

December 2016



AICHI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Grade 3/4 Field Trip	2	3 Hoshigaoka Terrace Concert 12:00 AIS 13:00 Start
4	5 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal at AIS (PM)	6 No after school programs 12/06-12/09	7	8 AIS at Moriyama Theatre – Rehearsal day	9 School finishes at 12. Christmas Concert in the evening	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Last Day of Term 2 No after school programs	17
18	19 Winter School starts 12/19-12/23	20	21	22	23 National Holiday	24
25	26 AIS is closed. 12/26-01/09	27	28	29	30	31

Dear AIS families and friends,

The end of the year is almost here and there are just three weeks left until the end of the second term. Thank you for your support and partnership at this busy time of year.

December is always a busy month for everyone: teachers, parents and students alike. This month we have a number of exciting things to look forward to:

On December 3rd, we will hold an outdoor concert at Hoshigaoka Terrace for families and the community around Hoshigaoka. We understand that Saturday is a busy day for many students and so not everybody can join, but we look forward to seeing some of you at the concert, and we thank you for your support and participation.

On December 9th, we have the Christmas Concert at Moriyama Theatre. The Christmas Concert is a wonderful event that is made possible by the hard work and dedication of the school, the students and the parents. Thank you very much for your support and cooperation to make this year's Christmas Concert a success.

The last day of term is Friday 16th December. After this, there is one week of Winter School, from December 19-23rd. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ms. Kato in the office. The first day of Term 3 is Tuesday 10th January.

We hope that you have a pleasant winter vacation, whether you are staying in Nagoya, going to another part of Japan, or travelling overseas. We look forward to seeing and working with you again from January, for the final term of the school year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Steve Morris
Elementary Principal
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January 2016

- January 10 – Term 3 starts
- January 20 – Open House
- January 27 – Cultural Day



Grade One

Hello grade one parents!

Can you believe it? Time is rapidly winding down on term two and so far it has been an amazing journey! I would like to say that I am quite pleased with the students of grade one and how much they are working hard to improve their character and work attitude. This month (November) was my first Parent-Teacher conference at AIS and it was such a pleasure meeting and sharing with you, your child's progress, as well as discussing ways to develop other areas that need a little more attention.

For the upcoming month (December), there will be few tasks that students will be working on which will require team effort, perseverance and hard work. Firstly, this is our last week on the theme, "Animal Adventure". Next week, they will be moving on to a new theme called "We Can Work It Out". This will require a lot more critical thinking, reading and comprehension skills. In Math, students will move on to the topic "Time and Calendar". Secondly, the students are all excited about the upcoming AIS annual Christmas concert and they have been working assiduously on their performance. I am quite excited too and am looking forward to it! Please continue to assist them with their homework, reading time and also their role in the musical.

Finally, let us help our children achieve their goals and most importantly enjoy school life while they learn. As we work together to enhance the lives of our children, let us all continue to inspire, encourage and support them in all that they do! Wishing you all the best for the holidays and the year to come!!

Happy holidays,
Ms. Hunter

Grade Two

Dear Grade Two Families,

Thank you for making the month of November such a fun and productive one. Thanks also for taking time from your schedules for conferences. I also want to give recognition to our Grade Two students for doing such a fine job making the decorations for this year's AIS Thanksgiving Banquet!

This month, we will be continuing our work preparing for the Christmas Pageant. The Grade Two skit and songs are coming along nicely. Please encourage your child to continue practicing at home. I'm looking forward to seeing their finished product and I know you all are as well.

In class, we will be continuing our studies in mathematics by learning how to perform arithmetic using time, starting to learn about the planets in science class, and reading about families and loved ones in English.

It's shaping up to be another busy month here at AIS, but I'm sure it will be a rewarding one as well.

Happy Holidays,
Mr. Meek

Grade Three

Dear Grade 3 families,

November has been a great first month for me as the new Grade Three teacher ! The children have worked hard in all their lessons. We have enjoyed reading our class books and discussing new word meanings. Thank you to all the children who have been reading more at home. We have also practiced our speaking by asking and answering questions as the characters from the stories we've read.

We have enjoyed learning about light and shadow in science and have had lots of fun making shadow puppets and optical illusions. Now we are looking forward to this weeks trip to Seto where the children will paint their own Santa Claus.

In December we will continue being festive by practising our songs and poem for The Holiday Moosical and getting creative with Christmas crafts.

Ms Clarke

Grade Four

Dear Grade 4 families,

November was the time for us to show our GRATITUDE. We had the parents conference. I would like to express my gratitude to parents who have been supporting their child and the school. Your support really helped your child to learn and grow! We also had the Thanksgiving lunch, which was not only about the fun and party, but to treasure the things that we have and show our gratitude.

In December, we will continue with the theme called "*Problem Solver!*" for English. Be prepared to think about problems and evaluate for the best solutions. For Science, we will continue investigating in *State of Matter* with interesting and educational experiments.

Grade 4, get ready for our field trip on 1st December! More festivities to come this month, with the Terrace Christmas performance and Christmas concert 2016. Please memorize the lyrics and lines.

Once again, I would like to say thank you to all Grade 4 students for actively participating in classes all the time and made our lessons more lively. The more we contribute, the more we achieve.

Miss Li

Grade Five

Dear Grade 5 families,

November was the time for us to show our GRATITUDE. We had the parents conference. I would like to express my gratitude to parents who have been supporting their child and the school. Your support really helped your child to learn and grow! We also had the Thanksgiving lunch, which was not only about the fun and party, but to treasure the things that we have and show our gratitude.

In December, we will continue with the theme called "*Person to Person!*" for English. Lots of reading and writing would be involved.

For Science, we will continue to talk about *Life Sciences*.

More festivities to come this month, with the Terrace Christmas performance and Christmas concert 2016. Please memorize the lyrics and lines.

Once again, I would like to say thank you to all Grade 5 students for being a great team. Noticed that more students are willing to help each other and willing to express themselves. The more we contribute, the more we achieve.

Miss Li

Elementary

Hi Everyone!

It is amazing how quickly this year is flying by!! Each class has grown so much and it has really been a pleasure teaching them. As we get close to the end of the Term, I am really excited and proud of all they have accomplished. It has thus far been a great year and I am looking forward to ending out the year strong in Term 3.

In PE this past month, we focus on the game and skills associated with one of the world's most popular sports, Soccer. We continued to work on kicking, dribbling, and passing, while incorporating all we learned into full on scrimmage play. We also added a brand new full size soccer net, which allowed us to introduce the goalie position and give students more opportunities to find a position that they could excel at. I was very impressed with how the students showed grit and tenacity during scrimmages and when challenged with being better players and teammates. By the end of the month, all the students had improved and I believed gained a greater knowledge base and understanding for the sport.

In G4 and G5, we will have started units on 3 digit multiplication (G4) and ratios, proportions, and probability (G5). Please check in with your students to make sure they are completing their daily homework and if they understand the vocabulary. We will have a quiz before the break in both classes and as this is holiday season, they may need extra support to stay motivated.

In Art, we are completing our totem project based on our conversation about the different First Nations tribes that populate North America. When we are finish, we will move on to projects that relate to the winter holidays of Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's.

Stay warm and have a great December!!
Mr. Richardson

Elementary

Dear Parents,

"Everyone knows that a moose can't fly".

It's an exciting time of the year for the Music Department. All the students have been working hard on the Christmas Concert and we are all very excited.

The Kindy classes have been doing a great job learning the songs and movements to keep up with the elementary students.

The elementary school students have been busy practising their lines, their class song and have been hard at work singing songs from this year's play "A Holiday Moosical".

It has been a lot of fun seeing all the students learn what it takes to get ready for a big musical production. We all look forward to seeing you are the 2016 Holiday Moosical!

Mr. Wade

Grade Six

Dear Grade 6 Families,

The end of the term is approaching soon, which means a nice break to rest and relax, and hopefully get over any sicknesses we might have.

But first, we have our annual Christmas Concert!! I am looking forward to seeing the whole production, and the grade 6's take the lead this time.

It was great speaking with parents last month, and conveying to each other any concerns for their children. Your child's success is important, and wouldn't happen without your continued support.

Last month, grade 6 completed some projects, and I hope they learned some interesting things about Egypt, and some skills for debating different topics.

In December, we will focus on the Celts in Social Studies, and continue our other routines in English and Math. In PE, we will play Ultimate Frisbee into the new year.

Have a nice, enjoyable winter break, and see you in the new year! Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Joshua Collett