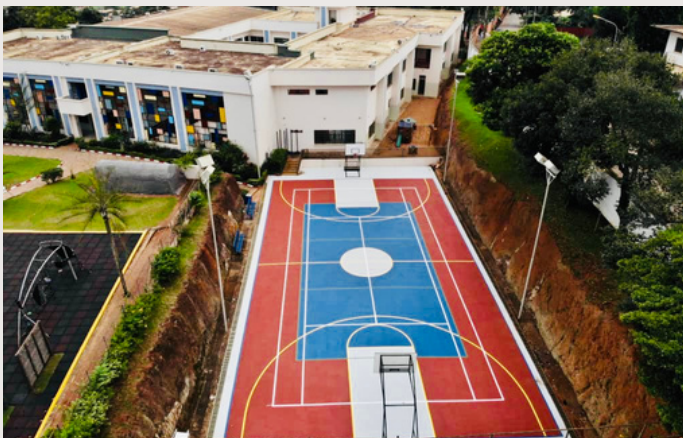


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American School of Yaoundé

This monthly magazine serves as a platform for the community to share news, events, activities, and sports matches from ASOY.



SUMMER HAPPENINGS

ASOY Tennis Courts and Viper Pit Receive Makeover During Summer Break

Over the summer break, ASOY's tennis courts and Viper Pit underwent much-needed renovations. The tennis court floors were resurfaced to improve the playing surface, while the double courts were given a fresh new look with the ASOY logo featured prominently in the centre circle.

That's not all - the Viper Pit also received an upgrade, with its surface repaired and painted in the school's colours. Now, students can enjoy a variety of activities like tennis, volleyball, and basketball on these new surfaces.

Moreover, protective coverings have been added to the pillars and basketball hoops in both areas to ensure student safety while playing or competing.

Pre K playground

Grateful Acknowledgment for Generous Shade Sail Donation

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at ASOY for their gracious donation of shade sails. The installation of the sails during the first week of school has allowed the Pre-K 3 and 4 children to play safely on the playground without the sun's harmful rays beating down on them. The shade sails have provided the much-needed protection from the elements, and we are immensely grateful to the PTO for their generosity. Thank you again!



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A Successful Start to the Athletics Program at ASOY

Last August 13th, the ASOY athletics program kicked off with a bang, beginning with the High School Girls Volleyball team. The ASOY team faced off against LGL at the gym from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and emerged triumphant with a score of 25-8 and 25-10, winning two sets to zero. A big congratulations to the HS Girls on their well-deserved win!

The successful start of the ASOY athletics program is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players, coaches, and staff. It's exciting to see such a strong start with the High School Girls Volleyball team winning their first game against LGL. This sets a great precedent for the rest of the season and shows the potential for ASOY athletics to become a dominant force in the WAISAL league. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the season holds for ASOY athletics!





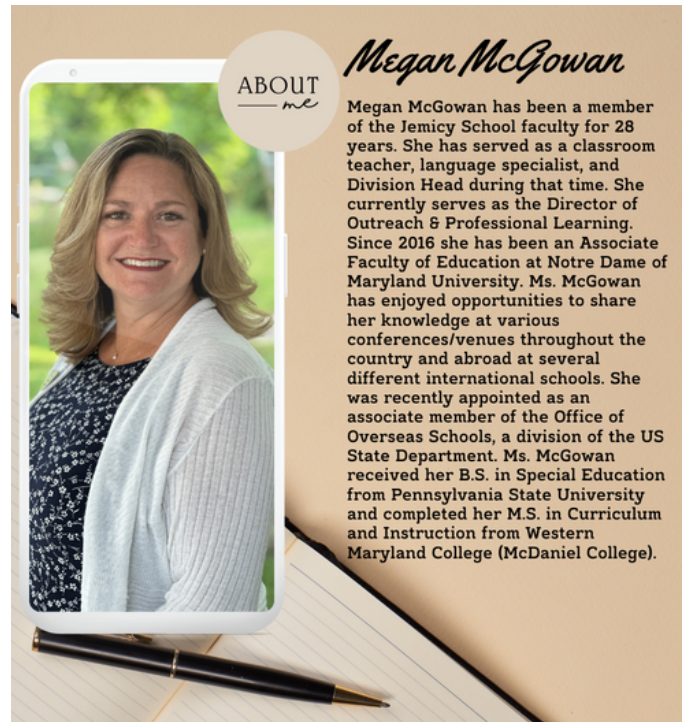
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VISIT FROM JEMICY SCHOOL

Recently, ASOY hosted Ben Shifrin and Megan McGowan, two skilled experts in the field of reading and executive functions. Working with teachers from Pre-K to 12th grade, these professionals spent four days imparting their knowledge on a range of topics. The training included upskilling on phonics, the science of reading, decoding, phonology, differentiation, executive functions, classroom management, and different learning styles. We were delighted to have Ben and Megan share their expertise with us and enhance our professional development.

Importance of 'teachers' training

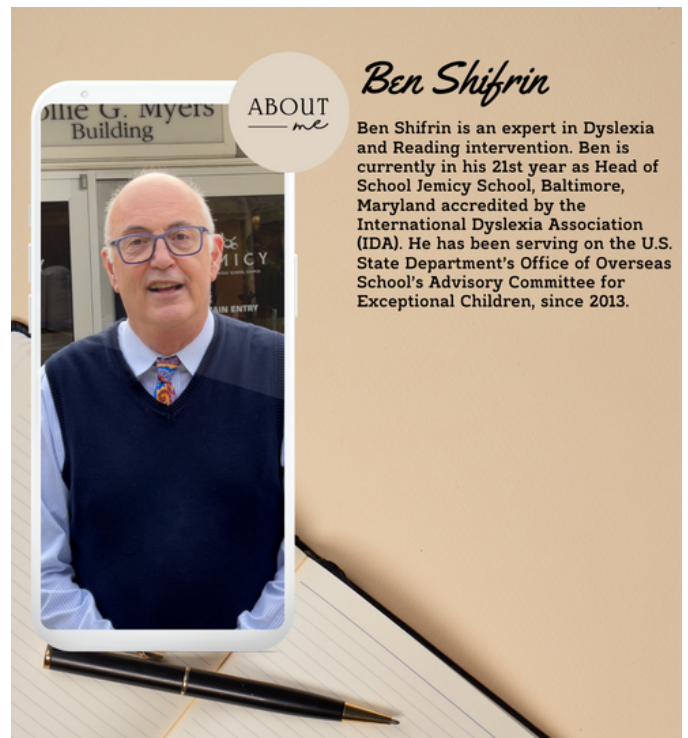
Teacher training is of utmost importance in ensuring quality education. Teachers play a crucial role in shaping the future of students and society as a whole. Through training, teachers can enhance their teaching skills, learn new teaching methods, and keep up with the latest educational trends. This enables them to create a positive and effective learning environment for their students. Effective teacher training programs also help to improve the overall quality of education by ensuring that teachers are equipped with the necessary skills to provide high-quality instruction to their students.



ABOUT
— me

Megan McGowan

Megan McGowan has been a member of the Jemicy School faculty for 28 years. She has served as a classroom teacher, language specialist, and Division Head during that time. She currently serves as the Director of Outreach & Professional Learning. Since 2016 she has been an Associate Faculty of Education at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Ms. McGowan has enjoyed opportunities to share her knowledge at various conferences/venues throughout the country and abroad at several different international schools. She was recently appointed as an associate member of the Office of Overseas Schools, a division of the U.S. State Department. Ms. McGowan received her B.S. in Special Education from Pennsylvania State University and completed her M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Maryland College (McDaniel College).



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Ben Shifrin

Ben Shifrin is an expert in Dyslexia and Reading intervention. Ben is currently in his 21st year as Head of School Jemicy School, Baltimore, Maryland accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA). He has been serving on the U.S. State Department's Office of Overseas School's Advisory Committee for Exceptional Children, since 2013.





STUCCO 2023/2024

Academic Year 2023/2024 Student Council Selection Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the Elementary, Middle, and High School student councils have been elected for the academic year 2023/2024. The Elementary Student Council has two representatives from each class in Kindergarten through Grade 5. The council meets bi-weekly on Fridays in the conference room, with Ms Gemma serving as the teacher representative and chairperson. In the previous year, the Student Council hosted several events, including the Fun Friday and Easter Egg Hunt. The Middle and High Schools have two representatives from each grade level, spanning 6th through 12th grade.





STUCCO RETREAT

On Friday, September 15th, the students embarked on a weekend retreat to bond and plan events for the upcoming academic year. The retreat began at 3 pm on Friday and concluded at 10 am on Sunday. During this time, the students worked together to plan various academic events for their peers. Overall, the retreat was a great success!



RETREAT

Location: Yene Yene Lampadaire– 1 hour from Yaounde





Curious to know who we are? Take a moment to look at our kindergarten display that showcases our wonderful children.



SCIENCE AT ASOY

Grade 6 science students are facing their first challenge: an egg drop! This week, students designed their own container with a raw egg inside to be dropped from the school's roof. Each design will be tested three times to ensure students have enough data to decide whether their design works. Bragging rights go to the winners of this challenge!



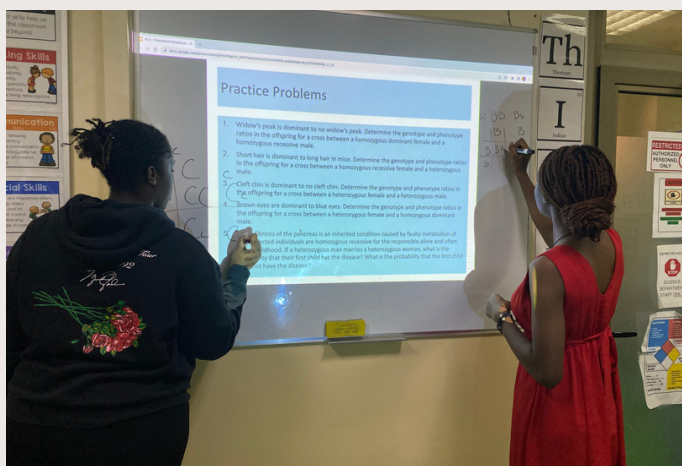
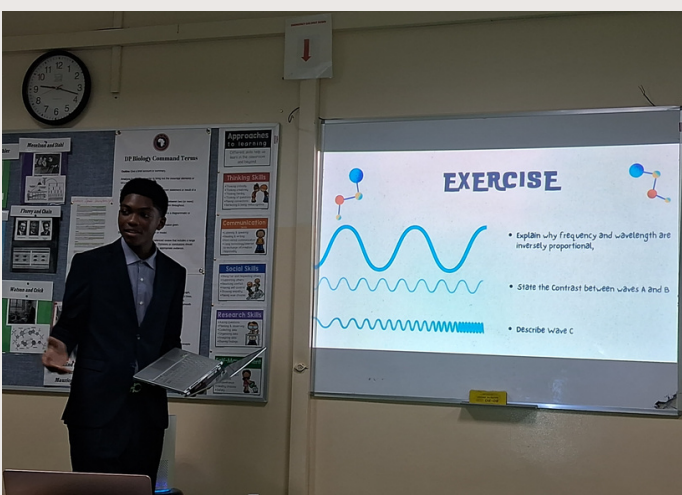
Students in **Grade 7** have been learning all about cells! Investigations began early this year with students learning to work with compound microscopes. The first laboratory investigation was a microscope practice lab. Here, students worked on learning the parts of a microscope and the procedure of using a microscope. They then practised their skills by creating slides and learning how to focus a compound microscope using the different objective lenses. In the next lab investigation, students got a chance to look at real organisms under the microscope in their Pond Water Lab. These budding scientists did a fantastic job on their first lab of the school year.



Grade 8

Students are currently looking at how the body works. They are inquiring about the structure and function of the different body systems and how they work together. Reviewing the structure and function of the digestive system, students got the opportunity to compare and contrast the human digestive system with that of the chicken. They also got to review the structure and function of the heart and identify the different parts. Hands-on activities included looking at a dissected chicken and a cow heart and identifying the parts. It was an amazing experience!





Grade 9

Light and Colors

As part of their studies, ninth-grade students conducted experiments to explore how the colour of light affects opaque, transparent, and translucent objects. They also examined the impact of mixing primary and secondary colours of light. Additionally, they utilised a light box for a second investigation, focusing on the reflection and refraction of light.

Students in Grade 11 Chemistry

Students are working on the third subunit of the course. They are using the knowledge they have gained so far to present sections of this topic. The focus is on acquiring new learning through practice, demonstrating proficiency in the subject, and communicating using correct scientific terms and language.

Grade 12

Students are working on Genetics higher level content and are practising working out genetic problems using Punnett squares and test crosses

