



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 11 AM DISMISSAL

Yearbook Pictures: Thursday, February 4, will be picture day for all those people who have not had their pictures taken for the 2009-10 ANS yearbook. This includes all new students, new faculty and staff, and those who were absent on previously scheduled days and/or retakes.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

Summer School at ANS

Mrs. Carmen (Cookie) Reyes, a faculty member at ANS, has been appointed as ANS Summer School Coordinator for June/July 2010. Mrs. Reyes also served in this capacity last school year. Please be aware that a parent survey will be sent out this week to guide our development of course offerings and timelines. Next week we will communicate with the entire school community about the schedule.

New Business Development Coordinator

ANS welcomes Mrs. Carola Molina de Mora as employee who is working on projects to develop new revenue sources at ANS. As such, she will be working closely with our Director of Finance, Mr. Roberto Cardenal. Mrs. Molina has played an active role as a parent in the school and is very familiar with our school community.

New Elementary Music Classroom

ANS new Elementary music classroom will be completed soon. It will serve as a state-of-the-art music classroom as well as a locale for small performances. In addition, a courtyard area will allow the School to display student art work and hold small outdoor musical recitals. The target inauguration of this new facility will be the morning of Friday, February 26. This new classroom and complete bathroom facility is located adjacent to the Elementary soccer field.

TECHNOLOGY

Parents: Please remember that in order to have access to some of our web courses, you must use a username and password, which are **ansparent / ansparent**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher directly or Technology Department at **technology@ans.edu.ni**.

LIBRARY

Dear Parents: The Library will be closed after school today, Wednesday, January 27, due to a faculty & staff meeting.

We would like you to note the date for the very much awaited ANS **Book Fair**, which will take place from **February 9-12**. Soon you'll be receiving more information.

HIGH SCHOOL

HAITIAN RELIEF FUND:

- Secondary students participated in a fundraising drive to assist the efforts in Haiti. The Student Council visited the classrooms each day for donations, and different community service groups sold soft drinks and pastries at lunch to add to the money collected.
- **The Drama Club will be presenting "Acting Out for Haiti – An Evening of Scenes and Monologues," on Friday, January 29, at 6 pm, in the Drama Room. ALL proceeds will go to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Tickets are C\$100.00 and will be sold at the door. NOTE: The themes to be presented are not suitable for Elementary aged children. Please contact Mrs. Gallegos with any questions or concerns.**
- Parents are encouraged to make donations directly to the [Haitian Relief Fund](#) account at the Business Office.

The Spanish Department initiated the Jornada Dariana on January 18. All Spanish students, grades 6–12, will participate in a literary workshop. The best essays will receive awards and will be published in a literary magazine. Good luck to our young writers!

STUDENT SERVICES

Mrs. Vaughan will be visiting Villanova University January 27 through February 1st. She has been asked to serve as a member of the Villanova University's Admissions Advisory Council.

Attention Seniors and Parents: Please be aware that the following paragraph may be found in every letter received by an admitted student: **"This offer of admissions will be considered final upon receipt of your current academic record. We reserve the right to rescind this offer if your performance declines significantly."** Please remind your Senior son/daughter that their senior grades are as important as their junior grades.

Mrs. Vaughan will speak to the Junior class during their US History classes on February 3. They were asked to begin creating their résumés over the December break. The next step is setting goals and planning for their senior year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our school is pleased to inform you that Kinder 5 students are now able to practice after-school sports. The program is called "Baby Tigers" and is starting today. With the activities they will perform, they will learn the basic skills that will enable them to improve their motor skills, follow commands, interact with other young children, and be able to join the regular Extracurricular Athletic Program in August. These young students will be having their after-school sports sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 2:20 to 3 pm, at soccer field #1.

The girls and boys varsity soccer teams are practicing very intensively for their participation in the AASCA Soccer Tournament to be held this year at Escuela Americana de El Salvador, on February 24-28. Besides regular practice, our teams have started to play friendly matches vs. strong squads to be ready for such a demanding event. **Starting on the week of February 1st**, both teams will be involved in a two-week tournament called "Copa Challenger," hosted by ANS. Everyone is welcome to attend and support ANS teams. The game schedule is posted on the school webpage, Athletics section.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

For the past few weeks, 6th grade Earth Science students have been studying about earthquakes. They have built seismographs to record and study earth vibrations, comparing their results with those of actual earthquakes. Please visit Mr. Perezalonso's webpage to see the photos of these projects.

As part of the regular curriculum, 7th grade Latin American History students started this semester with the unit on the Caribbean. This has allowed them to reflect deeply on the current situation in Haiti. Encourage your child to share their views with you.

Middle School students have worked on identifying their personal goals as part of the Advisory program. While the exercise originally was intended to concentrate on academic goals, in reality students have tended to branch off into their personal lives and their distant future.

Middle School has been a veritable beehive of activities since the catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12. We are very proud of the efforts our students have been making over the past week to collect money for the victims. A group of Middle School students got permission from Mr. Hammond, ELI Director, to organize a bake sale last Saturday. ELI students and teachers contributed more than 10 thousand cords that day. Our gratitude to all those that have given their time, energy, and money to this cause.

ELEMENTARY

Elementary has collected over \$500 in donations for Haiti. Not to mention we still have piggy banks in every classroom that have not yet been opened. We will reveal the amounts at our Tiger Meeting this Friday. Thank you for your donations on Jeans Day and thanks to the 3rd graders for the bake sale last week; 600 pieces of baked goods were sold!

Our fundraising activities for Haiti continue: 5th grade will sponsor a bake sale on Friday during the Tiger Meeting; 2A has been playing movies during break; and tomorrow, Thursday, January 28, the Student Council is sponsoring a Crazy Hat & Shoe Day for a minimum donation of C\$10.

Don't miss our Tiger Meeting this **Friday, January 29**: K-2nd grade, at 8 am; and 3rd-5th, at 9 am.