



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF YAOUNDE

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Welcome back!

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Dear ASOY Community,

I am excited to be starting my second year at ASOY. What a great start it has been. Welcome back to all our returning families and a special welcome to all our new families.

On August 23rd we welcomed back our students, PreK through to 12th grade, to campus for full on F2F teaching. How exciting! All of us have eagerly awaiting the reopening of the Parrott Canteen and the resumption of the bus service, which started on the first day of school. How fun!

Equally exciting was the reintroduction of ASAs and Intermural Sports, which started the last week of September. After a long and challenging year, we all welcome these small but significant glimpses of normalcy.

I am looking forward to the year and I am so encouraged and motivated to see the energy levels soaring throughout the campus.

Warm regards,



Joergen Glittenberg,
Director



Time

to play

After school Activities (ASAs)

In September the ASA program for K to G12 started. Here are some shots of the activities below.

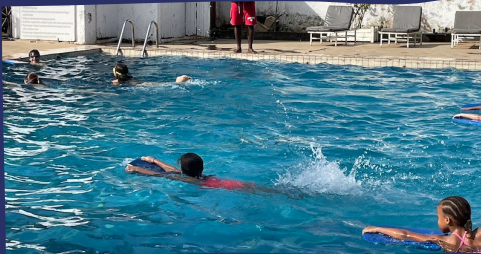
Middle Years and Diploma

Monday - Football

Tuesday - Volleyball

Wednesday - Ultimate Frisbee and/or Bench
Ball / Dodgeball

Thursday - Basketball Boys & Basketball Girls



Elementary

Monday - Tennis & Gymnastics

Tuesday - Football & Swimming

Wednesday - Tennis & Gymnastics

Thursday - Football & Swimming



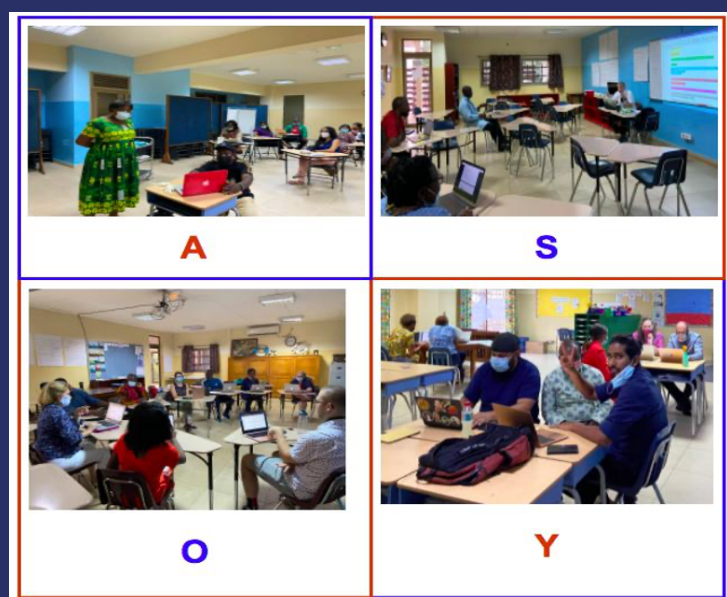
Teachers as lifelong learners

By Nadine Boribon - PYP Coordinator

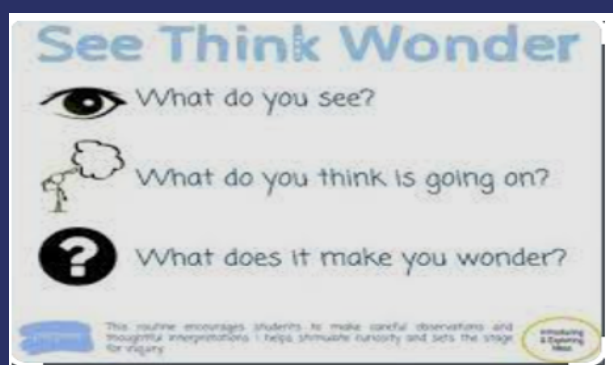
At ASOY, there is a routine that teachers happen to use; it draws students into further inquiries and is called "See,Think and Wonder". With this routine students are encouraged to think more carefully, come up with further interpretations and hop onto the inquiry bandwagon. Let's use this routine to take you on an inquiry into : Fridays from 2:00 - 4:00 PM for ASOY teachers.

For a start, the "See,Think and Wonder" routine is often tied to pieces of Art or pictures. Visuals are an incredibly effective medium that can more easily catch learners' attention as they are better processed by the brain and support faster reactions.

Here are 4 pictures from a Friday afternoon at ASOY: You will notice first hand the "mature" nature of our learners!



If you are curious and wondering how to use the routine...this is a template teachers often find helpful:



This routine works best when responses are completed "by using the three stems together at the same time,". As a result,answers will feed into each other and thinking skills of greater depth will be applied.

Another added-value of "See,Think and Wonder" is that it can boost "students to back up their interpretation with reasons." The most rewarding part of it all is when those using this routine are asked "to think about what this makes them wonder". Emotional reactions or greater engagements with the visuals elicit will lead to a higher level of information retention but also to more descriptions. Did you know that it can take a thousand words just to describe what is in one picture?

If all of the above made you curious for more details,do take the time to check Project Zero, a 54-year-old project from Harvard Graduate School of Education where "See,Think and Wonder" originates. This routine is actually just one of many that we use to enrich learning experiences at ASOY. The video in Thinking routines will provide you with further insights into other practices applied to facilitate and enrich learning experiences.

Did you use the pictures above and happen to be wondering further?

The pictures to the left are:

A:FIRST AID training with Nurse Christina

S:Developing an Academic Integrity Policy.

O:Discussing what to include in the Inclusion Policy

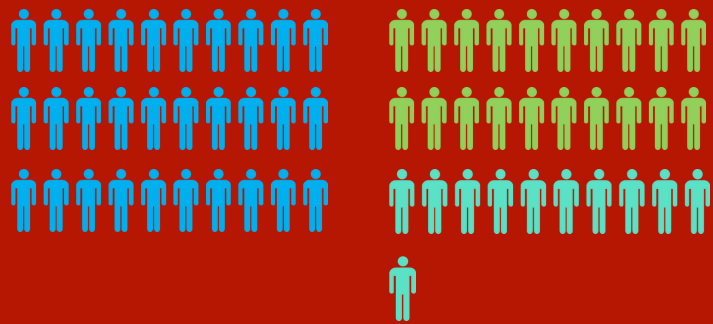
Y:Admissions policy reviewed in small groups

When students go home early on Fridays, we gather as a group of learners and deepen our learning opportunities, reinforce our understanding,dig deeper into some areas of the curriculum or work at reviewing the existing school documents. Oh! We also take time to celebrate birthdays at the end of each month and soon we are planning to have 15 minutes wellness at the start of each Friday professional development session. No more space for wonders...you know it all! Or as we like to say to our students: More questions are obviously welcome.

Elementary Movie Night

Friday 24th September at 6pm

The student in Elementary voted for their choice of film to be shown for Movie Night.



The choices were 1. Luca - 30 votes, (in blue)
2. Peter Rabbit - 20 votes (in green) and 3.
Vivo - 11 votes (in light blue).



Starting at 6pm. The students had a Movie Night in the MPR because of the rain. 36 students attended the evening. Even with the rain the students had a great time.



We are unique in Pre K



STUCCO

Congratulations to our representatives

STUCO Election Winners

BOARD



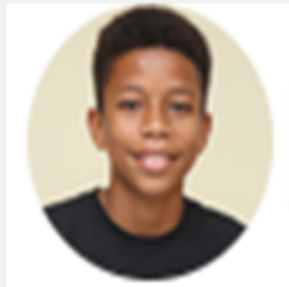
Akansa (11)
President



Ariel (12)
Vice-President



Feraya (10)
Treasurer

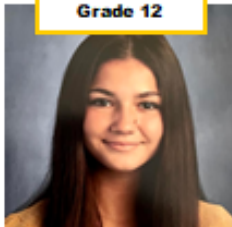


Bill (11)
Secretary

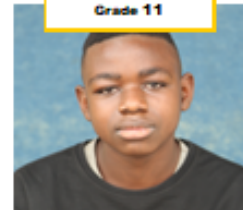


Xavier (6)
Recordkeeper

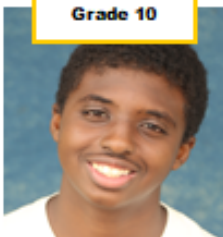
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES



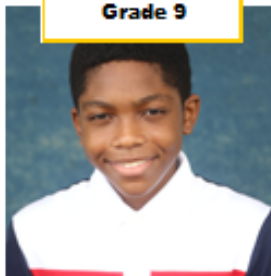
Giavanna
Grade 12



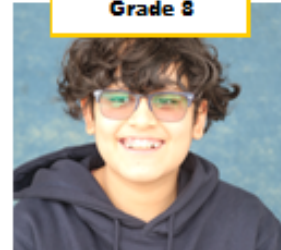
Ricky
Grade 11



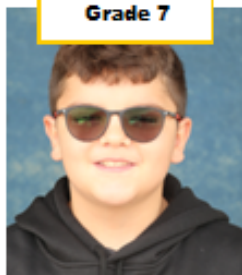
Aboubakar
Grade 10



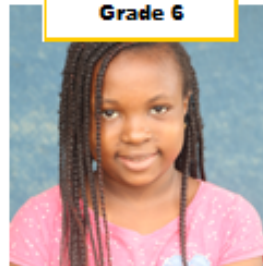
Kenneth
Grade 9



Krish
Grade 8



Oscar
Grade 7



Abigail
Grade 6

Elementary Student Council representatives

The Elementary school students voted for two class representatives for the ES Student Council. Below is an image of the students representing the student voice in Elementary.

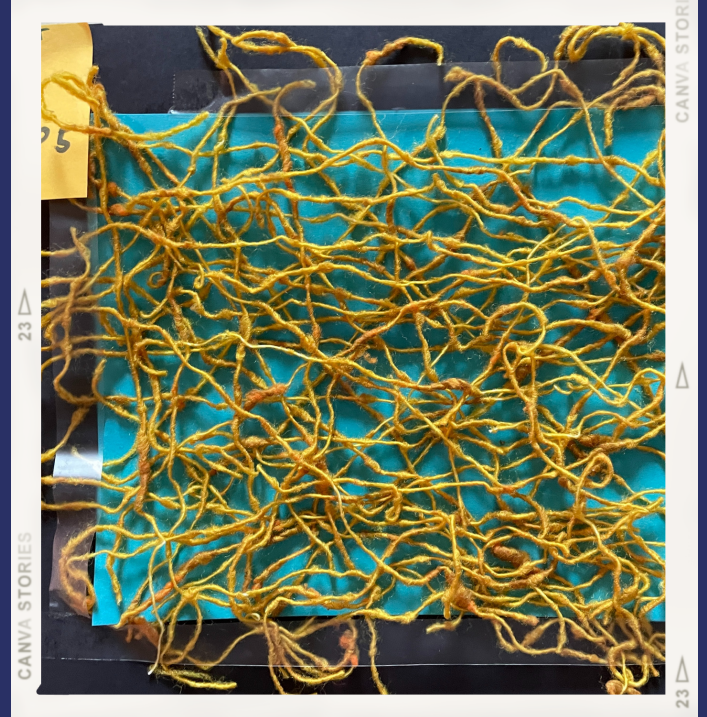


Back row: from left to right: Sabeera (grade 3), Olivia (grade 4), Andrew (grade 5), Rejoice (grade 5), Amadou (grade 4) and Ada (grade 3).

Front row: from left to right: Jasmine (grade 1), Nathan (grade 1), Janosch (kindergarten), Soliana (kindergarten), Leia (grade 2) and Luke (grade 2).



Aboubakar
MYP 5
Reinterpreting Himlma of klint



Anna
MYP 5
Infinity Net



Pascal
MYP 5
Reinterpreting Himlma of klint



Bella
MYP 5
Infinity Net