

**OCTOBER 22: REPORT CARD DAY, 11 AM  
DISMISSAL**

## PTO

- The Fall Festival is only 2 weeks away, and we would like to ask your help in stressing *The Tiger Way* to our children to promote good and responsible behavior during this fun evening: respect self, others and the School; do your best; be safe; follow directions. Many people work very hard to make the Festival a great event, and our children can show their appreciation by not touching or damaging the decorations and by being courteous to others.

- Many people come to the Festival and enjoy it, but for smaller children the experience is not always a fun one due to the crowds. Because of this the PTO has designated the Elementary Patio as the area where games suitable for K3-K5 students will be held. There will also be a refreshment stand there, as well as *Trick-or-Treat* stations which will open at 6:30 pm. All children are welcome to visit the Patio; however, there will be other age appropriate games for older children at different locations. *Trick-or-Treating* for older children will be held around Middle School and nearby hallways, also opening at 6:30 pm, and maps will be posted with their locations clearly marked.

- Tickets for the Festival are C\$20 and are on sale now at the Cashier, as well as C\$5, C\$10, and C\$20 coupons. For those new to the Festival, no cash is accepted during the evening; you need to exchange your money for coupons to play the games and buy refreshments. Get yours now so you don't have to stand in line on the 30<sup>th</sup>!

- From time to time this year the PTO will be including a new section in the Bulletin entitled *Did You Know?* Here you will be able to learn a little more about our teachers and school, and through this we hope to foster better communication and greater appreciation of the people who teach our children daily, and the great campus we are fortunate enough to have. Here is the first.

- Did You Know? We have one Olympic athlete and one Olympic coach on staff at ANS: Mrs. Michele Richardson, Counselor Grades 3-5, who competed for the USA and won a silver medal in the 800 meters freestyle at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles; and Mr. Andriy Kulyk, swim teacher, who coached the Nicaraguan Olympic swim team at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. The ANS pool is 25 mts. long, 12.5 mts. wide, and holds about 140,000 gallons of water. The bottom is cleaned once each day, and the water is recycled and filtered 7 hours daily.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School Office would like to congratulate the following students for their participations in this year's AASCA Basketball Tournament: Sraeana Arguello, Isabella Carrion, Maria Alejandra Castro, Krista Lewites, Andrea Quadra, Gabriela Rosales, and Blanca Vega.

## ELI

The English Language Institute (ELI) at the American Nicaraguan School is searching for English instructors. If you speak fluent English and would like to teach English to speakers of other languages, please contact Mr. Hammond at the ELI Office or at [hhammond@ans.edu.ni](mailto:hhammond@ans.edu.ni).

**Yearbook Pictures:** Last day for picture packages sales is **Friday, October 16**. Forms are available at the Cashier's Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

ANS Counselors invite parents to join them in a ***Positive Communication Workshop*** on **Tuesday, October 20, at 12:30 pm**, in the Ossi Room.

## TECHNOLOGY

During the last few years video conferencing has opened the doors to the world for ANS; this year is no exception. Not only have students been able to communicate with many university admission officers, but also to share cultural and academic experiences with other students in Dominican Republic, Australia, Canada, California, Illinois, Tennessee, and New York. We look forward to even more video conference opportunities.

## STUDENT SERVICES

- Mrs. Vaughan has been in the US History classrooms. Please ask you Junior son or daughter what was discussed.
- UPCOMING UNIVERSITY VISITS: Please contact Student Services for further information at 2278-0029, ext. 41: **Walsh University**, Thursday, October 15; **University of Oregon**, Friday, October 16; **Fordham University**, Friday, October 16; **University of Notre Dame**, Monday, October 19; **Vassar College**, Monday, October 19; **St. Mary's University-San Antonio**, Tuesday, October 20; **Rice University**, Wednesday, October 21.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Congratulations to both our girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams on their participation in the AASCA Tournament last week. Our girls team performed well despite the fact that most of its members are still in Middle School. For the 5<sup>th</sup> place match our girls beat Colegio Decroly Americano 20-17. Four ANS girls were included in the All Star Team of the Tournament: Miriam Ariel Garcia, Celia Maria Fiallos, Alexandra Chamorro, and Andrea Quadra. Most importantly though is that our girls team won the *Sportmanship Award* with 24 points out of 24 points possible. This award is given out to the team that displays an excellent behavior toward the officials, opponents, and fans. Great job!

- Our boys' team got an overall record of 3-3 including one win vs. the defending champion Escuela Americana de Tegucigalpa. The boys received the 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy. J. P. Espinosa was selected as a member of the All Star Team; he was also the Tournament leading scorer, 3-point leading shooter and the champion in the Free Throw Contest.

- Thank you all for the support to our teams and for the excellent behavior throughout the whole Tournament.

## ELEMENTARY

On October 2 & 3 Elementary teachers attended a series of workshops presented by Dr. Bonnie Campbell-Hill. Our teachers had the opportunity to learn practical ideas that help merge instruction and assessment together. The emphasis was on practical ideas that have proven successful in the literacy instruction of elementary school children in international schools around the world. Our teachers received an extensive packet of materials that will enable them to start implementing and using some of these ideas in the classroom. The workshops are part of the implementation plan for a balanced literacy approach to reading. As we implement this initiative this school year, teachers will be learning more about assessment and instruction. Our aim is to empower our teachers through professional development so that, in turn, being better prepared they can continue having a positive effect on the instruction of all ANS children.

**CPR: Cooperation, Participation, Respect**