



## AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019

### Dates to Remember:

*Thursday, January 24th - Last day of Session 2 After-School Activities*

*Friday, January 25th - Lap-a-thon - 8:00 a.m. - Former U.S. Embassy Grounds - Dismissal at 11:00 AM*

*Monday, January 28th - End of 2nd Term/1st Semester*

*Week of Jan. 28th - 31st - NO AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - Dismissal each day at 3:05 p.m., except Friday*

*Monday, February 4th - Session 3 After-School Activities Starts*

*Wednesday, February 6th - Yearbook Picture Day - during school hours*

*Wednesday, February 6th - Quarter 2 Report Cards Delivered*

*Wednesday, February 13th - Makeup Yearbook Picture Day - during school hours*

*Saturday, February 16th - College/Career Fair - 10:00 a.m.*

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**Proceeds for Lap-A-Thon will go to support childhood immunization program for local Mauritanian children.** Our students have voted on what they would like to donate our lap-a-thon funds to and they have chosen to support the childhood immunization programs in our local neighborhoods. Students will not only raise money; they will be volunteering their time to help ensure the children of Nouakchott receive their immunizations in order to keep them safe from childhood disease. The funds raised will be used to support a local immunization clinic that our Grades 3-12 will visit and volunteer at. Please help support the students in their efforts to raise funds to support this worthy project.

**AISN's Annual Lap-a-thon Fundraiser:** AISN will be holding its annual Lap-a-thon this Friday, January 25th on the compound of the former U.S. Embassy. Students should bring their sponsor forms this day so their number of laps can be recorded on it and shared with their sponsors. **All students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.** If you are interested in volunteering during the Lap-a-thon, please contact Ms. Aicha. *AISN would like to thank the U.S. Embassy for allowing us to host the event on their property.*

**Storyteller Visit:** On Thursday, January 24th, Jennifer Cayley, a professional storyteller from Canada, will entertain AISN students with wonderful stories and literacy activities. She will do individual performances tailored to each age group. We were fortunate to have such a magical performer spend the day with us.

**February and March Hot Lunch Orders:** Included in this week's folder are the hot lunch menus for February and March. If you would like to order lunch for your child(ren), please be sure to select your choices and send both the form as well as payment back to school by Friday, February 1st. If you have any questions about our hot lunch program, please contact Ms. Aicha at [aicha.fall@aisnmauritania.com](mailto:aicha.fall@aisnmauritania.com)

**Lunch Drop Off:** If you drop lunch off for your child at school, please be sure to label the bag or container with his/her name and grade. Doing so will ensure that he/she receives the meal.

**Yearbook Picture Day: Wednesday, February 6th:** Students and staff members will have individual and class pictures taken during school hours. The makeup day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th.

**After-School Activities:** The current session of after-school activities will end on Thursday, January 24th. **Please note that there will be no after-school activities during the week of January 28th - 31st.** Session 3 activities will start on Monday, February 4th. Sign-up forms for these activities are included in this week's Wednesday folder. If you are interested in leading an after-school activity or know someone from the community who is, please contact Ms. Aicha.

**Choral Pour La Francophonie:** Students in elementary and middle school can still sign up for this activity. The signing up period has been extended.

**End of Quarter 2/Semester 1:** Monday, January 28th will mark the end of Quarter 2 and Semester 1. Report Cards will be delivered on Wednesday, February 6th. There are no official Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled for this marking period. However, if you would like to meet with any of your child(ren)'s teachers, please either contact the teacher directly or Ms. Aicha to schedule an appointment. Likewise, if a teacher would like to conference with parents to discuss their child's progress, he/she will request a meeting time. Official conferences will take place again at the end of Quarter 3. As always, please remember that our teachers are available at any time throughout the school year for a Parent-Teacher conference, if the need arises.

**Semester 2 High School Electives:** In an effort to provide our high school students with a more varied and well-rounded education, this year AISN is offering two electives - Journalism and Drama. If a high school student meets the set criteria proposed by the teacher of each new elective, he/she can opt out of Art and Music and opt into either Journalism or Drama with parent permission. For semester 2, students in grades 9-10 can choose to elect Journalism, while students in grades 11-12 can choose to elect Drama. Elective forms for high school students were included in last week's Wednesday Folder. Interested students should complete the form and return it to school no later than Wednesday, January 23rd.

**Do you want to promote YOUR career or university?** AISN's College Fair last year was such a success that we are planning another one for this school year. It is set for Saturday, February 16th, 2019 and will be a College AND Career Fair. It will be a chance for students to learn more about the variety of educational/career opportunities that await them after graduation. We are looking for alumni from universities or colleges ANYWHERE in the world - whether it be the United States, Europe, Canada, Africa, Australia, or another country to promote and provide information about where they went to school to fair participants. Furthermore, as a professional, you can directly respond to student questions regarding the joys and challenges of your profession and offer them individual advice on required training and networking for their career choices. We are opening up the fair to several schools in town, so you'll have the opportunity to potentially influence many young adults living in Nouakchott. If you are interested in taking part in AISN's College/Career Fair, please contact Ms. Meghan at [meghan@aisnmauritania.com](mailto:meghan@aisnmauritania.com). Also, be sure to make contact with your school now to request materials to display or pass out to students during the event. We appreciate your support to make this event as successful as it can be!

**AISN t-shirts for sale!** Show your support for AISN with a t-shirt! The shirts are made by Fruit of the Loom, 100% cotton, and printed in the U.S in color on the front and back. Sizes range from child's XS through adult's XXL. All t-shirts cost 450MRU and can be bought from Ms. Aicha. Supply is limited, so buy soon before we run out of your size!

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