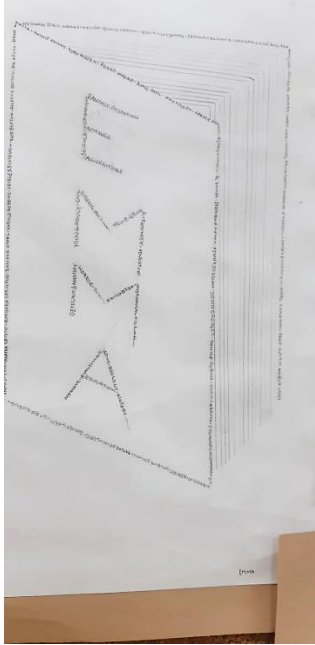
In Social Studies, both classes have been hard at work finishing their entrepreneurship projects. 7/8 has the added responsibility of conducting a SWOT analysis of their business. Both classes have been working to determine their overall costs, cost per unit, and the markup that they will charge to their customers.





# High School

The High School students are now having more flexible time. They finished most of the courses last week. The ones who are taking Flex Courses and French with Nebraska Online High School are still in session until June 15<sup>th</sup>. They continue to have P.E., Art, College Counselling, SAT practice, service learning, and after school activities. Also, starting with June 1<sup>st</sup>, most of them will be taking summer courses. Keep up with the good work, HS!





Upcoming Event

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

## Entrepreneurship Fair

Come support our students' dreams!



AISF Hard Court



Wednesday, May 24  
11:00 - 1:00

**We hope to see you  
there!**