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Dear Parents,

Director's Message:



School is back in "full swing" and following on from our second uninterrupted week of school we are now in the process of rescheduling our school program. Over the coming week I will be in touch with our Board Members of last year to finalize some outstanding business and we will be setting a date to elect the new School Board. Originally this meeting was scheduled much earlier in the year before the recent disruptions but with several prospective Board Members leaving Guinea it was important that we took stock of our current position before we moved forward.

If you are interested in serving on the School Board for 2009/2010 please contact me so that your candidacy can be brought forward at the Association Meeting. Our School Board consists of 7 members, 6 of who are elected from the Association with the US Ambassador electing the remaining person. The role of the School Board is to basically set school policy and to oversee the running of the school. With our smaller enrollment at present the school will not be short of challenges this year, however, the year will also provide Board members with an opportunity to make a significant impact on the fortunes of the school. I encourage we encourage all parents with determination and strong desire to see the school succeed to apply for membership.

Some of the other structural changes that will be made in the coming days will involve changes to the school calendar, the release of student report cards, and the revised timeline for the Director's search. Some parents I am sure have many other questions relating to the remainder of the school year and once a date is set for the Association Meeting, this will represent a good forum in which to discuss these issues. In saying this however, I am more than happy to meet with parents individually so please feel free to make an appointment if you have any questions or concerns about the school. From the feedback I have received so far the general mood of our school population is one of relief in that we have emerged from our imposed lay-off and are now back to doing what we do best, and this is doing a great job teaching children.

If parents would like to meet with me in a more informal setting the best opportunity for this is our Family Fun Day, tomorrow. As a reminder, the day will start at 12.00 noon and will go through to 15.00pm. The school swimming pool will be open and families can either swim or relax by the poolside. Hotdogs and soft drinks will be on sale and if the weather is fine I am sure that we will all have a great day! The invitation to the Fun Day is extended to the guests of families as well and in particular if you know of any families who would like to know more about the school and are contemplating enrolling their children please bring them along to see the school and join in the fun.

Some of the biggest assets that we possess as a school are our strong sense of community, as well as the vision and goals that we all share at AISC. Now more than ever we need to come together and promote the school and help in the rebuilding process. I have no doubts that with our strong sense of school spirit and pride, this task will not be beyond us.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Family Fun Day!

Yours sincerely,

Greg Hughes

Director

The American International School of Conakry



AISC FAMILY FUN DAY!!



Hot dogs, & drinks will be on sale at the pool this Saturday, November 13, 2009. It's going to be lots of FUN! Come join the AISC Family in making this day FUN!!



AISC Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Activity/Location
November 13, 2009	12:00 p.m. – 15:00 p.m	AISC Family Fun Day
Nov. 2009		Holiday for Tabaski (TBC)
Nov. 26, 2009		Thanksgiving
Dec. 19-Jan. 10, 2009		Christmas Break



HAPPY GECKO BIRTHDAY



Birthdays This Month: **NOVEMBER**

- Seanne George-Pratt Grade 1 15th
- Trey Stombaugh Grade 4 19th

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.