



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO ISK

Greetings ISK Community

We are now well into our third week of school. We are very pleased to see the developing identity of ISK. Our teachers are continuing to deliver our students a very high standard of education. We have heard many positive comments from you. Thank you for your feedback.

Tomorrow we will be observing Rwanda's Patriotism Day, and **school will be closed**. School will be open, as normal, on Friday.

This newsletter is again posted on our website, so that we can conserve our paper consumption. If you did not receive an email announcing this newsletter, we do not have a working address for you on file. Please come to the office and let us know what address you are checking regularly. You can also submit a working address through our website by signing up for ISK eNews.

I again want to announce the first ISK Movie mania Night, taking place this

Friday evening. Every ISK family is welcome to attend our free showing of Walt Disney's *Bolt*. We will begin the movie at **7:00pm**, so be sure to be at ISK a little early to make sure you get a great spot. Water and juice will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your own snacks. Students in grade 6 and below must be accompanied by a parent. We look forward to seeing you there!

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



Important Dates

- 1 Oct- No School
Patriotism Day
- 2 Oct- 7pm ISK
Movie Night
- 15-16 Oct- No
School-Teacher
In-Service

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- We are still missing forms from many students. Please be sure that you have returned all of the registration forms along with copies of previous school records.

Substitute Teacher Volunteers- There will be times throughout the year that our teachers may become sick or will be away from school. We are now looking to create a list of parents that are willing to volunteer as a substitute teacher for ISK. If you are interested in assisting the school in this important

role, please come by the office and indicate the days and classes that you would be able to assist with.

Correct Email Addresses- We are attempting to reduce the amount of paper that the school is using and will be utilizing our website and email for the majority of our communication. Please make sure that you are receiving the emails from the school. Check in your "spam" folder first and be sure to add office@isk-rwanda.org to you approved addresses.

Continued Communication- We appreciate your feedback and would like to hear from you if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SECONDARY ENG.

In this Parent Newsletter, we will be focusing on our Secondary English classes, taught by Mr. Jacob Thies.

Mr. Thies teaches all of our secondary English Classes that include topics such as Reading, Writing, and Grammar.

Since the beginning of school, the different secondary classes have been studying topics such as coming of age, independence, identity, short stories demonstrating excitement, and some classes has been reading and analyzing some of the works of Emerson and Thoreau.

When asked about living and working in Rwanda, Mr. Thies replied, "Life in Rwanda presents many opportunities to incorporate cultural components in the



classroom. ISK's small class sizes allow me the opportunity to encourage my students to become global citizens through continual reading and writing."

If you get a chance, ask a secondary student what they have been reading recently. You will be interested in their responses.

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.

Drop-off/Pick-up Times- We must remind you again that the school gates open at 7:45 everyday. Any students arriving before that time can not be under the responsibility of the school. Also, students must be picked up between 3:15 and 3:30. If you will be late, you must inform the office.

Lunch Ordering System- We hope that your children have been enjoying the wonderful lunches that have been provided at school. Our caterers are doing an excellent job in delivering a very high quality, nutritious lunch every day. In an attempt to make the lunch ordering and payment process more efficient and effective, we have

implemented a new lunch ordering system.

All the new ordering information can be found on our website at <http://www.isk-rwanda.org/isklunches.php> or by clicking "Order Oct. ISK Lunches" under the "About ISK" tab and then under "Parent Resources". You are able to use a paper-based order form or our new interactive electronic form on the website.

You will find all the instructions regarding the new ordering system on the ISK Lunches page.

Sick- If your child is sick, we ask that 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.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

My days are filled with joy as I get to see your children interacting with the other students and teachers of ISK. I encourage you to continue to be active in your child's education. Ask them what they did at school each day. Ask them to show you the new things they are learning. Be sure to show them that

school is important, exciting, and something that matters to you as their parent.

With your continued support, ISK will continue to be a school of excellence, recognized throughout Rwanda and around the world.

Mr. Dolinger

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