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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Acting Director's Message:

What we want to see is the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child.
By: George Bernard Shaw

Dear Parents,

As was mentioned in the last edition of Gecko News, our director, Mr. Greg Hughes, is in Cameroun for a week. We expect him back in school early next week.



Meanwhile, with the relative calm in the political scene, we have successfully gone through another week of school. I am happy to report that it is all "smooth sailing" at school, with curricular and extra curricular activities on in full swing.

We are drawing closer to the end of the first semester of the school year and teachers are busy compiling grades and preparing report cards. Students have worked very hard and we hope that the evaluation process will give us valuable feedback on how best we can achieve our academic goals. Report cards are due home next Friday. Following this, parents will have a chance to discuss students' progress with teachers during our parent- teacher conferences. The dates for these conferences will be announced later.

As a small school, we have developed an intimate and personalized learning environment in which students feel a greater sense of belonging. Congratulations to **Asiya Abdullahi**, **Antoine Lucic** and **Binta Balde** who have all celebrated birthday anniversaries this month.

Please find time to read through this week's issue of "**class pages**", submitted by: Grades 6-8.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sam George-Pratt, Acting Director
The American International School of Conakry

AISC Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Activity/Location
February ?, 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 Abduallhi 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.

Contribution from Grades 6-8

The Integumentary System of the Human Body

What part of your body keeps you safe? It comes in many colors: it can be black, light or white. That's our skin. Do you know why we need skin? If you don't know, read those reasons now.

- ❖ Skin protects you by keeping water in your body and foreign particles out of your body.
- ❖ Skin keeps you in touch with the outside world. Nerve endings in your skin let you feel things around you.
- ❖ Skin helps regulate your body temperature. Small organs in the skin called sweat glands make sweat. Sweat is a salty liquid that flows to the surface of the skin. As sweat evaporates, the skin cools.
- ❖ Skin helps get rid of wastes. Several kinds of waste chemicals can be removed from the body in sweat.

Those are some of the ways our skin is important and helpful to us. So take good care of your skin.

By: Mariama Camara



By Hedyeh Hemmati