

Gecko News



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Dear Parents,

Director's Message:



When you live overseas time seems to fly by so fast. It seems like only yesterday I was busy at my computer typing my first ever article for the Gecko news. Here we are again one year later at the start of a brand new school year and I can assure everyone that the excitement and energy that existed one year ago is still present to this day. For our new parents, welcome once again, the Gecko news is our newsletter that is published weekly and is distributed to children each Friday, it contains news about the school, lunch menus for the coming week, and samples of student work. Should your child be sick on a Friday or for any other reason you do not receive a copy we also publish it on the school website so that parents can always stay informed, the site is; www.iscguinea.org and then follow the Gecko News link.

The year has started in outstanding fashion with all students settling in well and our ever committed teaching staff, really forging ahead with new and exciting work for students to learn and enjoy.

This coming year appears to be the "year of the baby", as several of our staff members will be adding to their families over the coming months. Mrs. Reed has just had her baby girl in the United States and she is currently being replaced by Ms. Fischer. While Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Sow will be leaving us soon to have their babies and we wish them both luck. They will be replaced by Mrs. Paugam and Mrs. Kalima, respectively.

As with all schools we are hoping to improve upon previous years and have began implementing a broad range of school improvements. As you are aware this Saturday we will be hosting our annual Open House, commencing at 10.00am where I will be outlining some of these changes in more detail. This event will give us all a chance to meet as a community and for parents to discuss the year ahead with their children's teachers. It will also give us an opportunity to showcase our refurbished surroundings, as well as our improved High School classroom.

In terms of our After School Activities Program we have broadened the range of offering for students this year and by starting this program next week we can build upon our theme of making the school a hub of activity both during class time and beyond.

I am truly looking forward to meeting with parents both current and prospective this Saturday and I am sure that this event will be one of many special occasions that we share as a community this year.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Hughes
Director

The International School of Conakry

AISC MISSION STATEMENT

The American International School of Conakry is a community of learners engaging in discovery and invention, reflection and problems solving. We teach an International curriculum using diverse teaching methods so our international student body will be lifelong learners with the knowledge, creativity, ethical values, and sense of worth necessary to flourish in a rapidly changing global society.

Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Activity/Location
August 24, 2009		Activity Starts
Sept. 30, 2009		1 st Semester Fees are Due.
Oct. 02, 2009		Guinean Independence Day: School Closed
Oct. 23, 2009		End of 1 st Quarter
Oct. 24-Nov. 1, 2009		Mid Term Break: School Closed



HAPPY GECKO BIRTHDAY



Birthdays This Month: **AUGUST**

- Ruth Walters (School Secretary) 15th
- Issa Fofana (Computer Teacher) 17th
- Sarah Din Nursery 18th
- Oury Bah (P.E. Teacher Assistant) 28th

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School Lunch Order Form – Week Commencing August 24, 2009

Please tick the lunch you would like to order for your child for the following week and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

Students Name:

Class:

Day	Menu	Cost
Monday	African Rice(Riz gras) + Beef	15,000
Tuesday	Atieke Plantain/Peas + Chicken	15,000
Wednesday	Hot Dog + French Fries/Potatoes leaf sauce	15,000
Thursday	Spaghetti Bolognaise (Back by popular demand!)	15,000
Friday	No Lunch Served	-----

Open House

Saturday the 22nd of August 2009

10.00am – 14.00pm

- Come along and learn more about the school and meet your child's teachers for 2009/2010
- Information session about the school will be held from 10.00am -12.00pm.
- Social activities commence at 12.00pm, with the swimming pool open for use (weather permitting) and the movie Bolt being screened for the young children.
- Soft Drinks and Hotdogs will be on sale.

