



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KIGALI

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WELCOME TO ISK



Important Dates

21 Sep- No School
Eid-el-Fitr
1 Oct- No School
Patriotism Day
15-16 Oct- No
School-Teacher
In-Service

Greetings ISK Community! This is the very first Parent Newsletter for the International School of Kigali. We have now successfully completed one week. Together, with your families, we have accomplished an amazing feat. We have turned an idea into a full-functioning school in only a little more than four months. I must recognize our working group for all the hard work they have put into this school over the past few months. They have spent countless hours in preparation for what we all are enjoying each day.

This newsletter has been distributed in a paper copy today as well as in an electronic format through our website. The future issues will only be posted on our website and an announcement email will be sent to you.

Reminder- This coming Monday, the 21st of September, school will be closed in observance of Eid-el-Fitr.

One of the goals of ISK is to develop a vibrant community of students, teachers, and families. One of the ways we would like to begin this process will take place on Friday, the **2nd of October**. ISK will host the first **ISK Movie Mania Night**. This will be a free showing of a family friendly movie (title will be announced next week) at ISK. Drinks will be provided, but we ask that you bring your own snacks. This will be a wonderful time for our families to get to know one another. I hope to see all of you there!

Please continue reading this newsletter for additional announcements and reminders. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REMINDERS

Here are a few reminders about some policies and procedures for ISK. If you have any questions, please feel free to communicate with the office.

Lunch- Our wonderful lunches are being catered by a very experienced company that has been delivering excellent food for our students. The menu for October will be available next week. Our caterer will be on campus to receive orders and payments one day next week.

Water Bottles- We request that every student come to school each day with a full water bottle. It is very important that we all stay hydrated during the day. ISK does have drinking water available for lunch and refills, but we request that every student have their own bottle.

Sick- If your child is sick, we ask that you communicate with the office as soon as possible. The office phone is available from 7:30-4:30 everyday and emails are open all the time.

Communication- Meaningful, consistent communication between the school and the home is critical in establishing a thriving school community. Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to schedule a meeting with any of our staff.

Student Handbook- Please take a few minutes to read the ISK student handbook, as it contains many other policies and procedures that help to create an efficient and effective school environment.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FIRST GRADE

In each Parent Newsletter, we will be spotlighting different classes and individuals at ISK. For this first issue, we will be focusing on our first grade class, taught by Ms. Emily Dunnagan.

Our First Grade class is comprised of eight students from seven different nationalities. Ms. Emily Dunnagan, who has been teaching in Africa for the past three years, is their teacher.

Our First Graders will be busy this year studying many things. In science, they will be studying basic biology in their look at animals. Math classes will begin



with calculations and counting, getting all the way to 100. Students will be reviewing their reading strategies as they jump right into some great books. First grade sounds very exciting. Be looking for more information about our other classes in the coming issues.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

School Board Formation- Please consider if you would be willing to serve on the first ISK school board. We will be having elections in the coming weeks with more information to come.

Forms and Previous School Records- As we are compiling our student files, we have found that we are still missing forms from many students. Please be sure that you have returned all of the registration forms along copies of previous school records.

Recreation Field- Our adjacent recreation field is nearing completion. The biggest delay has been waiting for the grass to grow. We want to ensure that the field will be safe and durable for our students. We appreciate your patience.

School Bus- We are currently in negotiation with a transportation company that will be able to provide transportation services for any families that have expressed interest. If you

would be interested in paying for a bus service for your children to and from school, and haven't done so already, please return the transportation information form to the office.

PE Uniforms- Our PE uniforms will be printed in the coming week. Students in grades 4-12 will be required to change for each PE class. We will be selling these and other ISK spirit shirts and hats for all students. Please check with the office if you are interested.

Surveys- Two surveys have been sent home recently. Our library survey is linked to our website, so if you haven't already, be sure to help in our selections for our library. An ESL interest survey also went home this week. Be sure to fill this form out if you are interested in our supplemental ESL program.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I cannot express how excited I am about this school and the wonderful things we will accomplish this year and in the years to come. Even as we begin the first year of the school, we are ambitiously striving to deliver the highest standards of education for your children. This is not a task that we take lightly. Our responsibility to you and your children is our first priority.

I want to thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to this community working together to achieve amazing things. Please feel free to offer your feedback, as it will help us continually improve our school.

-Mr. Dolinger

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