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Are you returning to school in January?

Wednesday Weekly COMING ATTRACTIONS

Dec 6	MS Band Concert 6:30 p.m.
Dec 7	UE Spirit Assembly 8:45 a.m.
Dec 7	UE PSA Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Dec 11	School Board Mtg. at 4:45 NK Conference Room
Dec 11	HS PSA Mtg. 2:15 p.m.
Dec 12	HS Arts Night 6:30 p.m.
Dec 13	LE Winter Program PK-K 9:00-9:30 a.m.
Dec 13	LE Winter Program Gr 1-2 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Dec 14	LE PSA Mtg. 9:00 a.m.
Dec 14	UE Holiday Assembly 2:00 p.m.
Dec 14	MS Holiday Assembly 12:30 p.m.
Dec 17-Jan 4	Winter Break - NO SCHOOL!
Jan 7	First Day of School

Dear Parents,

If your family is leaving Budapest in December 2007 and **not** returning to AISB in January please officially notify the admissions office in writing.

Gabriella Thomas, Admissions Officer, gthomas@nk.aisb.hu

Dear parents,

I wish to give you further information on the progress we have made with our Curriculum Review.

As you know, the three subjects under review this academic year are Learning Resources, ESL and Technology. As we come the end of this trimester we have completed the following:

- * an administration and faculty revision of the current programs
- * numerous class visits by administration to see the program in action with the students
- * an initial plan of action as to how to further develop the programs
- * questionnaire to students, relevant parents and teachers of the program
- * analysis of the questionnaires.

We are now ready for the next stage of the process which will be to hold 'Round Table' meetings for interested parents on these three curriculum areas. The agenda will be in two parts. There will first be a presentation of the programs followed by Round Table discussions where the input of parents will be solicited through their response to three key questions.

The dates for the meetings are given below. All will be on the NK Campus. If you are interested in attending any of the meetings I would suggest that you already place the date and time in your diaries.

Wednesday 16th January	ESL	2.15pm
	Technology	6.30pm

Wednesday 23rd January	Learning Resources	2.15pm
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Best wishes,

Ray Holliday-Bersegeay
School Director

Upper Elementary Arts Program
Wednesday, November 28.

Upper Elementary News

The Advanced Band, fifth-graders in their second year of band, performed three songs.



To tie in with the fifth-grade nutrition unit, the Select Choir, the Open Choir and all fifth-graders performed songs about food.



Coming soon...the Upper Elementary Music webpage...
Check the AISB website for concert info and your favorite school songs.

From the High School Principal

Second quarter mid term progress reports were given to some of our students from one or several of their teachers last Thursday. Please email any teacher for which you may have academic questions. First semester examinations take place following winter break with the exam schedule posted next week.

This Friday is the final day of the annual AISB charity drive for toys, clothing, and non-perishable food items. Collected items are distributed to a wide variety of local charities. On Saturday, student volunteers will work on sorting and boxing the donated items starting at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in supporting this special outreach project!

At a special ceremony this past Friday, ten new members were inducted into the AISB chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to Shannon Boyle, Kevin Duplisea, Rachel Fritts, Whitney Gasser, Kuan-Yu uang, Juhee Kim, Patrick McGuire, He-Jin Moon, Martha van Meegan, and Seung Won Yoon!

AISB ninth grade students will host children from a local orphanage this Friday morning for the annual St. Miklós party. This is a real treat for the children we host and a wonderful experience for our ninth grade hosting students as well.

Enjoy the week ahead!
Grant Fiedler, High School Principal

Greetings Cards for Sale

If you plan on sending greetings cards over the holidays, you might want to take a look at a series of cards that are on sale at the school. The cards show different views of Budapest and all profits will go to Casa Speranta, an orphanage in Romania that the school sponsors through the CAS program. A pack of 9 different cards is 2,000 HUF including envelopes. The inside is blank. You can buy your cards at the school store at NK Campus or from Chris de Groot (the school nurse) at the Buda Campus.



Thank you for your support.

Karl Gray, UE Computer teacher, kgray@nk.aisb.hu

Quotes From The Band Room

Harry S. Truman played the piano.

In Brief (the other IB)

Smiling

Hungarian children are probably smiling just now. According to tradition, on the eve of 6 December, which is Mikulás (St. Nicholas) Day, they put little boots in their windows to be filled (hopefully) by Santa with chocolate, fruit and small gifts. At the same time, this doesn't prevent a second round of presents coming at Christmas itself – lucky Hungarian children!

Puskás Ferenc utca

Last week I wrote about Hungary's great 6-3 football victory over England in 1953. One of the key players of the Hungarian 'Golden Team', as it was called was Ferenc Puskás. Puskás was not only a top Hungarian player, he was one of the world's greatest footballers ever. The other day a street in Budapest's Kispest district was named after Puskás. This was unusual, since normally no street in the city can be named after someone until at least twenty-five years have passed following their death (Puskás died a year ago.) The city fathers got round this by issuing a decree some time ago to the effect that anyone who had been awarded with the title of 'honorary citizen', as had Puskás, would be exempt from the rule. Cleverly, they added that this would only apply to those thus awarded following the political changes of 1989-90!

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Want to know about the name of a street? Write to Bob at the above email address.