



DIRECTOR'S COFFEES

When: Thursday, February 25, at 7:15 am (in Spanish) and 12:15 pm (in English).

Where: Ossi Room.

Topic: ANS Revenues, Expenditures, and Capital Improvements.

YEARBOOK

Pre-order your full color 2009-2010 ANS yearbook at the school's Cashier for only \$30. Buy it now; only 400 are available. Delivery date: Prior to the end of the school year. Forms for charging to your ANS account are available @ the ANS webpage > Quick Links.

PTO

The ANS Kermesse will be held on Saturday, February 20, on soccer field #1, from 10 am to 4 pm. The pool will be open for swimming (bathing suits must be worn and pool rules apply). There will be live music and entertainment throughout the day, new games and activities, pony rides, and more. Tickets are on sale now at the Cashier. Don't miss it!

For the Kermesse, we encourage Elementary parents to volunteer one hour to help run their grade's game. Middle School parents can sign up in that school office to help us with a new and exciting game for 5th graders and older. We also welcome any help from High School parents who wish to join in. Please email us at pto@ans.edu.ni to find out how you can help.

Thank you for supporting the PTO raffle by buying a C\$20 ticket. Prizes include airline tickets and miles, one month's free ANS tuition or cash equivalent, gift vouchers, gift baskets, and many other great items. Raffle prizes will be drawn throughout the day, and you do not have to be present to win.

We wish a fond and sad goodbye to Mr. Dan Plemons, a valued member of the PTO Board this school year. Mr. Plemons always looked for ways to help others and he demonstrated that in volunteering for the PTO, where he brought unique insight from his many years of teaching. We benefitted from his advice, wit and wisdom, and we will always remember what a great teacher and person he was, and how fortunate we were to have him.

HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Yun's Chinese class will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on February 17: 3 pm - Chinese Lion Dance at the fountain in front of the school's main steps; 3:30 pm - student performances and question & answer session in the Ossi Room. Everyone is invited to attend. Come and enjoy!

On Friday, February 12, ANS will hold a Valentine's Color Day for C\$10 and a variety of fundraising activities. Students are encouraged to support their favorite clubs.

Pre-registration for the 2010-2011 school year is open. Registration forms were sent home on Monday with stu-

dents. Only those students who are registered will be authorized to schedule their courses for the coming school year.

As many of you already know, Operation Smile has been contributing financially and logistically in helping low income Nicaraguan children and young adults who need reconstructive facial surgery. Once or twice a year, doctors come from the U.S. to perform these free of charge. Each surgery takes about 45 minutes and leaves an impact that is priceless. The ANS Operation Smile Club volunteers each year to help out during these missions. This year's mission is from February 4-12. Congratulations to our Operation Smile students. Their efforts will be forever remembered by a small child who is given back his smile!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

At the culmination of their study of India, the 6th grade Ancient History students created Mandalas. Mandala is Sanskrit for "whole world" or "healing circle." Traditionally done in sand by monks, their Mandalas had eight petals with a circular center, representative of the lotus flower. In their Mandalas, the students included ancient Buddhist and Hindu symbols as well as personal choices. Personal symbols were taken from the Gaelic, Chinese, Buddhist, Greek, and Christian traditions. Some students uniquely arranged their own symbols.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A total of 380 students, grades K5-12, are enrolled in after-school sports this semester. All of them are grouped by ages into 24 teams. ANS offers 8 sports in its extra-curricular athletic program: Soccer, basketball, volleyball, track, swimming, gymnastics, baseball, and chess.

STUDENT SERVICES

JUNIOR PARENTS: If your son/daughter is a Junior, please attend the **Junior Parent Meeting** on **Thursday, February 25, at 2:30 pm**, in the Ossi Room. Mrs. Vaughan will discuss the university application process. All parents are welcome. The meeting will be conducted in Spanish, English, and Korean.

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY VISITS: Please contact Student Services for further information at 2278-0029 ext. 11: **Fairfield University, CT** - February 17; **Creighton University, Nebraska** - February 23; **DCT University Center Switzerland** - February 24; **Walsh University, OH** - March 1st; **Catholic University Fair** - March 11.

ELEMENTARY

We are very pleased to inform the ANS community that our new music building is finished. Elementary students have already begun to receive classes in this new venue. We invite all parents to attend the official inauguration of the building that will take place during our next Tiger Meeting on February 26. More information will be forthcoming.

Summer Camp 2010 is coming! Save these dates: June 14 - July 9. Stay tuned for more information.