





February 2017

AICHI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



February 2017 NEWSLETTER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1.	2. No After-School Class (2 days)	3. Talent Show 1:45PM start 	4.
5.	6. G3 Mini-Field Trip (PM)	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
12.	13.	14. Valentines Day 	15.	16.	17. Speech Contest 12PM Start 	18.
19.	20. ISA tests begin (G3-G6) ISA →	21.	22. New student mtg 10am Uniform fitting 11am →	23. ISA tests end (G3-G6)	24.	25.
26.	27. WASC 2-day visit  →	28.				

Dear AIS families and friends,

It's February and that means that we are half way through the third term already. In just six weeks or so, the Orca class will graduate from the Kindergarten, whilst Grade Six will graduate from the Elementary School.

The end of the year is a time for evaluating progress and achievement throughout the year. This applies to each student and also to the school as a whole:

1. From February 20-23rd, students from Grades 3 to 6 will take examinations in reading, writing and mathematics. We hope that all students can do their best in the tests, and continue to enjoy studying and learning in English.
2. From February 26-28th, AIS will have a WASC Mid-Cycle inspection. Many parents ask the question: "How can I be sure that AIS is a good school?" One answer to this question is that AIS is an accredited school. Being an accredited school doesn't mean that everything is perfect, and there are many areas that we want to improve and strengthen. However, an accreditation status reassures the community that the school has been declared trustworthy by a visiting team, and is receiving support and challenge from outside to improve. During the WASC visit, we hope to demonstrate again that AIS is moving forward and continually striving to improve and fulfill its obligation to provide the best education for children possible.

Finally, in February, AIS will hold its annual Talent Show and Speech Contest, on the 3rd and 17th February respectively. We look forward to seeing the students show their talents and ability to speak in English, and we hope that you are able to join us, too. Since February is such a busy month, please ensure that students have plenty of rest outside of school, especially on the days around the examinations. Thank you for your support and partnership.

Kind regards,
Steve Morris
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March 2017...

- Tuesday 14th ... Term 3 Violin Concert
- Thursday 16th ... Last day of classes
- Friday 17th ... Graduation Day
- **March 18-April 4... Spring vacation**
- **April 5th ... Opening Ceremony**
- **April 6th ... First Day of Classes**



Grade One

Hello everyone!

Welcome back to a new school term! It is the final lap of the school year and we are off on a positive note. Our students have been showing great determination to finish their first year in elementary school optimistic and happy with their growing progress. First, I would like to congratulate students for working very hard on the winter homework and poster. They were beautifully done! Great work!

Second, this term will be filled with more exciting events, lessons activities and class projects. Presently, students are working assiduously on their speeches for the annual Speech contest as well as Talent show, which is right around the corner. Continue to give them your support.

Third, for the upcoming month, the theme that will be covered in English is Special Friends. This will be exciting! There will more reading, writing and awesome presentations in class. In Math, students will continue to study how to tell time, and examining length and weight. In Life, students will be investigating the topic matter a little more. At present in Art class, students are working on a project using the mosaic method to create a large art piece as a group. They are looking forward to the finishing product. Lastly, I am looking forward to seeing you at the Talent show and Speech contest supporting our children! This term will be another fantastic one...Let us cheer them on!!

Warm regards,
Miss Hunter

Grade Two

Greetings Grade Two Families,

I hope that January was not too cold for everyone. We got off to a good start in term three and I'm hoping to continue that momentum into February.

This month, we'll be finishing up our preparations and delivering our speeches at the 2017 AIS Speech Contest. I'm very pleased with the students' progress to this point and I think you'll be pleased to hear their final products.

We'll also be enjoying the AIS Talent Show featuring Sasha from our very own 2nd Grade class! Let's cheer her on!

This month in Language Arts, in the spirit of the A.I.S. Talent Show, we'll be reading and writing about talents, strengths and abilities. In Science, we'll be developing our working understanding of energy, motion and forces. We'll also be doing some surprising portraits in art class. I'm sure you'll be pleasantly surprised when you see the end results.

I look forward to having a wonderful February with you all. Have a fantastic month!
Sincerely,
Mr. Meek

Grade Three

Hello Grade Three Families!

We have started 2017 with a lot of enthusiasm and optimism.

I have been really pleased with all the children's participation in this month's activities. These have included continuing to widen our vocabulary and role play skills through reading our new class books. We have also begun the topic Amazing Asia in Social Studies and Art. This week we really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year.

We are all looking forward to the talent show this week and I know all the starring children have been working hard to rehearse. Grade Three are preparing eagerly for the speech contest and we hope lots of parents can come and celebrate all the children's hard work.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms Clarke

Grade Four

Grade 4 families,

Happy New Year! January was the start of Term 3. In these couple of weeks, a number of students have been late for school almost every day. Hope this situation would not happen as often, while it would affect their learning. As Speech Contest would be in two weeks time, we are now busy on speech preparation. Competition should not be our main focus. What we should do is to try our best, so that we would not regret. In Theme 5, we introduced the topic of Martin Luther King and Civil Rights. Students showed great interest in the topic, and I am glad that some of them even researched or found some interesting facts about the topic in their free time. Curiosity makes learning fun! Last Saturday was Chinese New Year's Day. We had some time broadening our horizons by taking a look into Chinese New Year culture.

For Science, through interesting experiments, we are discovering how we hear and how does sound come into our ears.

February would be a busy month for us, with Talent show and Speech Festival. Please plan your days wisely and take a rest and have some fun whenever possible.

Miss Li

Grade Five

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Music

Dear Parents,

What an exciting time at AIS. All the students are looking forward to the talent show and the speech contest. They've been preparing to show off their talents and writing their speeches but that's not all. They also have to prepare a special song to share with everyone at the speech contest. This year we will be singing "When You Put Your Heart In It". This song shows just how much we can accomplish with encouragement from god, family and friends.

We hope to see you there.

Mr. Wade

"Keep on Believing!" Kenny Rogers

Elementary

Happy February everyone!

In PE this past month, we focused on our 8th sport for the year, Basketball. It seemed like a perfect time of the year, as it corresponded with the NBA season in America, as well as B League play in Japan. Each class has been focusing on the fundamentals of the sport, so that they can dribble, pass, and shoot. We have also worked on some terms associated with the game and started to scrimmage in 3 person teams. This unit will continue into the first half of February and then we will finish the year out with a unit on handball.

In G4 and G5, we are working hard to finish up the final units of our Houghton Mifflin textbook. G4 is working diligently through fractions, including addition and subtraction of like and unlike denominators. G5 worked through a unit on probability and integers. In February, G4 will work with more complex decimals, while G5 will work with coordinate planes and functions.

In Art, we focused on creating different types of portraits. We drew, painted, and sculpted portraits of famous people and our classmates, while using different techniques and styles from more realistic to abstract. We are going to end our unit by doing self portraits. Next month we will continue to explore different materials will creating abstract sculptures out of nature, fiber, and layers of foam.

Have a great Spring!!
Mr. Richardson

Grade Six

Dear Grade 6 Families,

January was a quick month, and luckily it wasn't too cold to go out and play soccer in PE. We enjoyed many great games, and got some good exercise. Entrance exams are almost finished, and I am proud of all the students who have gotten positive results so far.

February will be a very busy month, with our annual Talent Show and Speech Contest, which, for some, are the beginnings of the students realizing their dreams. The grade 6's are being encouraged to think deeper about their topics, and consequently are working very hard on their speeches. In Math, we will continue to review this year's topics, and in PE, we will practice handball. In Social Studies, we will transition from native cultures of the Americas, to Japan and the Ainu. The students are also working on making a board game as a project to encapsulate this year's Social Studies topics.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Speech Contest. Please take care during this flu season.

Sincerely,
Mr. Collett