



Almaty International School

Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Patrons of AIS,

As you know, tuition fees at AIS went up last year from \$15,400 U.S. to \$17,100 U.S. It is important that our patrons understand what we have used those increased funds for. Therefore, I would like to share with you major expenditure areas for these additional funds, the reason for the increases and some of the benefits for AIS as a result.

The largest portion of the increase in collected funds have been put into a Building/Site Development fund that is “saved” for AIS to use in the future as it is needed for expansion (i.e. a new campus or an addition to the existing site). We will be able to use this money strictly for AIS expansion. It is not used for other schools. QSI invests this money and is currently earning interest on these reserves.

Payment for salaries for all employees, foreign and local – these costs have increased more than 30% from 2008 to 2010. These increases will create a more attractive employment package and will help us with recruiting and retention of staff.

Professional Fees (consulting, dues, management fee, notary, audit, legal fees, translations) have increased approximately 50% from 2008 to 2010. The **Management Fee** is, by far, the largest expense in this category. Following is a list of things this fee is collected for:

Recruiting, technology (QSI standard software for all schools), salaries for QSI Headquarters and support staff, resource and curriculum development, MSA accreditation costs, public relations and curriculum development, professional development for teachers and administration, shipping and purchasing fees for all of QSI

Rent for staff housing was increased when we upgraded living quarters. Costs rose approximately 74% from 2008 to 2010. As is the case with salaries and benefits, these increased costs will hopefully render a more fruitful recruiting process and higher retention of staff. (This year, 2009-10 showed the lowest staff attrition in four years.)

Facility Repairs and Maintenance have increased approximately 12% from 2008 to 2010.

Utility costs for the facility has increased 15% from 2008 – 2010.

Bank charges and Interest have increased approximately 10% since 2008.

Professional Development costs have increased dramatically since 2008. However, spending in this category will hopefully result in better retention of staff. Instructional supplies and equipment costs have increased since 2008

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A new Fiber Optic Internet Connection began March 2010 – a large increase in monthly IT costs has resulted.

Anticipated Future Projects:

- Resurface Tennis Courts
- Additional Parking
- More SMART Boards and Computers
- Microsoft School Agreement – “Wired Campus” (volume license)
- Upgrading of our “basic computer package” and server configuration with support software
- Auezov Street Improvement
- Drainage improvement on Auezov Street
- Two new science labs (total of three – chemistry, physics, biology) Additional Fitness Equipment

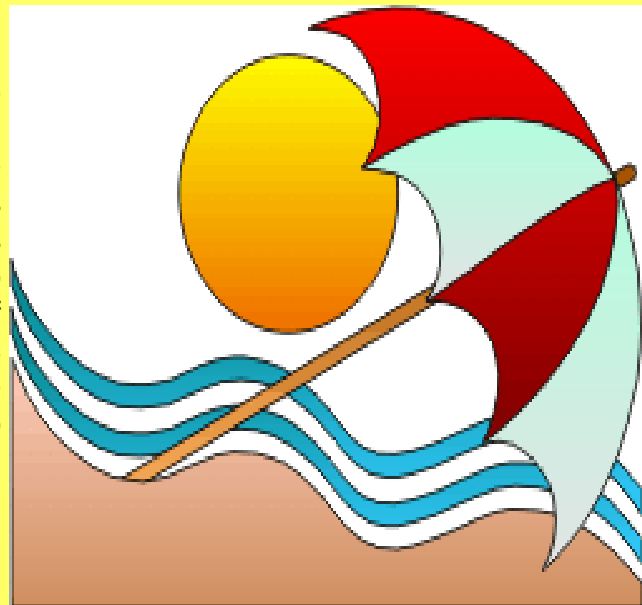
If you have any questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to call the school at 250-4561 and make an appointment to speak to the director.

Respectfully,
Mr. Russell Page – Director

Summer enrichment camp

As the school year winds down we are all making plans for summer. One thing to keep in mind is the AIS intensive English summer enrichment camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who are new English learners and also students who have transitioned out of intensive English to improve their skills during a time when many might lose skills because they are unable to practice using English.

All students are welcome. The dates for the summer camp are June 21 – August 19 and you can sign up for weekly sessions. This allows you to get some work in and still enjoy your summer. We will be sending home a flyer in the coming weeks with more details.



Upcoming Events:

Elementary Saturday Activities coming soon –
First Session Saturday, 17 April 2010

Wednesday 21 April – 14:00 in the PSG room (basement of new building) – PSG Meeting

KELT (Kazakhstan English Language Theater) production of
GREASE! - 23 April – 19:30; 24 April – 14:00 and 20:00;
25 April – 16:00

29 April – Cupcake Day!



**Science Night for
10's and 11's will be
April 30th.**

Activities, snacks and a movie
will wrap up our Healthy Living
Unit.

More information to come

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND UPDATED EVENTS INCLUDING AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS!

www.qsi.org (then click on our school)....
or you can access our website directly by going to:
<http://www.qsinet.org/kaz/>

Please Note!
To get a user friendly, eye pleasing view of QSI
curriculum go to:

<http://curriculum.qsi.org/newpage>

Week of April 12 - April 18

Monday, April 12, 2010

4:00 PM-5:00 PM Staff Meetings After School

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

4:15 - 5:15 Soccer Practice for Spring Secondary Season

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Late bus

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

4:15 - 5:15 Soccer Practice for Spring Secondary Season

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Late bus

Thursday, April 15, 2010

4:15 - 5:15 Soccer Practice for Spring Secondary Season

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Late bus

Friday, April 16, 2010

4:15 - 5:15 Soccer Practice for Spring Secondary Season

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Late bus

Saturday, April 17, 2010

9:00AM 5 & 6 year old Soccer (Big Gymnasium)

10:00 AM 7 & 8 year old Soccer (Big Gymnasium)

11:00 AM 9 & 10 year old Soccer (Big Gymnasium)

Spring Soccer for Elementary

Soccer will be held on April 17th, 24th and May 15th, 22nd and 29th.
The April dates will likely be in the gym and the May dates outdoors.

5 and 6 year olds	9:00am - 10:00 am
7 and 8 year olds	10:00am - 11:00 am
9 and 10 year olds	11:00 am - 12:00am

The cost will be 4000 tenge per participant.
Look for sign up sheets to be sent home or print the one below.

Volunteers are needed please contact Glenn Chapman at: glenn-chapman@kaz.qsi.org

Child's Name: _____

Teacher's Name _____

PLEASE INCLUDE THE PAYMENT OF 4000 tenge.



Music Class

IMPORTANT dates to remember:

- May 15 – Meet The World Day, 3-6 p.m.
- May 22 – Secondary Spring Concert, at 7 p.m.
- May 27 – Concert 5-6-7-8 year olds
- May 28 – Concert 9-10-11 year olds

May 15 – Meet The World Day

Please keep practicing the music “We Are The World”.
You can find it here: www.listen.grooveshark.com

May 22 – Secondary Spring Concert

Each secondary student can be involved in this wonderful event!
Singing, playing instruments, dancing or other performances are
welcomed!

If you want to take part in this concert please see Mrs. Collins.

People have already started rehearsals after school.

Take a chance!

WELCOME TO OUR MUSIC CLASS!

**Dear AIS Patrons,
dear AIS Students!!!**

Here we are, back again. Spring
break is over ...



But there is one upcoming event you may
look forward to:

The International Event on May 15th!



PSG

ALMATY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Meet the World

at AIS

INTERNATIONAL EVENT

**15th of May
2010
3 - 6 pm**

raffle

lucky dip

music & entertainment

inter-national food

WEEK 12.04-16.04.10:

MONDAY:

Lunch:

Salad Bar:

- *Fresh Tomatoes
- *Cauliflower & Egg Salad
- *Vegetables Julienne

Soup:

- *Smoked Cheese Soup with Nutmeg

Hot:

- *Chicken Pilaf Rice
- *Beef & Rice Teftelli
- *Potato Pure

Sweet:

- *Fresh Fruit Salad with Yogurt

Snack:

- *Fruit with Fruit Juice

TUESDAY:

Lunch:

Salad Bar:

- *Fresh Cucumbers
- *Just mixed Greens
- *Carrot and Dry Fruit Salad

Soup:

- *Broccoli and Herbs Soup

Hot:

- *Spaghetti Bolognaise
- *Chicken Ragout topped with Scrambled Eggs
- *Roasted Skinless Potatoes

Sweet:

- *Sinnamon Twist

Snack:

- *Bisconti Chocó Roll with Fruit Juice

WEDNESDAY:

Lunch:

Salad Bar:

- *Fresh Carrot Wedges
- *Pasta Pistu Salad
- *Giant Croutons

Soup:

- *Borsh

Hot:

- *Traditional Lasagna Milanese
- *Grilled Potatoes Hash & Vegetables with Chicken

Sweet:

- *Banana Pie

Snack:

- *Cappuccino Bar with Fruit Juice

THURSDAY:

Lunch:

Salad Bar:

- *Crispy Cabbage mix
- *"Brynza" Cheese Salad
- *Fried Tortilla Chips

Soup:

- *Simply Chicken Soup with Noodles

Hot:

- *Macaroni & Cheese with Sausages and Tomato
- *Grilled herbed Butter Sandwich with BBQ Roasted Chicken
- *Pan Fried Potatoes

Sweet:

- *Chocolate Muffins

Snack:

- *Nuts and Chocolate Sandwich with Milk

FRIDAY:

Lunch:

Salad Bar:

- *Boiled Egg Half's
- *Green Beans & Tuna salad
- *Cherry Tomato & Cucumber Salad

Soup:

- *Ramen Soup

Hot:

- *Friday's Pizza & Pasta Party:
Margarita & Mixed Cheese with Oregano
- *Traditional Lagman with Homemade Pasta

FRIDAY SURPRISE IS A SURPRISE!

Snack:

- *Yogurt with Fruit Juice

Beverages are as usually

Menus can be slightly changed according to products availability and season.

