

Please keep us up-to-date with any email, address, or phone number changes by writing to technology@ans.edu.ni or calling the corresponding office. It is critical that we be able to communicate with you at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

ELEMENTARY

- The new Elementary initiative TIGER WAY HELPERS has started. Students have volunteered their break time to assist the on-duty school staff by helping remind students to follow the good Tiger Way behavior. While on duty these students wear tiger colors, a bright orange and black vest that says Tiger Way Helper both on the front and back. Students interested in becoming Tiger Way Helpers will bring home an application. We ask parents to encourage and support their children to participate in this initiative. Thank you students for making ANS a safer place for everyone!
- We remind parents that students with communicable conditions such as chicken pox, conjunctivitis, impetigo, head lice, etc., are not allowed in school and will be sent home. The student must remain home until the condition has been treated and is no longer contagious. A clean bill of health from a doctor is required for the student to be accepted back into the classroom.
- One of the main goals of ANS is to help students become responsible citizens; therefore, phone calls home for forgotten school items such as homework, projects, messages, last minute requests, etc., are not allowed unless an emergency situation arises. Elementary students may only use cell phones before and after school. No cell phone use is allowed at any time in classrooms and offices. Phones must be turned off at all times during extracurricular activities (Parent-Student Handbook, page 11).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Parents with children in grades K4 to 5: We remind you that our one-semester swimming class program that is alternated with regular PE classes will start next week. A letter with all the details was sent home with your child last week. If you did not receive it, please view it at www.ans.edu.ni, Athletics Section.
- We remind everyone that the extracurricular sport practices will start on Wednesday, August 19. The deadline to register is Friday, August 14. All the application forms must be handed into the P.E. Office by that day. We also ask you to remind your Elementary School children that, for every practice, they must wait for their coaches in the Elementary Patio right after school to be escorted to the different fields or courts.

STUDENT SERVICES

- Mrs. Vaughan will be speaking with Seniors on August 13 during their English classes to discuss the university application process. Seniors should use their *Naviance Workspace* accounts to research universities, careers, and majors.
- Mrs. Vaughan welcomes Seniors and their families making appointments to meet in order to discuss individual university lists and needs.
- Representatives from the University of Pennsylvania will be in Nicaragua on August 27 and 28. A community wide information session will be held from 7-9 pm on August 27 in the Ossi Room.

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

1. I want to encourage you to add the ANS Open House to your calendar. Elementary times are from 5-7 pm and Secondary from 6-8 pm, on Thursday, August 27.
2. A reminder for parents to stop by the main entrance of the school to vote in the Board of Directors & Vote Counting Committee elections. The election date is the same as Open House, Thursday, August 27.
3. We are aware of the constant news in the media related to the H1N1 virus. The school will inform parents promptly should a case be detected related to the school, student, or staff. We encourage you to apply the precautions for this contagious illness and keep children that are sick home from school. More information at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Stan Key, Director General

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The ANS Development Office would like to thank Café Don Paco for providing coffee service in the Elementary Patio during the first week of classes. We hope the community continues to support the "Building Tomorrow Today" Campaign for ANS with their purchase of Café Don Paco coffee and the ANS Foundation TUITION RAFFLE tickets. Both items are available at the ANS Cashier.

CURRICULUM

The content for ANS subject areas and courses is available on the *ANS Curriculum Maps for Parents* site which is located on the ANS webpage, so please take time to look at what your child will be studying this year. We take this opportunity to inform you that only the first semester appears on the Grade 1-5 English Language Arts maps because they are being updated to reflect the Elementary Reading Initiative. The second semester will be posted after the December break. In addition, maps for new courses also will be developed during the school year. Should you have any questions about course content, please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss them.

HIGH SCHOOL

- The 2009-10 school year is off to a great start. Last Friday Secondary School had a Welcome Back Assembly in the CAA. Mr. Key, Mr. Gardina, and Mr. Narvaez each spoke to the students. Mr. Gardina swore in the 2009-10 Student Council: President, Consuelo Pellas (12th grade); Vice President, Mariano Estrada (12th grade); Vice President, Felipe Montealegre (11th grade); Secretary, Juan Carlos Mayorga (12th grade); Treasurer, Maria Andrea Reyes (12th grade). To end the ceremony, the ANS Tiger mascots, Benny and Betty, were chosen: Javier Cardenas and Felix Hernandez will be the new mascots.
- Class Officer Elections will take place soon and Community Service Clubs are signing up volunteers and electing officers. We encourage all our students to get involved in at least one community service organization.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Seventh grade Life Science students presented their concept of what a scientist is through their 3D puppet or model to their classmates last Thursday. The purpose of the assignment was to challenge their perception of: who can be a scientist; what a scientist looks like; and the use of models. The puppets were to be created out of items found around the home to encourage creativity. Parents are welcome to stop by after school Tuesday or Thursday to see what their children have produced (Room H-3). The seriousness of scientific work should never preclude a sense of enjoyment and playfulness.

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