



Technology

We continue with global education! Mr. Rios' info tech students are "meeting" students from Brazil via videoconfer- ence. Ms. Wheelock's 1st grade class is getting ready to meet students from Canada and all over the world by sharing "How do you celebrate your birthday, Christmas?" This is classrooms without borders!

High School

High School picture packages will be available for pickup in the Technology building T-2 on December 2, from 7 am-2:45 pm. Need more time: Grades 6-12, December 3, 7 am-2:30 pm.

On Wednesday, November 17, the English Department hosted our 4th Annual Poetry Celebration. Student poets recited their poems, and prizes were awarded to the top MS and HS poems. Congratulations to all of our poets and Maria del Mar Porta, Frost Award Winner, and Beatriz Grigsby, Wordsworth Award Winner.

Middle School

Middle School picture building T-2 on December 6-12, December 3, 7 am-2:30 packages will be available for 1st, from 7 am-2:45 pm. pickup in the Technology Need more time: Grades

Elementary

Elementary School picture packages will be available for pickup in the Elementary Patio as follows: K3-2nd grade, December 1st, 7:15-9 am & 1-2:30 pm; 3rd-5th grade, December 2, 7:15-9 am & 1-2:30 pm.

We would like to thank our Elementary counselors, Mrs. Kennett and Mrs. Richardson, for their hard work and dedication in putting together the *You Can Choose* events. We hope to extend this concept beyond last week and incorporate the ideas learned into our daily dealings with students so that *you can choose* becomes our motto for the rest of the year.

College Corner

We will have the following videoconferences: **Monday, November 29**, University of Toronto; **Tuesday, November 30**, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Emmanuel College & Wheelock College; **Wednesday, December 1st**, Lynn University; **Tuesday, December 7**, Villanova University.

Physical Education

The week on November 15-19 was another week of successes for ANS sports. On November 16 & 17, our K4-5th grade students participated in the annual VII Elementary Swimming Festival, which is important because students perform in front of their parents and show them all the skills learned throughout the semester; it also brings our community together to raise school spirit. About 200 parents attended on November 16. All students (108) received a golden medal for outstanding participation. Besides the traditional "crawl" competition, upper Elementary students played an exhibition Water Polo match that was watched and enjoyed by their parents. The complete results of the events are posted in the Athletics section of ANS webpage.

The Elementary Basketball Intramural Games ended last week, after 5 weeks of competition in which 90 students (boys and girls), from grades 3-5, actively participated. In this competition our students continued learning important values such as respect, tolerance, and honesty. One of the ANS goals is that students learn that playing fairly and doing their best is more important than just winning. We encourage parents to keep on cultivating these important concepts at home.

On November 19, our swimming team Las Pirañas ANS celebrated its 12th birthday with a meet, in which 7 other clubs also competed. We won first place.

Congratulations to the Most Outstanding Varsity Athletes of the month of October: Gabriela Sosa (volleyball), Rodrigo Holmann (volleyball), Sucre Frech (basketball), Maria del Mar Porta (soccer), and Victor Telleria (soccer).

PTO

The PTO is pleased to tell you that we are currently having our own bodega built on campus, where all of our supplies for Fall Festival, Kermesse, and our ANS book inventory will be safely stored, along with decorations and other items donated to the PTO by parents for various events. The site is located off the CAA parking lot. The building will measure 4 x 8 mts and should be completed within 2 weeks. Once the project is finished, we will be inviting parents to the "official" opening!

NOVEMBER 25 & 26: HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 13-17, 11 AM STUDENT DISMISSAL

The **2011-2012 school calendar** has been posted to the ANS webpage. Have the latest information by visiting the ANS webpage or follow us on TWITTER at <http://twitter.com/anseduni>.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

The ANS alumni and parent community is invited to begin forming teams for the upcoming volleyball and basketball tournaments:

- The Volleyball Tournament begins on February 3 and the Basketball Tournament begins on March 17. Both last 5 weeks.
- Matches will take place on Thursdays.
- Time: 6:30-8:00 pm.
- ONLY ANS alumni and parents can participate.
- 10 teams allowed (5 female & 5 male).
- 15 members p/team.
- Additional information will be announced in December in the ANS Weekly Bulletin, webpage, and Facebook.
- Registrations will take place in January.
- For further details, please contact the ANS Athletics Department at sports@ans.edu.ni.

Are you login in to view your child's academic progress? 91% of parents and students in Secondary School are viewing **online grades** through PowerSchool. With the upgrade of PowerSchool, parents can now use the e-mail notification tool. What does this mean? It means that parents can receive by e-mail a daily, weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly progress report. If you still need assistance to set up you personalized account, please contact bpastran@ans.edu.ni or technology@ans.edu.ni or