

American International School of Rotterdam



From the Director

From London in the west to Krakow in the east and from Barcelona in the south to Terschelling in the north, the students of AISR in Grades 5 – 12 were out exploring and learning about the many cultural and historical attractions across Europe. Other than the rain and cold in Krakow, the weather cooperated for the trips which always makes the experience much more pleasant. The Globe Theatre and Shakespeare were the highlight and focus of the Grade 11 trip, while Auschwitz and the old Jewish quarter were important parts of the Grade 12 trip to Krakow. Middle schoolers had a mostly Dutch experience on the Island of Terschelling and on an old Dutch sailing ship crossing the IJsselmeer. The Grade 8 students did make it over the border into the Ardennes for their challenging outdoor experiences rock climbing and kayaking. The two 'B's, Barcelona and Berlin, were visited by the Grade 9 and 10 students respectively. The fantastic world of Spanish artist Gaudi was one of the highpoints of the Barcelona trip and the Cold War Era was brought to life in Berlin with visits to the Berlin

Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and other historic venues. All in all it was a week well spent with many connections to the school's various curricula. Now it's back to the normal pace on things and working to integrate the trip experiences into our classroom lessons. A big thank you to the teachers who traveled with your children for all of their extra hours and work to make these trips possible.

The Shark in digital format is not everyone's cup of tea, which is why we have sent a survey to you so that we can better meet your needs. We will collate the results of the survey regarding which for-

Our goal still remains to be as "green" as we possibly can but recognize that the digital world is not as ingrained in our society as we initially thought. Please stay in touch with us about the Shark and other concerns – communication between the school and home is very important to us.

Tuesday, 7 October, is the next early dismissal day in this semester. Please plan your agenda accordingly as this is the second time this year that the early dismissal will be on a Tuesday. If you still need a copy of the school's printed color calendar for the school year, it can be found on our website or

To access the school calendar online visit the website at : http://www.aisr.nl/about_us/school_calendars/school_calendars.php

mat works best for you and provide it for you in your preferred format. It may take us a week to work this out depending on when the surveys have been given back to us.

you can pick one up from the school's main office.

"A Shark Tip"

40% discount during off-peak periods

- On weekdays, you receive a 40% discount on train fare for journeys made after 9.00 in the morning.
- At weekends and in the months of July and August, you are entitled to the 40% train fare discount all day
- You receive the 40% discount on Singles, Day Returns, Weekend Returns, Day Travel Cards and 5 Return tickets.

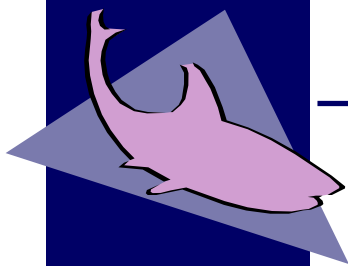
The 40% fare discount applies to both 1st and 2nd class.

Find out more at :

http://www.ns.nl/cs/Satellite?c=Artikel_P&cid=1198251858091&language=en&p=1198251855411&pagename=NS2007%2FArtikel_P%2FDetail

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 7th Early Dismissal
- Oct. 10th First Quarter Ends
- Oct. 13– 17th School Break
- Oct. 18th PSAT's



Elementary Principal Message

Another two weeks has flown by and it will be no time at all until the end of the first quarter. Please remember that the report cards will be sent home on Friday, October 24. The date and time for your parent teacher conference will also be included.

There was a big smile on the faces of all the Elementary Staff when the main order came in this week. The new Language Arts order will be coming in the next shipment.

The staff and students celebrated the second assembly for the Community of Respect Program last Monday. The theme of this assembly was "Respect" – which is one of AISR's Golden Rules. Every school is a community in which individuals study and play together as members of an interdependent group whose purpose is to

achieve common goals. In order to build a strong sense of community it is important to pay attention to the set of values we want to encourage and promote. Having such rules gives the school and each person it nurtures, a vision - not a vision of the routines we want our children to keep to, rather a vision of the people we want them to be. So keep supporting us at home by using the same set of rules – and let me know if you need another copy of the AISR's Gold Rules!

I will be visiting our sister school in Gilford, New Hampshire from October 7 - October 10. You may remember that the Principal from Gilford visited AISR in April 2007. The purpose for these school-to-school partnerships is to share expertise and programs. When they came to visit AISR, they were very interested in the Early Childhood Department, in

particular, the 3 year old program. I am very interested in their Literacy and Math Program and also their Integrated Instructional Model which highlights the Arts.

Just a friendly reminder about the process regarding informing the school if your child has a doctor or dentist appointment – it would be very much appreciated if you could contact the teacher directly by e-mail or phone the school. When you send the message via the website, it is quite possible that the teacher will not be informed in time. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Anne-Marie Blitz,

Elementary Principal

From Our Classrooms: Third Grade

Fact: Kids in Africa often have to walk three to five kilometers a day to



find clean water for drinking and then carry it back to their homes in large buckets. You can help these kids have clean water close to their homes and school by donating your small change to our Grade Three Coin Drive for Clean Water beginning September 29th and ending October

10th. Our goal is to collect 200 euros for Play Pumps International, enough to help a classroom full of kids gain clean water through this fun and innovative water pump. If you would like more information ask a third grader or check out Play Pump International at: www.playpumps.org.

Fact: Not everyone used a credit card or bankcard to buy things. During IPC, we have been learning about how the use of money has changed throughout history and through the lives of our family members. Our parents use cash, checks, or even a credit card, but our grandparents were around before credit cards were invented. Some of our grandparents even had to trade work for food during World War II instead of using

money to pay for things! We are excited to explore trading, profit, and expenditures as well as to learn more about counting money.

Fact: There are 60 seconds in one minute, 60 minutes in one hour, and 24 hours in a day. In math we have been sharpening our time telling skills through games, practice, and a whole lot of "clockwork." We are getting more skilled at telling time to the minute and understand how to figure out how much time has elapsed.

Fact: A plastic milk bottle can be recycled into a fleece jacket and an aluminum soda can will take 350 years to decompose.

From Our Classrooms Cont'd

We are excited to continue the Grade 3 tradition of recycling for the school. Every Friday we collect both paper and plastic bottles to be recycled. Remember to “go green” AISR!

Nicole Yamamoto

Nicole Ballantine



Counselor's Corner

I thought it would be a good time to send you some information on dates that will be important in the next few weeks. We have just completed six weeks of school which means that the end of first quarter is right around the corner on October 10th. Report Cards will be sent out to you on 23rd of October and Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 29th and 30th. I encourage you, especially if you are new to AISR, to attend the Parent-Teacher Conferences and meet all of your child's teachers to discuss their progress. Please encourage your children to continue to do well in their studies for the next few weeks. Again, if you have questions about comments on the Progress Reports which you received recently, do not hesitate to contact the teacher for clarification.

On Saturday, October 18th, students in grades 10 and 11 will be taking the PSAT, or Preliminary SAT. Since that Saturday is the last Saturday of the October break, I appreciate the fact that some of you have modified your vacation so that your child can participate. Parents should have received a letter this week giving more information about the test. I have spoken with students in 10th and 11th grades and have given them a booklet which contains a practice test which they can use to familiarize them-

selves both with the format and with the types of questions that will be asked. This test measures Critical Reading, Math and Writing skills. Scores are received and distributed right after the Winter break in early January.

The following week on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21st and 22nd, we will be administering the ISA or International Schools Assessment to all students in grades 3-9. The ISA is a standardized assessment designed for students in international schools to evaluate reading, writing and mathematical literacy. During the reading portion of the test, students are assessed on their ability to retrieve information, interpret, reflect and evaluate given texts; the writing portion assesses content, structure, language and spelling; and, the math portion assesses quantity (number and measurement), space and shape (geometry), uncertainty (estimation, data and probability), and change and relationships (algebra and functional relationships).

This external exam will allow AISR to measure individual student achievement and progress, evaluate our instructional programs, compare subgroups within the school (i.e.: language back-

grounds, male/female), and compare how we are doing to similar populations. We will also be able to compare ourselves with all other international schools that participate in the International Schools Assessment as well as with “like schools” – other international schools with similar profiles as ours. The scores are received in early February and will be sent out to you at that time.

Please be assured that the testing score your child receives is not part of the Report Card grade. The testing is done to help us see where the strengths and weaknesses of a student's individual ability lie, and how we can continue to work with them to help them improve. As you do each day, the students should have a good breakfast prior to coming to school as well as getting a good night's sleep the night before!

We ask if at all possible, that students be in attendance on both PSAT and ISA testing days, as this is the only time of the year that we administer these tests.

I hope that this information will help you to plan ahead in the month of October. However if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Lipp or me.

Ruth Lopez, MS/HS Counselor



International Potluck Dinner

November 1st 2008 from 7PM onward

Our Potluck Dinner, to be held on Saturday November 1st at 7 PM, is the perfect chance to savor the international flavor of our school. Everyone will bring a dish from their home country for us all to share. It's a lovely way to spend the evening, and a chance to sample some remarkable food from around the world. We are hoping to get high school children to "baby-sit" the younger children on the night in that hall. If you are interested, please fill in the attached form and hand in at the front office.

We ask everyone to bring a dish of salad, appetizer, main course or dessert. A form for this is also attached. Please hand in completed forms at the front office.

BABYSITTING SIGN UP for your Child

Name of child/children : _____

Grade/s : _____

Parent names: _____

Contact number: _____

Cost per child: _____ (10 euros for the first child, and 5 euros for each additional child)

Available to Baby-sit on Potluck Night

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Contact #: _____

Potluck Dinner Dishes

Everyone is to bring along a dish/dishes. Please write what your dish will be so we can monitor how much of each course we have.

I will be bringing:

Appetizer

Salad

Main Dish

Dessert

Please circle your choice/ choices and hand in to Front office.



Curriculum Spotlight

Accreditation at AISR

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the survey for Accreditation. This information will be very helpful as we begin our self-study.

For those of you new to the Accreditation process, please read the following background information about the various parts of the process.

What is Accreditation?

The accreditation process has long been recognized in the United States and in international school circles as a highly effective means of initiating and maintaining school improvement and demonstrating adherence to a set of publicly stated standards.

A. The Accrediting Association

The Council of International Schools (CIS) is a membership organization serving more than 500 schools around the world. On 1st July 2003 CIS assumed responsibility for the Accreditation Service that had been operated by the European Council of International Schools (ECIS) since 1970. The CIS Accreditation Process is recognized in the United States under the Recognition Program of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). AISR is currently accredited by CIS and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

B. Purpose of the Accreditation Programme

There are a number of benefits associated with the award of ac-

creditation to a school, but the main aim of this evaluation programme is to provide an opportunity to improve the quality of the education offered at the school through a rigorous process of self-examination followed by an objective external appraisal by a team of peers. The resulting Visiting Team Report and the independent actions of the accrediting association(s) attest to the quality of education at the evaluated school.

C. Outline of the Accreditation Process

The process involves these five essential stages which are repeated on a routine ten-year cycle:

1. The Preliminary/Preparatory Visit

2. The Self-Study

The self-study is divided into seven Sections, listed below. Each Section covers a major area of the school's operation, for which there are Standards for Accreditation against which the school will rate itself. Indicators for each Standard will guide the school in assessing its own adherence to the stated Standards.

A	Philosophy and Objectives
B	Curriculum
C	Governance and Management
D	Staff
E	Student Support Services
F	Resources
G	Student and Community Life

3. The Team Visit

Following the completion of the self-study, the school is visited by a team of suitably qualified administrators and teachers drawn from other schools that represent the accrediting association(s).

4. Decision on Accreditation

5. Subsequent Procedures

A number of follow-up procedures have been established, including a Five Year Report that shows how the school has addressed the Visiting Team's recommendations following its own Action Plans.

We hope you find this information useful. If you have questions at any time throughout the process, please don't hesitate to contact Brian Atkins (Director), Anne-Marie Blitz (Elementary Principal), or Alison Lipp (Accreditation Chair).

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

The Accreditation Team

Looking to find out what is going on in Holland.

Here is a great website.

Angloinfo Holland South

<http://hollandsouth.angloinfo.com/>

If you go to the link below you can check the calendar and the city to see what is happening:

<http://hollandsouth.angloinfo.com/information/whatsontoday.asp?date=9%2F27%2F2008>

Around the Athletic Department

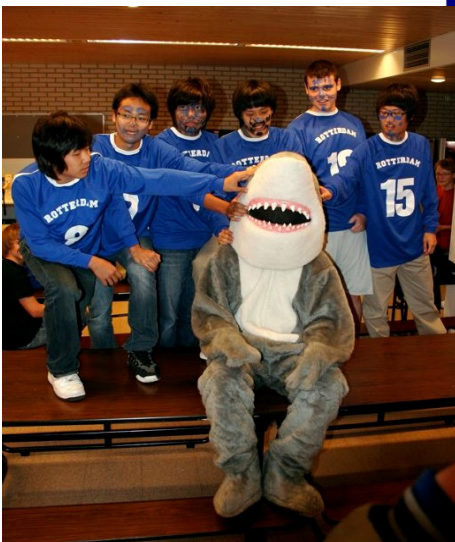
AISR Rookie Day

AISR Rookie Day is a tradition at AISR. In the Fall of each year, the "rookies" of the HS Varsity teams in fall must pledge an allegiance to the Shark before they are actually official members. The day



starts with veterans face-painting the rookies. At lunch, the rookies are ceremoniously inducted to the Shark High School Athletic Teams. The veterans have the rookies place their hand on the mascot and pledge the oath.

It was even more a special occasion because Benjamin (Shark mascot for 5 years) ceremonially



turned the Shark suit over to Alan, who will surely continue the tradition of entertaining and encouraging hard work and school spirit among the fans and athletes of AISR.



Sports Events:

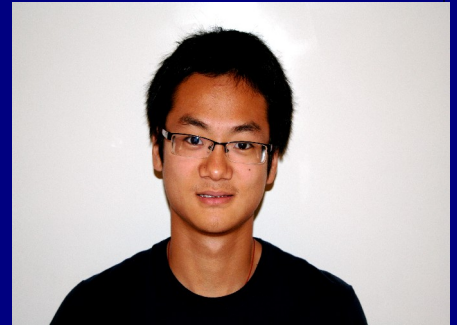
- Sept. 26 Varsity Soccer vs. Bonn
- Sept. 27 High School 4-School Tournament, Soccer and volleyball with Eindhoven, Hague, Bonn teams
- Sept. 30 Middle School goes to The Hague

Athlete of the Week

Sept. 22nd– 26th

Yiming

Yiming is the boys Varsity Soccer Athlete of the Week. Yiming's tireless work for the team is second to none. It normally takes two players from the opposition to keep him at bay, and deal with his amazing speed. Yiming is currently tied for top scoring honors with 3 goals. Yiming has great work ethic in practice and in games, his sportsmanship is wonderful, despite getting kicked around in each game by the opposition defense, he comes back for more with a smile and excellent attitude. With Yiming's help and a great team spirit, the Sharks have got off to a very good start, 2 ties, 2 losses, and 1 win in 5 games. Well done Yiming and the Sharks!



From the ESL Department

ESL classes from elementary school to high school have been working hard during the first quarter of the school year. In High School ESL, students are working on reading and listening comprehension through a variety of texts related to other content areas. Also, students are building their vocabulary with a weekly vocabulary unit. In Middle School ESL, students just read an adapted version of The Call of the Wild by Jack London. The students really enjoyed this book, and we discussed the theme of adaptation as a means of survival. In 4th and 5th grade ESL, students are also working on reading comprehension, writing and building their vocabulary in English.

The 1st grade ESL students are building up their vocabulary and learning to write new words. 2nd Grade ESL students are reading stories, discussing them for comprehension and making use of newly learned vocabulary. 3rd grade ESL students are practicing all four language skills, reading, writing, listening and speaking with the use of grammar practice sheets, reading stories and verbal games.

On Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. the ESL department will host the ESL Open House. During this time, the ESL teachers will present the program to all parents of ESL students. We hope you join us for this informative event.

On another note, Sandra Lang will be leaving AISR at the end of first

quarter, October 10, 2008. This will mark the end of her long-term substitute position. After the October break, Sara Moroney, will return to teach High school, Middle School, 4th & 5th grade ESL.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child & the ESL program, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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HS/MS ESL

4th & 5th Grade ESL

Brenda Gilby b.gilby@aisr.nl

HS/MS ESL

1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade ESL

The Nurses Nook

Fall is already upon us bringing with it flu, colds, sore throats... These illnesses are almost all viral. Viruses are transmitted from person to person through the air from breathing, coughing, sneezing and through contaminated objects e.g. toys, doorknobs, telephones, keyboards...

If your child has a fever above 38°C (100°F) and/or vomiting, please keep your child at home. Rest, plenty of fluid and mild analgesics (Tylenol or Paracetamol) should help your child to get better and will allow him/her to come back to school quickly without spreading the virus at school.

One simple but very effective way to reduce transmission of these vi-

ruses is frequent **HANDWASHING**. Water (warm if possible), soap and towels are necessary. Wash your hands before making or eating food, after using the toilet, after coughing or blowing your nose, after playing with animals, after playing outside...

Another way of cutting down the transmission of viruses is to change our way to sneeze and cough. Many of us have been taught to put our hand in front of our face when sneezing or coughing. It would be much wiser to use our sleeve to sneeze or cough in so our hands are not contaminated.

These simple steps, if followed, will help us all going through the coming seasons as healthy as can be!

Tara Batohi

Laurence Chambers

Congratulations to
Merilee & Arjen.

On Sept. 1st, their son
Elliot t Paul was born!

He is 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 19 inches
tall.



Be Proud of Our Boys: Varsity Soccer Tournament at Dusseldorf

Peter and I have been going to watch the Varsity Soccer Team for 3 years now and have had a few ups but lots of downs with the Team. We went to support the Varsity boys at Dusseldorf for the 3rd year running with the hope that we would not be beaten by too many goals and that the boys would not lose faith in themselves or the team. WELL what a weekend we had! We played Antwerp Varsity and WOW! Peter and I could not believe it. Our boys were playing such wonderful soccer with confidence and passion. We went down by 2 goals in the first half and then bang! Matt put away a lovely goal, so 2 -1. Hey that's good, but then second half Stevo (Captain) made a lovely chip over the keeper, to make it 2-2.

Peter and I were screaming and shouting encouragement along with Mr Wah (the Coach) and the subs on the side lines. Then a free kick from Stevo. I just could not look. Everyone went mad as he had scored a wonderful chip over the keeper again to put us in front (yes put us in front) 2 - 3. In all the 3 years we have been watching the boys, we have never been in front. They played as a whole team, passing to each other, talking to each other, encouraging each other it was a wonderful sight to see. Bilal (Co-Captain) was doing a superb job in defense, encouraging and talking to the boys in the back all the time. Elliott made some wonderful saves and showed great improvement from last year. Our boys wanted to win and wanted to prove that they can play soccer and are just as good as the next school team. Unfortunately, Antwerp did score a third goal to finish up 3 - 3, but we drew with Antwerp which hasn't been done in a while. The boys came off the pitch at full

time with such confidence. Their faces said it all. Next, we played Dusseldorf who are NECIS winners 2007, they went ahead 1 - 0 but then AISR went up a gear and Yiming scored a lovely goal to put us level and we held on to that draw and played wonderful soccer. The boys came off at full time feeling that they had just won the World Cup. They were so happy because they had just shown Dusseldorf how to play.

Peter and I could not believe what we had just witnessed. We were so proud because these AISR Varsity boys played out of their skins, they had passion, they had team spirit and they wanted to make everyone at AISR proud of them.

The next morning we had to play Antwerp again and our boys were so tired and it showed we unfortunately lost 6-0 but, hey they still came off the pitch at full time and still had the passion and confidence for the next game. Well, the next game was Amsterdam who we had always lost too, by big margins, but the AISR boys went on the pitch with a few position changes and played wonderful soccer, we went down 2 - 0, then Yiming scored to make it 2 - 1. Stevo and Bilal started to really encourage the team with shouts of "Come on, boys. We can do this." Stevo had to take a penalty but unfortunately, the keeper made a great save. Then all of a sudden we were 4 - 1 down but the boys kept going. Matt made some fantastic tackles and Michael was stopping the strikers from getting hold of the ball. Suddenly Won Yong went and scored to make it 4 - 2. We could not believe it. We had 2 near misses on goal and a saved penalty, we could have won. However, it wasn't meant to be. The fantastic AISR team ended 4-2 down to Amsterdam.

The Varsity Boys' spirit through this whole tournament was spectacular. The Boys from Antwerp said that AISR Varsity Boys were one of the

best teams they had played and also had Sportsmanship above everyone else. So, Varsity Boys, come on! Lets play that wonderful soccer all season and who knows what will happen! We are all so proud of you. Mr Wah has done a wonderful job as Coach over the last 3 years with his advice, encouragement and passion. It has won the day. Peter and I will be supporting the Varsity Boys as much as we can because we want to see these boys play the way they know they can. So come on mums and dads. Lets all go and encourage our boys to do the same again, it really does boost them to have people there to support them, it really does make all the difference.

BE PROUD OF YOURSELF AISR VARSITY BOYS !YOU WERE FANTASTIC!

Written by: Bernsi Scott

1st game, 3 - 3 Antwerp v AISR - scorers Matt and Steven

2nd game 1 - 1 Dusseldorf v AISR - scorers Yiming

3rd game..6-0 Antwerp v AISR

4th game 4-2 Amsterdam V AISR.- scorers .Yiming and Won Young

Players and pos

Elliott - keeper /mid

Bilal - center back

Stevo - mid / center back

Dong Hee - Left back/ keeper

Dong Ju - right back

Matt - Left back/ outside mid/ center mid

Michael - center mid

Yiming- striker/outside mid

Won Young- outside mid/striker

Won Taek - outside mid/striker

Furkan - striker/outside mid

Zhiyu - center mid

Jonathon - outside mid

Hayden - outside mid/ striker/ keeper

Kuba and Yu Bin (not at the tournament)

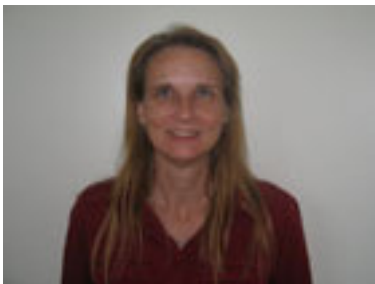
Postings from The PTSA

Meet your parent representatives,
the PTSA



Christine Shaw - President

I'm Christine Shaw, the new PTSA president this year. I've been here at AISR for one year. We moved here from California. I have 3 children who all enjoy traveling and playing soccer. I like reading and scrapbooking. I am really looking forward to a great year ahead, working with and getting to know all of you. We have a wonderful year of events planned and we hope you will be able to join us for them.



Marl Baldinelli – Vice President

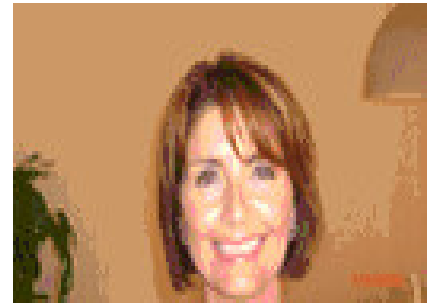
Hi! My name is Marla Baldinelli, and I'm the Vice President of the PTSA this year. My husband is in the U.S. Coast Guard, and this is our second year here at AISR. I have two children attending the

school, one in third grade and one in seventh grade. I look forward to seeing you at the PTSA meetings and at our wonderful school events.



Suzanne Southan - Deputy Secretary

I have been in the Netherlands since July 1st 2007. My son Christian and I moved over here from Colchester England to join my husband Gary who has been living here on a part time basis since 2003. Gary and I both work full time for an American software company called Navis LLC, and we are on a long term project for ECT Euromax in Maasvlakte. I only joined the PTSA in August 2008 and did so as I wanted to assist and become more involved with events and procedures of the AISR. I am keen to help the expat children as much as possible and so have become the classroom mum for Mrs Pilbrow's kindergarten class and also coach for the Hillegersberg F13 football team.



Gaynor Ball – co-Secretary

I am Gaynor Ball, co-secretary of the PTSA. I am originally from "sunny" Manchester, England. My husband Darren and I have two boys at AISR. Declan is in third grade and Aidan is in Kindergarten.

We came to The Netherlands in October 2007 after spending almost 12 years in the USA (New Jersey and Texas). Our stint here in Holland will be a short one, but we are making the most of our time spent here enjoying the country.

I enjoy Tennis (watch out Wimbledon), bike riding and going to the gym. I love to eat. Sashimi is my favourite and have been know to enjoy the odd glass of wine.

As a family we love to travel, try new experiences and go to football games around the world. As the only "red" in our house, I am mostly out voted on attending the Man U games, so most of our footie matches are Manchester City. Oh well, someone has to support them! (cont'd pg. 10)

Check out the PTSA's Calendar of events:

http://www.aistr.nl/parents/news_and_events/calendar_of_events.php

The PTSA Cont'd

The Outreach Team



Holmfrídur Einarsdóttir (Hofi) – member of the Outreach Team

I was born in Iceland and have lived most of my life in the capital Reykjavik. I have three children, Emil and Alma which are in 9th and 2nd grade here at AISR and then Isak who just turned one. I have lived here in Rotterdam with my family since January 2008 and so far I am enjoying it a lot. I have a degree in International Marketing from Reykjavik University and before I moved to Holland I was working as a Director of Market-

ing for Iceland Telecom. But now, I am using the opportunity to stay at home and spend more time with my children. I am member of the outreach team in PTSA .

dam. We have three teenage daughters. I am a member of the Outreach Committee with Saroj and Hofi.



Saroj Patel – member of the Outreach Team

My family and I have lived off/on in The Netherlands since 1999. We are from Los Angeles. We have two children in the school, Maya who is in Grade 1 and Sage who is in Pre K-2. It is a privilege to be a member of the PTSA, more specifically, the Outreach part.

Welcome Back Picnic 2008 !

The Welcome back picnic was a great success. The sunny weather did not cooperate for the day, but a great time was had by all. We tallied up numbers and there were a little under 300 people who attended. This was the first indoor picnic we have had in 5 years, so to pull it off with out any hiccups was both a relief and a great job done by all.

We have noted that next year we will need more hot-dogs, and not so many burger's. The lemonade cow was a great success and the little ones loved "milking" their own drinks. The bouncy cow went down a storm and provided a much needed space to let off steam on a rainy day. It was a nice change to have the poffertjes stand, they were very "Dutch" and brought a nice touch. This was the last year for our resident DJ, and he was "training" the new guys and girls to follow in his foot steps.....thanks for the great job.

The face painting was also a hit, I think we have some future make-up artists in the school. The boys and girls loved having their photo's taken with the shark. I bet this year he was a little cooler.

I have set up a website that you can take a look at all the photos we took on the day. The link is http://www.kodakgallery.com/ShareConfirm.jsp?collid=473596444603&UV=602857502176_571660164603 and just click on view album.

Thanks to all who helped out on the day, and the run up to the picnic.. We really do appreciate all your help. Many hands make light work.

PTSA

PTSA MEETINGS LOCATION CHANGE

The PTSA meetings are now every first Thursday of the month at 1.30pm until 3pm in the high school lounge (third floor, turn left, all the way down the corridor to the end). We would love to see you all there, so don't be shy.

Next PTSA General Meeting
Thursday Oct 2nd 130pm - 3pm

Discussing the International Potluck Dinner and Halloween Festivities.

Hope to see you there!



Tricia Hettler – Member of the Outreach Team

I'm originally from Massachusetts, USA, but have lived all around the US. My husband is in the USCG, which is what brought us to Rotter-

Menu for October 2008



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Chicken Fillet Steamed rice and Broccoli mix Yogurt and Fruit (Vegakroket for vegetarians)	2 Shoarma Meat Pita Buns/ salad/ tomato Pommes parisienne. Fruit or yogurt (Vega Shoarma)	3 Chicken (oven) burger Potatoe slice/ cucumber sticks Watermelon (Vega burger for vegetarians)
6 Cucumber/ Carrot sticks Spirella pasta (beef) Napoli Fruit yogurt of Fruit (Cheese sause for vegetarians)	7 <p style="text-align: center;">Half Day</p>	8 Tomato noodles soup Hotdog or Tosti ham or cheese Fruit, Yogurt or healthy busicuit	9 Schnitzel Mashed potatoes/ gravy/ greenbeans Fruit yogurt or Fruit (Cheese soufflé for vegetarians)	10 Fish fingers Potato slice/ cauliflower Fruit yogurt or Fruit (Vega roll for Vegetarians)
13 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>	14 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>	15 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>	16 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>	17 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>
20 Cucumber/ Carrot sticks Penne pasta (beef) Bolognese Fruit yogurt or Fruit (Cheese sauce for vegetarians)	21 Dominos pizza and mixed salad With pepperoni or mozzarella Fruit yogurt or Fruit	22 Meatball Fresh cooked potato/ gravy/ peas and carrots Watermelon or Fruit (Vegaslice for vegetarians)	23 Chicken wings Mex. Rice/ Mex. Vegetables Chocolate mousse (Springroll for vegetarians)	24 Chicken fingers France fries/ Greenbeans Fruit yogurt of Fruit (Vegaslice for vegetarians)
27 Cucumber/ carrot sticks Spaghetti ith sweet tomato sauce Fruit yogurt or Fruit	28 German Sausage Potato slice/ Cauliflower Fruit yogurt or Fruit (Vega roll for vegetarians)	29 Chicken Curry Steamed rice and broccoli mix Yogurt or Fruit (Vegakroket for vegetarians)	30 Schnitzel Mashed potato/gravy/greenbeans Fruit yogurt or Fruit (Cheese soufflé for vegetarians)	31 Cheeseburger (oven) Potato slice/ cucumber sticks Watermelon (Vegie shoarma)

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All submissions are due on Tuesday, Oct. 7th at 5 PM.

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Welcome Back Asian Lunch!

At the home of Mida Abdullah

At Pastoor Canniuslaan

31 2661 HW

Bergschenhoek

Tel:010-5248000

Time:12.00 PM Onwards

Date:2nd October

Day:Thursday

All are welcome even younger children.

As usual bring your favorite dish.

If you need a ride please meet

Shinobu at the school gate

Tel:010-2518000

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Are you interested in joining a fun new way to learn to move? If so, this class may just be for you.

It is aimed at grades 2 through 5 and is English speaking. A male dance instructor would like to come into the school and do a short workshop showing what the class would be all about. The dance studio is located just off the Molenlaan, so very easy to attend.

Please let me know if you are interested and we can see if we have enough interest to start classes.

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Thanks

Gaynor Ball

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