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Dear Parents,

Director's Message:



An old Chinese proverb states, "May you live in interesting times" and without doubt the recent events that have taken place on the political scene have made for "interesting times". While I generally prefer not to make political comments, the return of the President, Dadis Camara, to West Africa has definitely changed the political landscape and it will be interesting over the coming days and weeks to see how his arrival in Ouagadougou and his possible return to Conakry will change the dynamic in Guinea. One encouraging aspect to surface over the recent days, have been positive statements from all parties towards a peaceful transition and the appointment of a new Prime Minister to lead this transition, and I am sure all of the country is united in this important goal.

From our schools perspective we have joined in on the optimism in the political arena and are getting back to normal in terms of our curricula and extra curricula activities. This week saw the beginning of our activities program for the third quarter and it was obvious that Swimming and Drama clubs have been a "big hit" with our students. As our aspiring athletes and actors hone and perfect their skills we will no doubt be looking forward to a hard fought swimming gala in the coming weeks and with a bit of luck and encouragement a wonderful theatrical production to finish off the school year.

The fantastic news for the week came with the return of one of our evacuated students, Lebo. The school was not the same without her and as I commented only this morning her return could be the first of many of our previous students to rejoin us over the coming weeks. While the dynamics in the country is fluid the return of many of the country's politicians and more importantly our old AISC students is a very pleasing sign.

On a personal note I will be travelling next week, and Mr. Pratt will be in charge of the school in my absence. Should you have any reason to contact him his telephone numbers are as follows; 60-52-94-60, 60-52-94-61, 64-54-69-28. While we are not expecting any disturbances, civil or otherwise, over the coming days, the current uncertainty in the country is cause to be vigilant and if there is any reason to activate the phone tree Mr. Pratt will do so.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to my return a week from now.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Hughes

Director

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AISC Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Activity/Location
February 7, 2010		Prophet Mohammed Birthday (TBC)
April 3 – 10, 2010		Mid Term Break
May 1, 2010		Labor Day
May 25, 2010		Africa Day
June 18, 2010		Rescheduled Last Day of School



HAPPY GECKO BIRTHDAY



Birthdays This Month: **JANUARY**

- Aisya Mohammed Abdualhi Grade 8 5th
- Antoine Lucic Grade 11 9th
- Binta Balde Grade 9 18th
- Mr. Sam George-Pratt Teacher 28th

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.