



# Welcome Back to School

For our newcomers — Aw Bissimillah.

## Curriculum/Leadership Consultant Visits Our School



During the week prior to the start of classes, August 11-15, Dr. Ellis Melton was on campus working with teachers as they prepared for the new school year. In the past few years Dr. Melton has worked

with about 40 international schools on four continents, from Japan to Saudi Arabia and from Caracas to Vienna. He has presented seminars at a number of international conferences including the Association of International Schools in Africa.

What does a curriculum and leadership consultant do? The duties vary depending on the requests from the school. In our case he presented sessions on curriculum mapping, administrative leadership, unit planning, documenting the curriculum, and curriculum leadership. Over the five days he held daily sessions with all teachers, and also met with individuals and small groups, such as the K-12 science teachers, the French teachers, and so forth.

Early in the visit Dr. Melton, myself, and the teachers reviewed the AISB Mission Statement and the school's philosophy to ensure that they were up to date and in line with current best practices in our region and around the world.

Then, the faculty considered how the general philosophy of the school is carried out in daily practices at every grade. He emphasized that, along with the usual content in math, science, social studies, French, etc., schools have an obligation to teach uni-

versal outcomes such as compassion, honesty, and a global perspective. Of course, this already happens daily at AISB, but he suggested that these outcomes be well documented so that they do not happen just by accident.

This year the Board and I have asked five teachers to serve on a Leadership Team. An important task during Dr. Melton's visit was reviewing the responsibilities of each of the five Teacher-Leaders and their role in the management of the school. We will have more to say about this in upcoming weeks, but, judging by the smooth start of school this year, this system is working well. *continued on Page 2*

## School Start Time

It is important that all students be at school between 7:15 and 7:28. **All classes start promptly at 7:30am.**

## Parent Teacher Organization Looks For Volunteers

The AISB PTO is looking for new members this year. Have fun getting involved in a variety of AISB community activities. Please contact Jen Beauchamp at the Main Office.



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Finally, Dr. Melton, the Director, and the teachers developed a long term plan for curriculum development so that efforts are focused.

“An excellent school is not one that has arrived. An excellent school is one that has specific plans for continued improvement,” Dr. Melton told the group on the last day. “AISB is already a pretty good school and is putting plans in place for the long haul. Clearly, it is on the road toward excellence.”

All the faculty, staff, board and community members look forward to helping AISB become an excellent school. The 2008-09 school year looks to be another year where we will continue to move closer to that goal.

Sincerely,

David G. Henry  
Director



## Upcoming Events

- Aug. 21 PK and Kindergarten Begin Classes
- Sep. 3 Open House for Grades 6-12, 6pm
- Sep. 10 Open House for PK - Grade 5, 6pm
- Sep. 22 Independence Day Holiday-No School

## ELC Ending Times

- PreK3 - 11:25
- PreK4 - 12:25
- Kindergarten - 2:15

## Board News

The AISB Board of Trustees will meet at 7pm, **Tuesday, August 26, 2008** for their first regular board meeting of the 2008-08 school year. All regular board meetings are open to the AISB association.

## Elementary Class Schedule

Monday - Thursday Schedule

Elementary	
Period	Times
Period 1	7:30 - 8:15
Period 2	8:25 - 9:10
Break	20 min
Period 3	9:30 - 10:15
Period 4	10:25 - 11:10
Lunch	30 min
Period 5	11:45 - 12:30
Period 6	12:40 - 1:25
Period 7	1:30 - 2:15

## Secondary Class Schedule

Monday - Thursday Schedule

Secondary	
Period	Times
Period 1	7:30 - 8:20
Period 2	8:23 - 9:13
Morning Break	12 min
Period 3	9:25 - 10:15
Period 4	10:18 - 11:08
Lunch	30 min
Period 5	11:38 - 12:28
Period 6	12:31 - 1:21
Period 7	1:24 - 2:20

Friday Schedule

Secondary	
Period	Times
Period 1	7:30 - 8:20
Period 2	8:23 - 9:13
Morning Break	12 min
Period 3	9:25 - 10:15
Period 4	10:18 - 11:08
Lunch	30 min
Period 5	11:38 - 12:28
Period 6	12:31 - 1:21
Period 7	1:24 - 1:50
Assembly	1:55 - 2:20