

American International School of Bucharest

*Friday E-News*



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*PTO AUCTION GALA,  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear AISB Community:

## AISB Board of Directors

The Board of Directors filled a vacancy on the Board by interviewing a number of very qualified candidates. They appointed Mrs. Mihaela Geoana to the Board on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Geoana has a MA in Architecture and Business Administration and worked as an architect in France for 2 years. She lived in Washington, D.C. when her husband was the Romanian Ambassador to the United States and she is currently the President of the Romanian Red Cross. The Directors welcomed her addition to the Board.

## **Official Recognition of AISB by the Romanian Ministry of Education**

In other school news, on March 11<sup>th</sup> the Romanian Ministry of Education approved our application to be recognized as a foreign school in Romania, licensed to offer the IB and an American HS diploma. This recognition, along with our new status as a Romanian nonprofit company provides AISB with new, important benefits.

## **News from the Educational Policy Committee (EPC)**

The past two EPC meetings have been devoted to the review and revision of various curriculums at AISB. As you know the EPC is comprised of teachers and parents who help to reflect the community's philosophy which guides the educational program. They recently reviewed the Language Arts Curriculum. Ms. Hay, the IB Diploma Coordinator, reviewed the last 18 months work of the schools expectations for writing and Mr. Lamirand reviewed the secondary school approach to the sequence of grammar, reading, and writing. He presented the AISB required book list. Ms. Mandy Admire presented the elementary school perspectives on Literacy. They all presented plans for the future after reviewing the current status of these programs. In summary, the faculty is raising the expectations, standards and work expectations for the students.

Mr. Wells presented the staff committee report on Service Learning and CAS. The students who attend AISB are both privileged and destined to be future leaders. In addition to a rigorous academic program we strive to teach students to take greater responsibility for the world and service learning is an important learning technique to insure that this happens.

These are necessary and exciting changes to the learning program for our children. We appreciate all of the time and dedication of the EPC.

## **PTO Auction Gala Only 1 Week Away**

I hope to see you all at the upcoming "Fire & Ice" Gala on Saturday, March 27. This important event provides us with an opportunity to be with friends and make new ones. It enables us to come together as a community with a shared purpose in support of our school and the local community. If you haven't already purchased your tickets they are on sale in the atrium every afternoon before pick up. We expect to sell out this year so don't delay.

Thank you to all our sponsors and donors who have generously supported this event, and especially to the Ramada Nord for underwriting much of the major costs of the evening. It will be a memorable Gala and I hope you can attend.

*David Ottaviano, Ed.D*

# DIN PARTEA DIRECTORULUI

Dragi membrii ai comunitatii AISB:

## Consiliul Director al AISB

Dupa mai multe interviuri cu numerosi candidate calificati, Consiliul Director al AISB a ales un nou membru. Pe 10 martie, a fost aleasa pentru a face parte din Consiliul Director, Doamna Mihaela Geoana. Doamna are un masterat in Arhitectura si Administrarea Afacerilor si a lucrat ca arhitect in Franta pentru 2 ani. A locuit in Washington D.C unde sotul sau a fost Ambasadorul Romaniei in Statele Unite. Dumneaei este in prezent Presedintele Crucii Rosii Romania. Directorii acestei institutii ii ureaza bun venit.

## Recunoasterea oficiala a Scolii Americane de catre Ministerul Educatiei din Romania

In alta ordine de idei, pe data de 11 Martie, Ministerul Educatiei din Romania a aprobat aplicatia noastra de a fi recunoscuti ca scoala straina in Romania, licentiata sa ofere programe de IB si diploma de liceu dupa modelul American. Aceasta recunoastere, impreuna cu noul nostru statut de unitate non-profit rezidenta ofera AISB noi si importante beneficii.

## Noutati din partea Comitetului pentru Politica Educationala (CPE)

Ultimele doua sedinte ale CPE au fost dedicate revizuirii si imbunatatirii mai multor programe ce au loc in cadrul AISB. Dupa cum stiti, CPE este alcatuit din profesori si parinti care se asigura ca filozofia de functionare a scolii se regaseste in programelor educationale , cat si in cadrul comunitatii. Programul "Language Arts " (stiinte umaniste) a fost revizuit cel mai recent. Doamna Hay, Coordonatorul IB, s-a ocupat de evaluarea a 18 luni de munca privind asteptarile scolii in materie de standarde de scriere, iar Domnul Lamirand a revizuit abordarea scolii secundare asupra aspectelor de gramatica, citire si scriere. Dumnealui a prezentat bibliografia pentru gradele de studiu din cadrul AISB. Doamna Mandy Aldemir a prezentat perspectiva scolii elementare cu privire la masurile de dezvoltare a abilitatilor de scriere si citire ale elevilor. Cu totii au prezentat planuri de actiune pentru viitor dupa ce au evaluat stadiu actual al programelor. Pe scurt, corpul profesoral ridica asteptarile, standardele si nivelul de solicitare al elevilor.

Domnul Wells a prezentat intr-un raport masuri de imbogatire a programelor scolare cu privire la CAS si "Service learning" (comitetul de dezvoltare a programului "Community Service"). Elevii care urmeaza programele AISB sunt in acelasi timp privilegiati si sortiti sa fie viitori conducatori. Pe langa un program academic riguros, lucram intens la metode de a ne instrui elevii sa isi asume responsabilitati fata de lumea inconjuratoare, iar suportul pentru studiu este un important instrument prin care ne asiguram ca acest lucru are loc.

Au fost aduse mai multe modificari necesare si simulative programelor copiilor nostri. Apreciem timpul si devotamentul acordat de catre CPE.

## Numai o saptamana pana la Gala cu Licitatie organizata de PTO

Sper sa va revad pe toti Sambata, 27 martie, la Gala cu Licitatie "Fire & Ice". Acest important eveniment ne ofera posibilitatea de a fi impreuna cu prieteni si de a ne face altii noi. De asemenea, este un moment in care toata comunitatea se reuneste pentru a sustine programele scolii. Daca nu v-ati luat inca biletele, le puteti gasi in Atrium in fiecare dupa-amiaza, inainte de terminarea cursurilor. Ne asteptam ca toate biletele sa fie vandute anul acesta, asadar, grabiti-va.

Multumim tuturor sponsorilor nostril, cat si celor care au facut donatii pentru a sustine acest eveniment si, in special, conducerii hotelului Ramada Nord, care s-a oferit sa suporte o mare parte din cheltuielile necesare organizarii acestui eveniment. Va fi un seara memorabila si speram sa va alaturati si dumneavoastra.

*David Ottaviano, Ed.D*

# FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Dear Parents,

Enrollment contracts for the 2010-2011 school year are going home today with the youngest child in your family. Please check his or her backpack or book bag for this important information regarding your child's enrollment for next year. Deadline for returning your Enrollment Contract, and ensuring a space for your child next year, is 15 April 2010. An accompanying letter from Dr. Ottaviano provides details and important information but if you have further questions, please contact Dr. Ottaviano, Mr. Hutchinson or me.

Best regards,

Stimati Parinti,

Contractele de inscriere pentru anul scolar 2010 – 2011 au plecat catre dumneavoastra astazi prin intermediul celui mai mic copil din familie. Va rugam sa le verificati ghiozdanele deoarece aceste informatii sunt extrem de importante in ceea ce priveste inscrierea copilului dumneavoastra in anul scolar viitor. Data limita pentru returnarea Contractelor de Inscriere si pentru asigurarea locului in anul scolar viitor pentru copilul dumneavoastra este 15 aprilie 2010. O scrisoare din partea dlui director David Ottaviano va ofera detalii si informatii importante. Pentru orice intrebari va invit sa il contactati pe domnul director Ottaviano, pe dl. Hutchison sau pe mine.

Cu respect,

**Lynn Wells**

Director of Admission & Advancement

# FROM FINANCE & OPERATIONS

## **Ibiza Gate**

With the return of nicer weather we will now focus on completing the weather shelter for the Ibiza gate and enable the use of the automatic controller. Any parents or children that need to pass through the gate that have not registered their fingerprint for system access should do so as soon as possible. Please contact the Admissions Office if you need to have your fingerprint scanned.

There has been recent concern about unauthorized use of the Ibiza gate. We have received reports that students have entered and exited the campus when they should not. After the gate control system becomes operational we will regularly review its use and provide reports to parents and teachers as appropriate. We ask the parent community at Ibiza to assist us in ensuring the gate is used appropriately.



## **Busing**

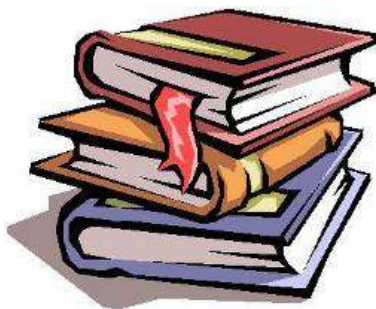
Starting Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have bus transportation signup forms available at the reception desk and Admissions Office, for those children living along Pipera and Iancu Nicolae. We will begin with inbound transportation in the mornings only.

Those interested should complete the form and return it to either Claudia at Reception or to the Admissions Office. You will be notified of acceptance on the following day and your child could begin riding immediately.

Please contact me if you have any questions at [shutchison@aisb.ro](mailto:shutchison@aisb.ro)

Best regards,  
***Sheldon Hutchison***

# FROM THE LIBRARY



## **Book Fair**

We are so pleased with the overwhelming success of the Book Fair held just before the break. Three local book stores, Carturesti, Anthony Frost and Nautilus visited our school and offered a variety of books for sale to students in both elementary and secondary.

Each day the stores provided new titles, and sales were beyond our expectations. The sellers were so impressed with our enthusiastic readers, and marveled at the love of reading that is such a part of our school community.

The library plans to make this an annual event, and if possible will host the sale several times per year. Our goals are to encourage reading, and to help support our fabulous local book stores. Each of these stores provides a much needed service by bringing high quality books in English to our community. Each has a unique collection and atmosphere, and are well worth visiting. It's easy to spend hours browsing their shelves searching for a new release, an old favorite, or that classic you've always longed to read. We encourage you to visit and support all three of our favorite book stores in Bucharest.

We would also like to thank our parent volunteers who helped make the sale a success. Chantal Germain who helped organize the fair and run the "Guess Who's Reading" promotion. And, the following parents who helped us during the fair and with our reading promotion: Daniela Tripsa, Eniko Lederer, Saima Jafri, Rekha Kumar, Donna Hannover, Marieke Bosgraaf, Anna Vandelac, Teresa Barnstable, Manuela Schoenrock, Adina Teodorescu, Valerie Morris, Robin Edwards, Sinead Sheehan, Eleonore Viale, Marie-Jesus Enfedaque, Elda Binda Beschi, Anita Bayley and Paulina Tandjung. Your help and support are invaluable.

*Linda Maley*  
Library Media Specialist

## Tickets for Annie Jr

will go *on sale next week*

(March 22-26) in the school Atrium.

They can be purchased during school hours from Claudia *at the reception desk* or *at our "Annie" table* from 2:00 - 3:30 on each of these dates (1:30 -2:30 on Wednesday).

*Tickets will also be sold at the door.*

**This is wonderful musical for the whole family to enjoy...get your tickets while they last!!**

AISB Grade 4-6 School Production presents...



"It's a Hard Knock Life"

Thursday March 25, 2010 & Friday March 26, 2010  
18:00 ● Taher Theatre  
20 RON

## **QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?**

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