AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021

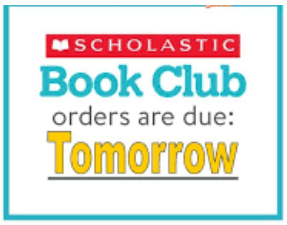
Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, November 24th: Mauritania Day Celebration: **10:00 - 12:45; EARLY DISMISSAL: 12:45**
Wednesday, November 24th: Scholastic Book Orders/Money Due
Thursday, November 25th: Thanksgiving - **No School**
Friday, November 26th: Long Weekend - **No School**
Thursday, December 2nd: Director's Virtual Office Hours: 9:00-9:30 AM Elementary; 10:00-10:30 AM Middle/High School. Zoom link: http://zoom.us/j/9731240864 (Password 12345)
Saturday, December 4th: SAT Administration - 7:45 AM
Wednesday, December 15th: Winter Concert - 5:00 PM
Monday, December 20th - Sunday, January 9th: Winter Break - **No School**

AISN TO CELEBRATE MAURITANIA DAY!

On Wednesday, November 24th, AISN will celebrate the unique culture of our host country, Mauritania. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities focused on specific aspects of Mauritania - such as games, dancing, drumming, the Tea Ceremony, and more. *All AISN students and staff are invited to wear traditional Mauritanian attire or the colors of the flag.*

The schedule of events for Mauritania Day:
10:00-11:30: Grades 3-12 participate in three cultural activities of their choosing. (10:30-11:30 for PreK-Grade 2)
11:30-12:00: School-wide assembly include Mauritanian drumming, dance, and fashion
12:00-12:45: Mauritanian Meal: Students will get a taste of Mauritania traditional dishes and drinks.
12:45: Dismissal



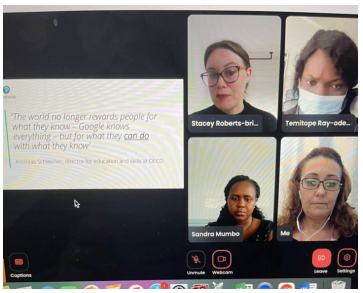
BOOK ORDERS DUE TOMORROW! ***If you are interested in purchasing books, be sure to send the completed order form(s) and money in MRU with an exchange rate US $1 = 37 MRU back to school by tomorrow, Wednesday, November 24th.*** Send in the exact amount as change will not be rendered by the school. If you have questions about ordering books, contact Ms. Aicha, our librarian, at aicha.fall@aisnmauritania.com.

THE LONG WEEKEND IS HERE! Ready for a break? The long weekend is here! Students will be dismissed on Wednesday, November 24th at 12:45 PM after our Mauritania Day festivities. AISN will be closed on Thursday, November 25th in observance of the American Holiday of Thanksgiving. We will also be closed on Friday, November 26th. School resumes on Monday, November 29th. Happy Thanksgiving to those families celebrating this holiday. Additionally, Happy Mauritania Independence Day on Sunday, November 28th to our host-country families.

AISN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER RECEIVES FIFA TRAINING! Ms. Basma, our energetic PreK-12 PE Teacher, recently took part in a special Mauritanian Beach Soccer Training with the International Federation of Football Association in Nouakchott. During the 4-day training, Ms. Basma became an official Beach Soccer Referee. This is a new game in Mauritania and the first-ever Beach Soccer National Championship game will be held in 2022. Congratulations, Ms Basma!

AISN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT US EMBASSY ARTISAN FAIR! This past Thursday, November 18th, 7 AISN High School students volunteered at a local Artisan Fair at the US Embassy. While there, students helped transport and set up the wares of the vendors, provided translation when needed, and worked at the snack bar. A special shout out to: *Shims, Limam, Marie, Khalil, Moctar, Rebecca, and Hussein* (pictured left to right) for representing AISN respectfully and responsibly in the larger community of Nouakchott.

AISN STAFF TAKES PART IN VIRTUAL AISA CONFERENCE! This past Wednesday, AISN faculty and staff had the opportunity to participate in a virtual conference offered by the Association of International Schools in Africa. Throughout the day, our teachers, teaching assistants, and administrators took part in various learning sessions including: incorporating 21st century skills when teaching students to take ownership of their learning; analyzing data to improve teaching and learning, and valuing student voice in the design of learning spaces. Life-long learning is one of AISN's values for our students - as well as our staff!



SCIENCE COMES ALIVE IN KINDERGARTEN! Recently, Ms. Amel's Kindergarten class has been learning about what animals need to survive in Science class, with a focus on beavers. They created an informative project on why and how these unique creatures build dams. Additionally, they researched and recorded special facts about these creatures as part of the project as well. Projects such as these encourage student creativity, independence, and research skills.

SECOND GRADE EXPLORES EPIC: The Grade 2 Explorers have started their reading journey on Epic, a digital-based reading and learning platform. Epic has books for everyone, including audiobooks for ear readers. Ms. Valerie's second grade class read 90 books last week and used the platform to research plants and animals unique to Madagascar. The first 25 books badges have been awarded to Mohamed, Asma, Suzanne, and Maodo.

THIRD GRADE EXPLORES FORCES: Mr. Alex, who normally teaches Grades 7-12 Science, recently visited the Grade 3 class. During his time with them, they conducted various experiments about different types of forces. Teacher collaboration such as this allows both students and teachers to benefit from the expertise of our talented staff.