



American School of Douala TALKING DRUMS

EDITION 17-18, ISSUE #30

APRIL 20, 2018

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Director's Desk 1
- Calendar 1
- Lower School News 2
- Book of the Week 2
- Senior Feature 3
- Gala 4

From the Director's Desk by Edward Langlais

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY WEDNESDAY APRIL 25 7:00pm

This is what an American School is all about!

The National Honor Society (NHS) has been an integral part of American schools for nearly 90 years. Over a million students in the U.S.A. are members of the society, pledging to live up to their motto "Noblesse oblige", whoever claims to be noble must conduct himself or herself nobly.

National Honor Society stu-

dents are selected on the basis of their commitment to scholarship, leadership, character, and service. They represent the highest level of what an American school student is expected to be.

Being selected to join the NHS is an honor which people often remember and treasure throughout their lives. It also means that NHS students pledge to continue being exemplars of the four pillars. All members of the ASD community are invited to join us on Wednesday evening to celebrate the induction of our latest group of NHS students.

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE FRIDAY APRIL 27 1:00 pm

In one week, we will be hosting the National Spelling Bee competition in the gymnasium. Three ASD students will be participating in the competition, facing off against students from nearly 20 other schools.

All ASD students from grades 4 and up are invited to stay for the competition. Grades 4 and 5 are already planning to send a special cheering section, but we hope to see many older students come out to cheer on their friends and classmates!

**GALA GALA
GALA
APRIL 21 @
7:30pm
DETAILS ON
PAGE 4!**

Mark Your Calendar

April 21	ASD Gala
April 23	Minimum Day
April 25	Grade 8 Bake Sale
April 25	NHS Induction (7pm)
April 27	Spelling Bee (Minimum Day)

Lower School News By Michael Breece

Conferences: Strengthening the partnership between home and school

This week, parents and teachers met during parent-teacher conferences to discuss student progress. These conferences serve three main purposes: building a partnership, gathering information, and developing a plan.

At ASD, we emphasize the importance of building a close relationship between home and school. Our school philosophy is to develop the whole child, not simply academics. A successful partnership

between parents and teachers is an important aspect of your child's social, emotional, and academic development. As a result, it is critical that parents and teachers work together to help children have the best school experience possible.

Conferences are also a great time to gather information, for both parents and teachers. Parents can learn about the areas that their child is strong in, as well as areas for growth. Teachers are able to gain a greater understanding of students by hearing par-

ents' perspectives on their child's development and growth over time.

Finally, conferences are an opportunity to develop a plan to ensure continued success. This plan should be a collaborative plan, involving responsibilities of the student, teacher, and parents. As this most recent round of conferences occurred at the start of the 4th quarter, our hope is that a solid plan is in place to ensure students will end the year strong and are ready to go on to the next grade level.

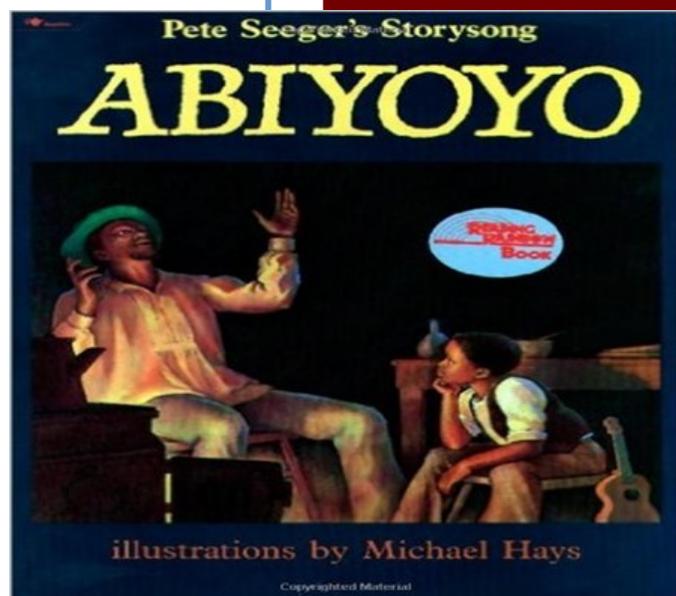


Book of the Week by Ferol Ntuba

Nobody is interested in hearing the little boy play his ukelele anymore, and no one wants to watch his father make things disappear...*Zoop! Zoop!* Until the day the fearsome giant Abiyoyo appears in town, and all the people run for their lives and the lives of their children!

Notwithstanding, nothing can stop the fiery giant Abiyoyo, nothing; except the enchanting sound of the ukelele and the mysterious power of the magic wand. An interesting South African folk tale that brings live and melody to our young learners.

Read and enjoy it with your families.



EDITION 17-18, ISSUE 30

Senior Feature— Anais

My name is Anais Ar-nopoulos and I am French with Greek origins. I am 17 years old and am therefore the “baby” of the class - and my family too. However, this doesn't stop me from always providing more than what is expected of me and putting in all my efforts to reach my goals. Outside of school, I love playing piano and taking yoga courses. I am part of the National Honors Society and have participated in the volleyball and swimming teams at ASD, and participate in the service learning activity. I also always go to the New Destiny orphanage on Saturday visits and regularly make donations.

I have been at ASD for 6 years now and those have been the most memorable years of my life. What I love the most about this school is the fact that we are a big family - partly due to the size of the school - but also because of the mentality each and every one of us brings. I have never once felt left out since I have entered this school.

The teachers are a big part of this and they have always been there for their students, following our every step, and doing their best to ensure that everyone has the same learning experience. Although every

one of my teachers have influenced me in some way or another, I think the one who influenced me the most is Mr Elive. To me - and probably everyone - he is like a father, and I look up to him the most. Despite everything he has gone through in his life, he is still here to ensure we have a promising future and still keeps his smile. He has been my math teacher since I came in this school in 7th grade and has always pushed me to do more than I already have done. He knows when to laugh with us, but also

when to direct us in the right direction - even if it means yelling at us.

Next year I will go on to study Social Sciences in the UK, specifically London. I know that this is partly because of the environment I got to grow and flourish in. ASD has been a solid ground for me and has shaped me to be the person I am today; it has taught me that when we truly want something, all we have to do is work for it.



GALA EVENING APRIL 21ST BEGINS AT 19:30

THEME: The Secret Garden

It's finally here!!! Gala Night is Saturday! Festivities start at 19:30. Tickets are 50,000 CFA each or a table of 10 for 450,000 CFA. We hope to see you there!

Please note that as per long standing school practice the Gala is a parents and adult guests only event. Please contact the PTA executive if you have any questions.

