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Important Dates

- 13 Nov-** Parent-Teacher Conferences- Half-Day for Students
- 1 Dec-** General Parent Assembly- Board Elections

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TERM ONE- HALF WAY DONE

Greetings ISK Community

As we settle into the middle of our first term, it is amazing to see how quickly the time passes. All of our classes are well into their content, and deeply engaged in their learning. This newsletter is full of new information. Here are few important announcements.

We are very proud in announce that ISK has been granted membership into the **Association of International Schools in Africa, or AISA**. ISK is the only school in Rwanda that is a part of this well-established association. Member schools have a list of strict criteria they must meet in order to be considered. The membership was confirmed at the annual AISA conference held in Lusaka, Zambia two weeks ago. ISK continues to develop and gain recognition in Rwanda, Africa, and around the world.

Our Secondary Science teacher, Ms. Kersti Pritchard has been presenting information to our students about how we can make

better choices that will help preserve and protect our world. Ask your students about what is means to "go green". Ms. Pritchard will be leading part two of her presentation at our next school assembly, on the 6th of November.

Please continue reading for more exciting news from ISK.



SERVING ON THE ISK BOARD

As ISK is growing out of its infancy, we are approaching a large milestone. We will be holding our first elections for the ISK Board of Trustees at the General Parent's Assembly on Tuesday, the 1st of Dec. Every family needs to be represented at this important meeting.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of ISK. They establish the direction of the school and ensure the school continues in its successful development.

The ISK Board is composed of four members elected from the General Parent Assembly, with one member appointed by the US Ambassador. Two elected positions will be on a two-year term and the other two elected positions will serve for a one-year term.

Serving as a member of the Board of Trustees is one of the greatest ways to serve ISK.

The policy manual of the school allows for a screening process to ensure qualified candidates. Part of this process is to complete and submit the Board Member Candidate Questionnaire. This form is available through our website, on the home page, at www.isk-rwanda.org. After compiling the questionnaires, a candidate information sheet will be created and distributed to all of the parents prior to the election to assist our families in making an informed decision before voting.

Please consider taking this opportunity to assist in governing and developing ISK.

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SPOTLIGHT OUR FIRST FIELD TRIP

On October 2nd, ISK secondary teacher, Mr. Crocker, and the 8th Grade Social Studies class embarked on a cross-town trip that will be remembered as the very first field trip in the history of ISK.

In their study about the ancient civilizations of China, the 8th grade students learned how one of the many technological advances of the Chinese was a process for papermaking that is actually still used today.

Located right here in Kigali, Cards From Africa is an organization that uses a similar papermaking technique. Mr. Crocker and the students set out to experience the process first-hand. They had a wonderful trip, returning to school very excited.

Here are a few comments from the students and Mr. Crocker.

"It was great fun. Papermaking is simple and quick. I really appreciate what they are doing at Cards From Africa."

-Kevin Bomboma

"Cards from Africa is a good way to learn how to make paper from almost nothing and it's a creative way to save the planet."

-Konstantinos Tzartas



"I am pleased that I was able to go on the first ISK field trip and experience how paper has been made for thousands of years."

-Dylan Kaiser

"I am very passionate about providing hands-on learning opportunities for all of my students. The trip to Cards From Africa was also a great chance for our students to get off campus and see what's going on in Kigali."

-Mr. Robin Crocker

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

November Lunch Menu Now

Online- You can now place orders for November lunches through our website.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- Every parent should make plans to attend this first round of conferences regarding student progress this term. Conferences will take place on Friday the 13th of November. Students will be dismissed

at 11:30 and conferences will begin at 12:30 and continue until 5:00pm. You will be receiving more information about the scheduling of individual conference times from your child's teacher(s). If you are unable to attend during these times, please call the school to arrange an alternative time for your conference.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

"A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral"

-Antoine de Saint-Expery

There are many who would look at the quick development of ISK and say it couldn't have been done. But we see what has been accomplished in so little

time and recognize the hard work of so many people. I want to encourage you to also look to what ISK can become. I believe that this school will quickly become one of the leading international schools on this continent. I hope you are as excited as I am to be a part of it.

-Mr. Dolinger

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