

## PTO

- Save the Date: The ANS Kermesse will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010. More details will follow soon.
- Did you know? ANS has a total of 23 Maintenance staff, and one of their duties is to keep the grounds looking beautiful. Over the past few months, the team has planted 7,000 ornamental plants, and they use a total of 800 meters in hoses and sprinklers to keep everything green and growing. We are all fortunate to have such a lovely looking campus!

## LIBRARY

Parents and Students: The Library of Congress, UNESCO, and different partners have joined forces to launch a world digital library. The World Digital Library provides unique information about the cultural heritage of all countries around the world. It operates in seven different languages, including English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French; however, the content itself comes in more than 40 languages. At ANS we strive to teach and shape a community of learners who celebrates diversity. For that reason, we decided to include this website in the list of Online Resources that can be accessed through the ANS Library webpage. Please take some time to look at it.

## STUDENT SERVICES

- **Upcoming University Visits:** Please contact Student Services for further information at 2278-0029, ext. 41: **St. Louis University**, Wednesday, November 11; and **Nicaraguan University Fair**, Wednesday, November 18.
- **Important Reminder:** If the university application deadline is January or the beginning of February, the appropriate paperwork should be handed in to Mrs. Vaughan in Student Services NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25, 2009 (Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving) as stated in the 'Statement of Responsibility' contract.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Last Wednesday and Thursday, 130 Elementary students in grades K4 to 5<sup>th</sup> participated in the VI Elementary Swimming Festival. Our students demonstrated the skills they learned throughout the first semester and also had a good time. Every participant received a medal. As always, parents supported the event with great enthusiasm.
- We remind parents that extracurricular sport activities end this week. They will resume on January 18, 2010. The summary of all the activities, including lots of pictures, can be viewed at our webpage in the Athletic section.
- Next week, ANS varsity teams will be playing our faculty teams in 4 exciting matches, all beginning at 3 pm: Nov. 17, volleyball; Nov 18, basketball; Nov 19, softball; Nov 20, soccer.

**CPR: Cooperation, Participation, Respect**

## OPINION SURVEYS

- ANS would like to request the assistance of our school community with an important study of opinions to improve the quality of our educational program and services. For that reason, we would like you to complete the survey that will reach you through your ANS e-mail account.
- Your opinions concerning the issues contained in the survey are of vital importance to us. We plan to utilize the results to help guide our ongoing school improvement planning process. It is important to us to make sure that the decisions we make about school improvement take into account the perspectives and opinions of our school community. You do not need to sign your name or identify yourselves in any way. A summary of the results of the survey will be provided in an upcoming issue of our school newsletter.
- The survey can be completed in approximately 15 minutes. Additional time may be needed to answer the open ended questions at the end of the survey.
- Thank you for taking your valuable time to respond to this survey. We look forward to receiving your responses.

## HIGH SCHOOL

- The Red Cross will visit ANS on **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**, from **8 am to 1 pm** for its annual blood drive. Students 17 years and older who want to donate blood should drop by the infirmary to pick up a permission slip. Only students with a signed permission slip from their parents will be allowed to donate blood. Teachers and parents are also encouraged to donate.
- Let's honor those members of the ANS community who maintain our school on a daily basis – security, maintenance, and custodial staff. NHS requests that students from each grade level bring the following items and leave them in the appropriate grade level office: Grade 6, toilet paper; Grade 7, powdered milk; Grade 8, rice; Grade 9, beans; Grade 10, oil; Grade 11, sugar; and Grade 12, Maseca. Thank you for your support.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The National Junior Honor Society will hold an Induction Ceremony for its recently-accepted members on **Wednesday, November 18**, at **6:30 pm**, in the Ossi Room. Please join us in congratulating Andres Bermeo, Maria del Mar Ferrey, Hannah Grijs, Christopher Macdonald, Daniella Lanzas, Monica Chamorro, Chyau-Wen Jang, Krista Lewites, Dominique Montiel, Isabella Rappaccioli, Mariana Mora, and Giancarlo Solorzano.
- The Director General and Mrs. Key accompanied some 60 ANS students and teachers this past Saturday on a visit to the Chacocente Project. This is the largest group that has visited at one time. Our commitment to reach out to the greater community continues to grow.