



Elementary

• We are pleased to invite you to our annual Field Day on Friday, March 12. The activities will be held at the track & field area and Covered Athletic Area located by the swimming pool. Please do not forget to pack a cap for your child and ap-

ply enough sunscreen to protect your child from the March harsh weather. An e-mail with information and the activity schedule has been sent out to all parents.

- Students in 4th and 5th

grade will be taking the Stanford test from Tuesday, March 16, to Friday, March 19, from 7:15 to 9:30 am. An e-mail with information and the test schedule has been sent to 4th and 5th grade parents.

Middle School

On Monday and Tuesday all our 6th and 8th graders were busy writing the Stanford tests. The test results will be used to help determine areas where we can improve in English and Mathematics. The students'

behavior was exceptional, and they all deserve recognition for the maturity and dedication showed during the very long testing sessions.

High School

• The Social Studies Department hosted its Annual Social Studies Competition last week with the participation of 77 students. Thanks to all the participating students and the teachers who helped out after school. Congratulations to this year's winners: **Middle School** - Ana Castillo, Isa Carrion, Andrea

Oviedo, and Andrea Quadra; **9th & 10th Grades** - Carlos Schutze, Diego Garcia, Carlos Pantin, and Gabriel Urcuyo; **11th & 12th Grades** - Ricardo Tablada, Jai Chung, and Jules Weinstein.

- The 3rd quarter of studies

ends March 12. Third quarter report cards will be issued on March 23. Parents are encouraged to make time on the 23rd to pick up report cards anytime between 11 am & 2:30 pm. Teachers will be available for conferencing from 11 am to 12 noon and from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Student Services

The school community is invited to attend the National Catholic College Fair **TOMORROW**, Thursday, March 11, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, in the Covered Athletic Area.

Physical Education

Everything is ready for one of the most important events of the year, the Elementary School Field Day, which will be held on Friday, March 12.

On that day, students report to the classrooms as usual at 7:05 am. Before 8 o'clock, students will be escorted by their teachers to the Covered Athletic Area by the swimming pool. Lunch will take place at soccer field #1 where many tents, chairs, and tables will be placed.

K3-1st grade will finish their Field Day at 10 am, while students in grades 2 to 5 will end at 10:40 am. After the

activity, all students will be escorted by their teachers back to their classrooms from where they will be dismissed. **Remember that March 12 is an early dismissal day (11:00 am).**

Parents are more than welcome to come and cheer on their children on this unforgettable and enjoyable day. A letter with the details of the event has been sent electronically to all parents. It is important that parents go over the letter to see in which activities their children will be involved. Different

activities will take place according to student grade level.

Among the wide array of activities we have planned, some students will be doing swimming and water polo; others will be having a skating party. These students will, therefore, need adequate clothing and/or gear. If you have not received the letter yet, please contact the Elementary Office Secretary, Marjorie Guerra, at mguerra@ans.edu.ni or at 2278-0029 ext. 16.

Library

Dear Parents, We want to invite you again to come by the Library and pick up a "10 Ways to Raise a Reader" bookmark. It is essential that we instill in our children the love of reading and the importance of taking care of books. ANS works very hard in maintaining an up-to-date library and textbook collection. For this reason, we remind

parents and students that in order to have access to online grades and receive their report cards, students must return all overdue books. This includes library books and textbooks. If you have any questions, please write to anslibrary@ans.edu.ni or call us at ext. 23. Thank you for your support.

ALL SCHOOL

- **Friday, March 12: 11 am Dismissal**
- An email with our 2010 Summer Camp schedule was sent to all parents; however, if you need more information, visit our webpage and click on *Summer Camp 2010 Scheduling* for the latest news.
- Have you logged in to see your child's progress & grades? Stay informed by logging in to PowerSchool online grades (for grades 3-12) at <http://powerschool.ans.edu.ni/public>. Online grades will be available until March 12, the end of Quarter 3.

Did You Know? Brad & Madrelle Cartwright teach High School and Middle School respectively, and their two children attend ANS Elementary. Before coming to Nicaragua, they lived in the rural mountains of central Dominican Republic working as community volunteers in the areas of education, agro-forestry, health, and sanitation. Together they organized and designed the construction of a large rural aqueduct.

The Cartwrights also taught local environmental education classes on weekly basis in Spanish as well as prepared and taught classroom thematic units designed to increase the basic level of education of the local children.

Our children will certainly benefit from the Cartwrights' dedication and great real-world experiences. We are fortunate to have them teaching at ANS.