

AINS'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020

Dates to Remember:

Friday, May 15th: Screen Break; No School

Friday, May 22nd: End of Year Assembly - 12:00 PM (NKC time), Last Day of School and AP Exams

Saturday, May 23rd: Virtual Graduation Ceremony - 5:00 PM (NKC time)

Friday, May 29th: End of Year Report Cards distributed

Monday, August 24th: First Day of School for 2020-21 school year

AINS IS GETTING READY TO CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2020!



Though it may look different this year, AINS will be celebrating and recognizing the superb success of our six seniors: **Aya, Carolina, Diane, Eneite, Muhamed, and Zak**. The virtual ceremony will take place via Zoom on Saturday, May 23rd at 5:00 PM. Special guest speakers will include: Mr. Mohamed ould Bouamatou, a well-known Mauritanian Philanthropist; Dr. Abdou Salam Gueye, the World Health Organization Representative for Mauritania; Ambassador Michael J. Dodman, United States Ambassador to Mauritania; Ms. Anne Linee, President of the AINS Board of Directors and Deputy Chief of Mission for the United States Embassy. The entire AINS community is invited to join us in celebrating the achievements of our Seniors.



AINS'S END OF THE YEAR ASSEMBLY SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 22nd 12:00 NOON! Come celebrate the end of the school year with the AINS community. Topics will include celebration of May, June, and July birthdays; farewells to departing staff and students; Class of 2020 university announcements, and special student recognition awards! We hope to see you all online one last time before summer vacation starts!

HATS OFF TO GRADES 2-3! Since starting online learning in March, Ms. Sally's class of Second and Third graders have devoured over 700 books through the online reading platform, EPIC! They also have recorded over 127 hours of engagement in just 3 recent weeks on IXL, another beneficial online resource for various academic subjects. Super effort, Grades 2-3! Keep working hard for the final 2 weeks of school!



AISN TEACHER ASSISTANTS EARN DEGREES!

This year, our five teaching assistants chose to enroll in the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) Diploma Programme for International Teaching Assistants. The teaching assistants have been taking courses since October in topics such as supporting assessment for learning; providing literacy and numeracy support; and supporting children with English as an additional language. Three of our teaching assistants completed the program this month. We offer a huge congratulations to Ms. Haboussa, Ms. Sophia and Ms. Olga who now hold their diplomas in International Teaching Assistants! Ms. Hawa and Ms. Rama, both who tackled the program while caring for newborns at home, will be completing the program shortly and also earning their diploma. At AISN, we are proud of our staff that are consistently working on their own professional development to improve the learning of our AISN students. We are grateful to the support of a US State Department grant which helped the teaching assistants offset some of the cost of their diploma program.



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPLORE THE WORLD OF VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS: Recently, Grades 6-7 explored Antarctica, the Seattle Aquarium, an American Dairy Farm, and Yellowstone National Park - all from the comfort of their homes by means of virtual field trips! Students also took virtual self-guided tours exploring concepts such as Dinosaur Extinction, Early Civilizations, the Grand Canyon, and more. So, if you feel the need to escape for a bit, simply search online for a virtual field trip that interests you! Or visit one of these sites and start exploring:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/best-virtual-field-trips/>

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/who-we-are/how-we-work/youth-engagement/nature-lab/virtual-field-trips/>

Left - A virtual field trip to Antarctica detailing the life of penguins.

Right - A virtual field trip to the Seattle Aquarium detailing the marine life inhabiting this region of the world.



STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH NOONTIME SESSIONS! Each school day at 12 noon, AISN provides an opportunity for community togetherness through various activities run by our specialists teaching staff. Be sure to stop by and join in on the fun!

Left to right: Art with Mr. Sidi Yahya, Drumming with Mr. Papis, Charlie (Gr. 4) in Art

