

# AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, September 30th, 2020

## Dates to Remember:

**Friday, October 2nd:** No School - Long Weekend!

**Saturday, October 3rd:** SAT Administration (Seniors) - 8:00 AM

**Monday, October 5th - Wednesday, October 7th** - MSA Re-Accreditation Virtual Visit

**Wednesday, October 14th** - PSAT/NMSQT Administration - Grades 10-11 (during school hours)

**Wednesday, October 14th** - Parent Support Group Meeting - 5:00 PM (Online - Ms. Meghan's Zoom Room)

**Thursday, October 15th** - PSAT Administration - Grades 8-9 (during school hours)

**Wednesday, October 21st** - Board Meeting - 5:00 PM (Online - Ms. MaryAnn's Zoom Room)

## TOGETHER WE SUCCEED!

**Wearing is Caring!** Young artists in grades 2-3 show off their drawing skills by creating self-portraits of themselves wearing their masks while showing that they care for their classmates and teachers!



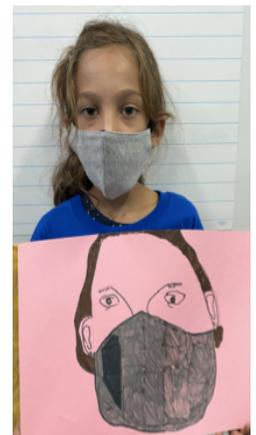
(Gabe - Gr. 2)



(Zaza - Gr. 2)



(Lina - Gr. 3)



(Odile - Gr. 3)



**Physically distanced, but still working in K-1!** The learning continues in Ms. Amel's class! Suzanne and Minami work on their math skills (left), while Thomas and Leon work on their language skills (right).





**Remember that there is no school on Friday, October 2nd!** School resumes at 8:00 AM on Monday, October 5th. Take advantage of this long weekend to rest, rejuvenate and re-energize. Research shows that the hours we spend sleeping are incredibly important. During sleep, your body is busy fighting off viruses, operating a waste removal system to clean the brain, repairing injured tissues, and forming vital memories that are essential for learning. Getting enough sleep can improve mental health, mood, and ability to think and make good decisions. *The National Sleep Foundation recommends that children ages 5-13 get between 9-11 hours of sleep nightly while teenagers between 14-17 years of age get 8-10 hours of sleep nightly.*

**Upcoming SAT Administration!** The SAT is a globally available test accepted by all U.S. and many international colleges and universities. Many colleges and universities require SAT scores as part of their application process. AISN will be administering the SAT for 12th graders on Saturday, October 3rd at 8:00 AM.



**AISN's Reaccreditation Virtual Visit is set for October**

**5th - 7th.** For the past year, the AISN community has participated in a self-evaluation project to gear up for reaccreditation with our US accrediting agency, Middle States Association of Schools and College. A 3-member team will virtually visit AISN during the first week of

October to meet with faculty, staff, students, parents, and board members. The team will also review AISN's self study as well as our determined goals and actions plans for the upcoming 7 years. This crucial process will allow AISN to remain a US accredited school through 2028.

**New Board Members Needed!** There are currently 2 seats open for non-US citizens and 2 open seats for US citizens. If you are interested in being part of this very important committee, and can commit to attending monthly meetings as well as other special meetings, please contact Ms. MaryAnn at [director@aisnmauritania.com](mailto:director@aisnmauritania.com).



**New Director starting July 2021.** The Board is pleased to announce that after a 3 month process of searching for a new Director, they have hired Heidi Cavanagh to join AISN in July 2021. Heidi will be joined by her husband Marc Drummond. **Please see the attached letter from the Board regarding Heidi and the hiring process.**