

AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday, November 12th, 2020

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, November 18th: Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m. (online - Ms. MaryAnn's Zoom Room)

Friday, November 20th: AISN Spirit/T-Shirt Day

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

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

Friday, December 18th: Last Day of First Semester

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

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

AISN TEACHING ASSISTANTS EARN DEGREES!

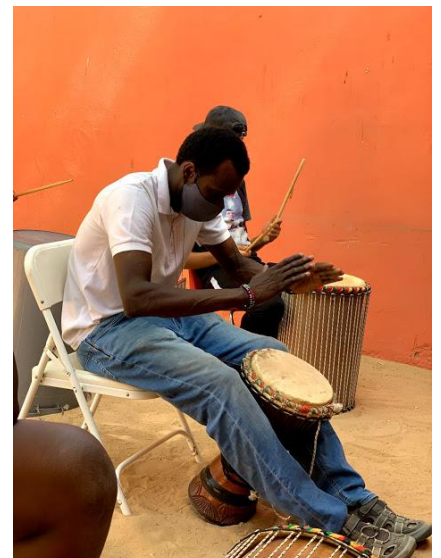


Last school year, our five teaching assistants chose to enroll in the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) Diploma Programme for International Teaching Assistants. The teaching assistants took courses throughout the school year in topics such as supporting assessment for learning; providing literacy and numeracy support; and supporting children with English as an additional language. Three of our teaching assistants completed the program in May. We offer a huge

congratulation to Ms. Haboussa (*pictured right*), Ms. Sophia (*pictured left*) and Ms. Olga who now hold their diplomas in International Teaching Assistants! Ms. Hawa and Ms. Rama 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.



DEAP - MUSICAL EDITION! This past week's DEAP (**D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **P**lay) for the middle and high school students was led by our talented Mr. Papis. Students made some noise while drumming on traditional instruments as well as some improvised instruments - including buckets and bins!



UPCOMING MAP TESTING WILL BEGIN! Fall MAP will soon start. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 will take this computer-based adaptive test that becomes easier or harder, depending on the success of the student taking it. We give students the MAP to determine each child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year and from year to year in the areas of Language Use, Math, and Reading. Check with your child's homeroom teacher or advisor for his/her testing schedule. Following the testing period, you will receive a report showing and explaining your child's performance. More information about the MAP assessments are included in today's folder.



The Board of Directors will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 18th at 5:00 PM via Zoom. All members of the AISN's Association are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings.



Mauritania Day Celebration in the works! On Wednesday, November 25th, AISN will celebrate the unique culture of Mauritania. Throughout the morning, students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities focused on specific aspects of Mauritania - such as games, dancing, fashion, drumming, the Tea Ceremony, and more. We will end the day with a traditional Mauritanian lunch along with music performances by our very talented music teacher, Mr. Papis! *Students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m.*