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Good morning and we hope that your family had an amazing week four of school.

The Grade 7 and 8 students are on Discovery Week in Kaliningrad (grade 7) and Altai (grade 8) together with these same grade level students from Moscow. A few photos have been shared and it looks like students are really enjoying these experiences including the snow in Altai. Thank you to families for supporting these enriching experiences for our Middle School students.

Ian Forster has been on campus this week along with Marty Tromburg, AAS new Director of Finance and Operations. Marty joined AAS about six weeks ago with his wife Miki who teaches Grade 1 in Moscow. He was an accountant and auditor before he began working in international schools and he has worked internationally for over 20 years in Osaka, Delhi and Tokyo. Marty and Miki have two children who have graduated from international schools.

In terms of upcoming campus visits, Melissa Schaub will be visiting the campus within the next few weeks to support the continued professional learning of our St. Petersburg staff. Also, I look forward to being back on the St. Petersburg campus shortly welcoming an opportunity to connect with those in our school community.

We hope that you enjoyed participating in the goal setting meetings today, Friday, and found them useful in learning more about your child's learning at AAS. We appreciate opportunities to connect with parents as our learning partners and encourage you to please continue to stay connected by viewing the school and PTO calendars for each week so that your family knows what is happening.

Reflecting each week about what was a part of the previous week and what is coming up in the next week helps us keep in focus the many enriching opportunities and experiences that are a part of Learning at AAS.

Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be. Rita Pierson

We look forward to being the champions every day that your children deserve. Have a great week!

Rhonda

SCHOOLWIDE



LIBRARY NEWS : marina.ivanova@aas.ru

AAS Saint Petersburg is thrilled to have visiting artists Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann come to speak to our students and teachers on September 28th. Candace has won many awards for her work most notably her books of both historical and fictional biography. Her 2014 history “The Family Romanov: murder, rebellion & the fall of imperial Russia” won many awards including the LA Times book award and the Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award. Eric Rohmann is best known for his work as an illustrator and “picture-writer.” His children’s book “My Friend Rabbit” won the Caldecott award for most prestigious picture book. Sometimes the two also make books together including “The Giant Squid” which is a scientific picture book that won numerous awards as well. During the visit Ms. Fleming and Mr. Rohmann will talk about how they got started in their careers, where they get their ideas, and they will share personal stories about creating their work.

COMMUNITY TRIPS

Hop on the retro tram on Sunday, September 23, to enjoy the views of Saint Petersburg and learn some history! The cost of the tour is 200 rubles. Snacks will be served. The tour has a limited capacity - there is only so many people that can fit on a tram. Sign up promptly and plan to join if you sign up, tatiana.kladova@aas.ru and natalia.malinova@aas.ru. See the attached poster for more information regarding the time and place of meeting.

WEEKLY Focus

SECONDARY



Last week high school student body, elected four executive members through election process. All nominated candidates delivered their promising speeches very professionally. We would like to introduce our 2018 – 2019 High School Executive Committee Members. In the photo from left to right: **Yisul Son, Yirang Choi, Huichan Cheong (Andy) and Courtney Smith.** The high school student council members are planning their opening event **“Ice Breaker” on Friday, Sep 29th.** The permission slips for this event goes out next week. We highly encourage **ALL** high school students to participate in this fabulous engaging event.

Our Grade 7 and 8 students on Discovery Trips are returning after their fun filled week. Kaliningrad team is returning today evening and Altai team is arriving tomorrow. We are awaiting to hear from all our students. Our Grade 6 students had a wonderful experience today looking for fossils near the village of Vylpovitsy- one of the best sites in Europe to hunt for trilobites. This site was first explored and investigated for us by one of our former students and has since served to enhance our Earth science units.

HEALTH Office



Staying at Home

Parents often have questions regarding when a child should stay home from school due to illness. Our school policy recommends keeping your child at home when he/she has the following conditions:

- Elevated temperature – above 100 F/37.7 C within the last 24 hours (normal body temperature is 98.6 F/37 C)
- Vomiting – within the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea – within the last 24 hours

Keeping your child at home will help him/her recover sooner and will help to protect the health of our community. If one of these conditions arises at school (elevated temperature, vomiting, diarrhea), parents will be contacted to take the child home. For more information, please see the attachment “When Should My Child Stay Home.”

Health Forms

Each student has received a copy of the health information form. These forms need to be completed every year. The top portion of the Health Information Form asks if your child has any health problems. The bottom portion of the form asks which medications may be given at school on an “as needed” basis. Please submit these forms to the main office as soon as possible.



Dear Parents,

Have you ever had an afternoon high tea? If yes, please come and share your ideas at the event meeting to organize “Staff Appreciation Day”.

If you have not had, just come and use this opportunity to learn about the British tradition.

The meeting will be at 9.00 am on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in the cafeteria.

For our first AASSP movie night, we will continue selling cinema tickets on Monday from 3.30-4.30 pm in the lobby.

Have a good weekend!

Gül & Pauline

Dates to Note:

September 7: Oranienbaum Community Trip

September 9-September 15: Grade 8 and 7 Discovery Week (Altai and Kaliningrad)

September 14: Elementary School Goal Setting Conferences

September 17: Presentation by Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne

September 26-Oct 12: MAP Testing ES, MS and HS

September 25-27: School Photo Days

September 28: Authors Visit (Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann)

September 28: Wear your National Costume Spirit Day

October 3: Presentation by London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) & University College London (UCL)

October 4: Teacher In-service Day, NO SCHOOL for students

October 5: NO SCHOOL

October 6: SAT

Thank you for reading the AAS Weekly Newsletter! Your interest and participation makes our community great!

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