

AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, November 24th, 2020

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, November 25th: AISN Mauritania Day; **Dismissal: 12:45 p.m.**

Thurs., Nov. 26th & Fri., Nov. 27th: No School - Mauritania Independence Day & US Thanksgiving

Monday, November 30th: School Resumes at 8:00 am

Monday, November 30th: Elementary School MAP Testing begins

Friday, December 18th: Last Day of First Semester; Report Card Delivered

Saturday, December 19th - Sunday, January 31st: No School - Winter Break

Monday, February 1st - First Day of Second Semester - School Resumes at 8:00 am

MAURITANIA DAY AND THE LONG WEEKEND ARE HERE!



AISN's Mauritania Day Celebration is set for Wednesday, November 25th from 10:00 am - 12:45 pm. Cultural activities for students will include:

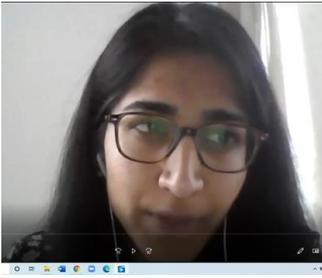
- Mauritanian dancing
- Mauritanian tea ceremony
- Mauritanian drumming
- Mauritanian games
- Mauritanian jewelry making

There will also be traditional Mauritanian food for lunch supplied by the school and traditional Mauritanian music performed by Mr. Papis! Students and staff are invited to come dressed in traditional Mauritanian clothes or to wear the Mauritanian colors: green, yellow, and red. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed to attend the celebration to keep in accordance with the school's COVID-19 safety measures. *Students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m.*

Don't forget the long weekend! School will be closed from Thursday, November 26th - Sunday, November 29th for a 4-day break. Take advantage of this time off from school to rest, relax, and rejuvenate for the last 3 weeks of the first semester.



Elementary School MAP Testing set for the week of November 30th. Students in Kindergarten - Grade 1 will be assessed in Reading and Math, while students in Grades 2-5 will be assessed in Reading, Math, and Language Use. Check with your child's homeroom teacher for his/her testing schedule. Following the testing period, families will receive a report showing and explaining their child's performance.



Guest Speaker in Grades 6-7! Students in Mr. Brad's grades 6-7 Humanities course continue their Ancient Civilizations learning by now taking up the lantern of Ancient Religions. First up, Hinduism. None of them are Hindus, yet there are 1.25 billion in the world. They met with Ms. Meghna, a practicing Hindu, via Zoom to ask questions ranging from her being from Kenya to how she celebrates Diwali. She shared a picture of rangoli (although not



what is pictured here) and the idol of Ganesha that she carries with her. Next up, Buddhism! They are hoping to continue interviewing people from different religions to learn more about our bigger world.



Hands-on science: Saliva Investigation! As part of their study of the digestive system, students in Mr. Alex's Grade 8-9 Biology course recently measured the concentration of the amylase enzyme in their saliva and compared its concentration to stock prepared samples.



DEAP: Old-Fashioned Games Edition! This past week's DEAP activity provided middle and high school students with an opportunity to experience some fun games - not involving a screen! They included: Chess, Jenga, Uno, Tangrams, and more! Students were able to relax and socialize with each other, while enjoying games they do not regularly play.



Beverage Reminder: As stated in our Parent-Student Handbook, carbonated beverages (Coca-Cola, Mountain Dew, Sprite, Fanta, etc) are not permitted at school. In an effort to promote healthy habits with students, possible drink choices for school include: water, milk, tea, or juice.