



Newsletter



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Measures of Academic Progress

From the Director



Dear AISB Community,

During the weeks of May 3-14, 3rd through 9th grade students will again take tests called Measures of Academic Progress™ (MAP).

At the same time many high school students will be taking college-level Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Finally, many students in the elementary will be working with their teachers on the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) near the end of May.

Obviously, we are nearing the end of the year and we want to find out how AISB students have progressed this year using external norms. There are other advantages to these exams, such as, the AP exams ultimately allow successful students to receive college credit at most North American and many European Universities. We give students MAP tests not only to determine student's instructional level, but also to measure academic growth throughout this school year as well as from last year to this year in the areas of Reading, Language Arts and Math. The same goes for the DRA as it is administered twice a year.

We are now a full year into using the computer-based MAP tests. They are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about a student's growth. Once the MAP testing begins, a student will spend a total of about 3 hours completing these tests.

This school year, students in grades 3 through 9 took the MAP test in early October and now again in May. Next school year, students in grades 3 through 10 will take the MAP tests in September and May. AP exams are course specific, therefore, only students enrolled in a specific AP course will be taking an AP exam.

Sincerely,

David G. Henry,
Director



FRIDAY APRIL 16

Parent Teacher Conferences

**Elementary by Appointment
Secondary - Morning Appts.**

**Secondary - Open Arena
12:30 - 3:00pm**

(No Classes for Students)

Recent Board News

Next Regular Board Meeting April 22

The next regular board meeting will be held on April 22, at 7pm in the school library. Highlights of the upcoming meeting include approval of the 2010-11 school fees and 2010-11 budget, a discussion on the board retreat objectives, and a presentation on the parent survey results. All regular board meetings are open to association members.

AISB School Board Elections, General Association Meeting, TUESDAY – May 11, 7pm

There are two American seats and two non-American seats up for election on the AISB School Board for this coming school year. We are looking for additional community members to run for election and serve on the 2010-11 school board. Please consider serving your community. Contact Omar Saibou or David Henry for more information. Board election forms are also available in the office. **Applications due by May 3rd.**

Upcoming Events

Apr. 16	Parent Teacher Conferences, No Classes for Students
Apr. 19	4th Session After school Activities Begin
Apr. 22	Earth Day
Apr. 28-29	Science Fair
May	Advanced Placement Testing
May 3-14	MAP Testing (Grades 3-9)
May 11	General Association Meeting and Board Elections, 7pm



A Love of Books Can Lead to a Love of School, by Lynn Robinson

So many books! I think we recorded over 500 books read during the month of March! That is a lot of reading! Our Bloom with Books Tree is bursting with blooms and leaves.

Here at the Early Learning Center we feel that one of our primary goals is that the students develop a love of school. If their first experiences are good ones they will likely continue to enjoy school. That is why one of classroom rules is "Have Fun".

There is nothing like a love for books and reading to ensure a child loves school so I know that celebrating Literacy Month helped us in attaining our goal!

"Drop Everything And Read" - DEAR - Day was a dream day for us. We spend time everyday reading aloud and silent reading. Most days we encourage the kids to tell or act out stories. DEAR Day gave us an excuse to do it all day long! We spent the whole day telling stories and reading. The Kinders read and told stories to the

other classes, we turned off the lights, snuggled with our stuffed animals and listened to audio books, we read some more. It was a wonderful day. When can we have another one?.



AISB Celebrates Francophone Week, by Kenda Lutterbeck

Each year, millions of people around the world celebrate Francophone Week in March. At AISB, it is a week that lets students showcase their French capabilities and learn the advantages of knowing this language.

Many classes participated in the francophone performance that took place in the MPR on Friday, March 19, 2010. Students sang songs, gave presentations, and there was even a play. We students very much appreciated the effort our French teachers put in to organize this event. We, in return, put our greatest efforts into making Francophone Week a good one that our teachers will be proud of us for.

Francophone week celebration was a very good chance for us students at AISB to open our minds to the French World. We are lucky to learn French, because it creates many opportunities for us. We are thankful for the education our French teachers make possible. We want the AISB community to know that learning French is worth the time and effort, so take advantage of this opportunity when it comes your way.

Drop everything and READ!

