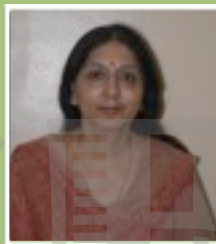




Newsletter



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Sparkling New Year

From the Director



Dear AISB Community,

The new school year is upon us and as a father of three AISB students I know for them it could not have started soon enough. When you see their

faces or the faces of any AISB student come through the gates with that sparkle in their eyes, that desire to learn and be apart of a caring, learning community; it makes all of our faculty and staff's preparation worth while.

Just as your children prepare everyday to be ready for school, AISB faculty and staff have been preparing since last year to get ready for the 2009-2010 school year. Recently, our visiting English Immersion/Differentiation consultant, Christine Palumbo, helped our faculty focus on developing tools for differentiating instruction for our multilingual population and laid the foundation for the development of a school wide language policy. She also worked closely with our new faculty in ESOL to change the direction of the ESOL program to parallel recent research in the field of language acquisition.

There is also a sparkle in the eyes of our new and returning faculty. Amazing as it may seem, the enthusiasm of our faculty and staff is as contagious as that of AISB's students. Our new Secondary Principal, Randy Neen, working with our teachers, has already begun to plan for the continued improvement of our secondary program. Additionally, many faculty are dedicating themselves this year to establishment of a community service program that will become imbedded in AISB's educational program.

Another oddly positive aspect of the 2009-2010 school year is that this year could be our last one on this campus, one we have called home for more than 25 years. Construction has con-

tinued at the new school site in Sotuba and as of today we are still on schedule to move to the new school campus by the fall of 2010. Keep your fingers crossed. At the same time we are also celebrating a record number of students enrolled at AISB. There are already more than 170 students registered to attend classes this year.

There is much to celebrate at AISB, please stop by and join us in celebrating your child's growth and development yet to come. I look forward to seeing all of you on campus this year.

Sincerely,

David G. Henry,
Director

Open House for ELC

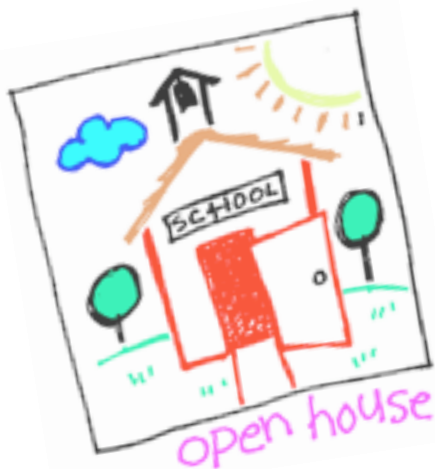
This Wednesday
5:30pm



Upcoming Events

Aug. 25	First Day of School, Gr. 1-12 Early Dismissal at 11:15am
Aug. 26	Open House for Pre-K and K, 5:30pm
Aug. 27	First Day of School, PK-3, PK-4 and Kindergarten (ELC)
Aug. 27	Board Meeting, 7pm, Library
Sep. 9	Open House for Grades 6-12
Sep. 12	Welcome Back-to-School Barbeque, American Int'l Club
Sep. 16	Open House for Grades 1-5

Open House Grades 6 - 12 Wednesday September 9



**After School Activities Begin
Monday September 7**

**Signup Sheets to go home end
of this week**

A Welcome from the Secondary Principal....

I would like to welcome those families returning to AISB and those new to our AISB secondary school community!

The secondary school will continue to provide excellent educational instruction and give educational and extra-curricular opportunities for your children and I'm very excited to help facilitate this. The secondary school has a wonderful staff that will provide an excellent education for your children and through continued support at home, will allow your child(ren) to be as successful as possible.

This year parents will have multiple opportunities to get involved in the secondary school. There are also some new communication links that will be available between parents and the secondary principal. AISB practices an open door policy regarding parents and this will continue. However, I have created additional ways to communicate to parents and allow information from the secondary school to be even more accessible. AISB will continue to have bi-quarterly newsletters with news concerning the entire campus but the secondary school will now have two more communication tools at your disposal:

1. Principal's Blog – The blog will have weekly updates on what is going on in both the middle school (grades 6-8) and the high school (grades 9-12). The Principal's Blog can be found on the AISB webpage beginning Sept. 1, 2009.
2. Principal's coffee – Once each quarter I will host a morning coffee / tea for parents with students in the secondary school. A range of themes will be discussed and an open question - and - answer forum for items that have surfaced.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me either by phone or email. You may also check out the Principal's Blog on the AISB website: www.aisbmali.org

Again, welcome to AISB and let's have a fantastic year!

Sincerely,
Randy Neen
Secondary School Principal