



**High School**

Our boys and girls soccer teams left for San Pedro Sula, Honduras, today to compete in the AASCA Soccer Tournament, from February 16-20. American schools from around the region will meet to compete for the title of AASCA Champions. Best of luck to all of them!

Pre-registration for the 2011-2012 school year is open. Registration forms were sent home last Thursday with the students. Only those students who are registered will be authorized to schedule their courses for the coming school year.

**Middle School**

In order to continue with the *You Can Choose* campaign, Middle School students attended two "Knowledge is Power" workshops. The goal was

to provide students with information and concrete examples of the effects of smoking and alcohol abuse. Please support the

school in this initiative by discussing these issues, and the impact they can have in their lives.

**Elementary**

What a great week it has been at Elementary! Teachers met in their Book Clubs to share their reflections and the changes they are making in their teaching and classroom arrangement based on their new learning. K3-K5 students are creating books using illustrations as a foundation to the writing process. Students in grade 1

& 2 are developing their cognitive and English language skills by talking about their thinking with a buddy. In addition, our grade 3-5 students are writing Literary Letters as a way to respond to their reading. We are on a journey that is creating readers and writers who are using strategies that will support them as long-life learners.

**College Corner**

Representatives from Elon, Lynn, and Roger Williams University will be on campus on February 23 to speak with interested Juniors and accepted Seniors. Please contact Student Services for additional information at 2278-0029 ext 15 then 111.

bulletin board near the High School Office is filled with summer program ideas. Please speak with Ms. Lanzas or Mrs. Vaughan for additional information at 2278-0029.

Nicaragua? The faculty will offer a one week Leadership Program from June 13-17 on their site. Each student will receive a certificate of completion. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Vaughan at [rsmith-vaughan@ans.edu.ni](mailto:rsmith-vaughan@ans.edu.ni).

Did you know that Wake Forest University has completed a confer-

The Student Services

**Physical Education**

Good luck to both our girls and boys varsity soccer teams that this morning traveled to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to participate in the AASCA Tournament. Knowing the high level of competitiveness, our teams practiced very hard and undoubtedly will do their

best in their matches.

On February 6, our swimming team *Las Pirañas ANS* competed in the COMTECH Curie Cup, winning 1<sup>st</sup> place among 7 participants. Our school is very proud of its swimmers!

**PTO - KERMESSE**

Friday, February 18, during lunch, is the final voting day for students K5-Grade 12 to choose which teachers they want to see in the Dunk Tank at the Kermesse. Each vote is C\$5, and students may vote as many times as they like.

In Elementary, we encourage parents to volunteer one hour to help run their grade's game. Grades 6, 7 & 8 will also be doing a game each this year, and we ask their parents to contact Alana Frick-Gr. 6, Madrelle Cartwright-Gr. 7, or Hailley McCarthy-Gr. 8 to find out how you can help. We also welcome any help from High School parents who wish to join in. Please email us at [pto@ans.edu.ni](mailto:pto@ans.edu.ni) to find out how you can help.

Kermesse tickets are C\$20 per person in advance or C\$40 per person on the day and are on sale now at the Cashier, as well as C\$5, C\$10, C\$20, and C\$50 coupons. For those new to the Kermesse, no cash is accepted during the event; 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 26!

The 2011-2012 registration forms with your child's information have been sent home. We ask that all registration forms be completed, returned, and the registration fee paid by no later than March 11. If you did not receive a form, please contact Mr. Pastran, Registrar, at 2278-0029 ext. 21 or [technology@ans.edu.ni](mailto:technology@ans.edu.ni) to receive a new copy. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Did you know that one of the benefits of reading is preventing dementia?**

According to Stephen Krashen, older people who read more do better on tests of mental ability, such as the Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE) which serves to detect dementia. So next time you have some free time, consider coming to the ANS Library and check out a book. Not only will you be helping your children become enthusiastic about reading, but you will also be working on your future mental health.

**NEW HIGH SCHOOL**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tuition Raffle benefiting the *Building Tomorrow Today* campaign will award 3 prizes in tuition or cash during this year's Kermesse on **February 26**: 1<sup>st</sup> prize is one full year tuition or **US\$6,480**; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is one semester full tuition or **US\$3,240**; and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is one quarter full tuition or **US\$1,620**. Purchase tickets for US\$50 each in the ANS Cashier. ANS parents and staff may charge tickets to their account or as payroll deductions.
- Cafe Don Paco is serving coffee at all Tiger Meetings in Elementary, and its Jungle Java blend is available for sale to raise funds for our new High School!
- Parents, staff, and ANS friends are invited to make online donations to *Building Tomorrow Today* at [www.ans.edu.ni](http://www.ans.edu.ni). Click on the DONATE NOW button and make an investment in your children's future!