


January 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1. New Year's Day | 2. School is closed | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. |
| 8. | 9. National Holiday | 10. Term 3 Starts | 11. | 12. | 13. | 14. |
| 15. | 16. | 17. | 18. | 19. | 20. Open House 10:30AM | 21. |
| 22. | 23. | 24. | 25. | 26. | 27. Cultural Day  | 28. |
| 29. | 30. | 31. | | | | |

February 2017...

- Friday 3rd ... Talent Show
- Friday 17th ... Speech Contest
- Feb 20-22nd ... G3-6 English & Math tests (ISA)
- Feb 26-28th ... WASC Mid-Cycle 3-day visit



AICHI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



January 2017 NEWSLETTER



Dear Elementary School Families,

Welcome to a new year and to a new term at Aichi International School. I hope that you enjoyed the winter vacation, and that you return feeling refreshed and ready for term three.

This year marks a significant milestone for AIS. Aichi International School first opened its doors in 1996. At that time it was called NIP and it held just 40 students. Then in 2007, the school moved into its current building, opened its first class for elementary-age students and was renamed AIS. Ten years later and AIS now has a full kindergarten and elementary school program and holds 115 students, just five students short of our maximum capacity. Although the overall picture tells a story of successful growth, the journey has not always been smooth sailing and there have been many ups and downs over the many years. We want to take some time this year to remember and celebrate ten years of AIS, and will do so in a number of different ways. We will send further details by letter in due course.

One major factor that has contributed towards AIS continuing growth and development is the ongoing involvement of WASC accreditation association. AIS holds the status of being a WASC-accredited school, which means that the school has been certified from outside as being a trustworthy institution for learning and receives ongoing insight, support and challenge to improve its programs and operations. Many of you will remember the most recent WASC inspection in 2014, where we were able to successfully secure another term of accreditation, lasting six years with a mid-cycle review visit in the middle. We are now in the middle of the six-year cycle, and so in February 2017, AIS will again welcome a team from WASC for three days, and we look forward to receiving their insight, support and further recommendations for improvement.

I look forward to working with you all during the coming year ahead. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me, and thank you for your support and partnership in your child's education. 今年もよろしくお願いいたします。

Steve Morris
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Grade One

Hello grade one parents!

As we close the curtains on Term Two, I must say it has been incredible! Students have worked really hard and have done their best! I am quite pleased with their growth in all aspects of their school life. This term there were several events filled with fun and laughter which we all can cherish.

Recently, we had the annual Christmas concert and it was fantastic! Students were so proud of their accomplishments after all the hard work and team effort they gave. I am so proud of their performance and I am sure you can agree. Thank you for coming and supporting their performance. They were quite excited having family and friends watch their hard work displayed on stage. I commend all my grade one students on their noticeable growths in their learning and social and behavioral habits.

As we come to the end of Term Two, I would like to extend a warm thank you for your support and involvement in your child's growth. Working as a part of the AIS team has been phenomenal thus far! Please continue to work with your child over the winter holidays and of course enjoy all the festivities. Wishing you all the best over the winter holidays and a prosperous New Year!

Happy Holidays,
Miss Hunter

Grade Two

Greetings Grade Two Families,

A Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to AIS! I hope you enjoyed your winter festivities. We will be getting back to business in grade two for the last term. Let's get off to a strong start!

In English, we will be continuing to read about "Family Time" and discussing what that means to us, individually. Also in Language Arts, our big focus for this month will be making preparations for the Term Three AIS Speech Contest. Let's have fun learning how to speak in front of others and share our ideas.

In Science, our focus will continue to turn outward as we explore the planets and celestial bodies in our solar system. In Arts, we will also be making some "Out of this world!" artworks to explore the theme of "Space". I look forward to seeing what the students' imaginations will produce.

Once again, welcome back, everyone! Let's get off to a great start to term three!

Sincerely,
Mr. Meek.

Grade Three

Hello Grade Three Families,

Another fantastic month has flown by at Aichi International School!

We began our month with an inspiring trip to Seto Children's Centre where the children represented our school well through their enthusiasm, artistic skills and behaviour. Please browse the SmugMug website to see the photographs that were taken.

The whole school worked really hard to prepare for the Christmas Concert which was a great success. Thank you again to all those who were able to watch the show and all the support you gave the children in learning their lines and jazzing up their costumes! Our social studies have given a focus to celebrating difference and showing respect to everyone through posters, stories and a partner challenge. It has also been fantastic to see the children being more pro-active about doing their weekly classroom jobs. Keep up the helpful work Grade Three!

Enjoy the winter holiday, 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy New Year' to you all!

Ms Clarke

Grade Four

Dear Grade 4 families,

December went by in a swift! We had a great time preparing for the Christmas Concert. I really appreciate all of the students effort in planning for dancing steps, designing and decorating the props, know all your lines for the play, etc. At the same time, thank you for all the help from parents for your support and suggestions in bringing us a memorable Christmas Concert! Great job, grade 4 and 5!!

In January, we will start the theme called "*Heroes!*" for *English*. We will focus on skills such as cause and effect, making judgements, and giving facts and opinions. For *Science*, grade 4 students all participated actively in lots of experiments related to state of matters. More cool experiments to come!

Have a lovely winter holiday, everyone! Merry Christmas and happy new year!

Miss Li

Grade Five

Dear Grade 5 families,

December went by in a swift! We had a great time preparing for the Christmas Concert. I really appreciate all of the students effort in planning for dancing steps, designing and decorating the props, know all your lines for the play, etc. At the same time, thank you for all the help from parents for your support and suggestions in bringing us a memorable Christmas Concert! Great job, grade 4 and 5!!

In January, we will start the theme called "*Novel!*" for *English*. We will focus on skills such as reading and analysing setting, characters and plots. For *Science*, grade 5 students will start a new theme called "Physical Science". We would look into different matters and I am looking forward to do a lot of investigations together!

Have a lovely winter holiday, everyone! Merry Christmas and happy new year!

Miss Li

Music

Dear Parents.

Happy New Year!
We had an amazing 2nd term and I thank you all. The kids did a fantastic job with the Christmas Concert and I am very proud of them. This term we will be busy preparing for the Talent Show and in the classroom the students will continue building their music skills. The year 1 students will develop an understanding of metre – groups of steady beat – through counting and body percussion. Grade 2 students will develop understanding of pitch through movement, songs and listening games. Grade 3 will learn to make music inspired by technology and computing. They explore and compose sounds for ear cons, emoticons, mobile phone ringtones, computer games and apps. Grade 4 and 5 will sample the sights and sounds of the Spanish-speaking world, including greetings, counting to twelve and playing a singing game. The students will also explore part-singing and accompaniments in four contrasting songs. Grade 6 will study traditional Ghanaian songs and South American percussion rhythms.

I look forward to having a great third term.
Mr. Wade

Elementary

Hi Everyone!

December came and went in a flash! As we ready for the last term of this school year, I hope that the break is full of fun and rest. Whatever your family does to end the year, I would like to wish you good luck and prosperity in 2017. In PE this past month, we focused on a new sport, Badminton. While this was a short month, we use our time to introduce ourselves to the foundations and rules of the sport. Students learn the basic mechanics of a swing and serve, as well as how to pass over the net. We also worked in doubles for most of the time, so that we could practice our communication and teamwork skills. In the new year, we will focus our classes on Basketball.

In G4 and G5, we finished up our units on how to examine and organize data (G4) and working with percent (G5). In the new year, we will work on fractions in G4 and propability in G5. In Art, we spent work diligently on the backdrops for our Holiday Moosical! They also had an opportunity to create math inspired radial designs and participate in digital art/coding as part of Computer Science Education week, which was December 5-11. Have a happy holidays and a fantastic new year!!

Mr. Richardson

Grade Six

Dear Grade 6 Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year 2017!!
I hope you had a wonderful, restful break. It's hard to believe it is already third term, and the grade 6's will be graduating just 2 months from now.

You must all be excited and nervous about the transition to junior high school. I know the students will be writing tests soon for the next stage of their education, but their work here at AIS is not over yet.

This month, the students will begin writing their speeches for the Speech Contest in February. In Social Studies, we will be studying European settlement of the Americas, and in PE, we will play soccer. In Math, our last unit will be about units of measurement, before we review this year's units again.

I am looking forward to the student's speeches, and preparations for graduation. Stay warm this season and take care!

Sincerely,
Mr. Collett