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From the Director's Desk by Michael Breece

Cameroon Week!

We're excited for the upcoming celebration of Cameroon Week at ASD.

What is Cameroon Week?

Cameroon Week is an annual event in which our students learn about the culture and history of the various regions of Cameroon. This is an excellent opportunity for our Cameroonian students to learn about their home country and for our expatriate students to learn about our host country.

When is Cameroon Week?

Cameroon Week is typically held near the Came-

eroon National Day, which is May 20th. That day will be a public holiday, followed by a week of learning activities, assemblies, and celebrations from May 21st to May 24th.

What happens during the week?

Each grade level is assigned to learn about a region of Cameroon. In their classes, they learn about the region, including history, geography, culture and traditions. We will have an opening assembly, as well as traditional games and a quiz bowl. The week culminates in performances in the auditorium by some of our classes, followed by a Cameroonian food

tasting. Parents are invited to attend the performances which will take place on Friday, May 24th.

Cameroon Week Fabric:

Each year, the staff votes on a fabric that will be our Cameroon Week fabric. Parents and staff are asked to purchase this fabric, which is currently for sale in Ms. Siona's office at the price of **FCFA 6,000 for 6 yards (5.4 meters)**. The fabric should then be tailored into outfits that students and staff will wear during the week. Please buy your fabric early so that you can have outfits made for your children.



Mark Your Calendar

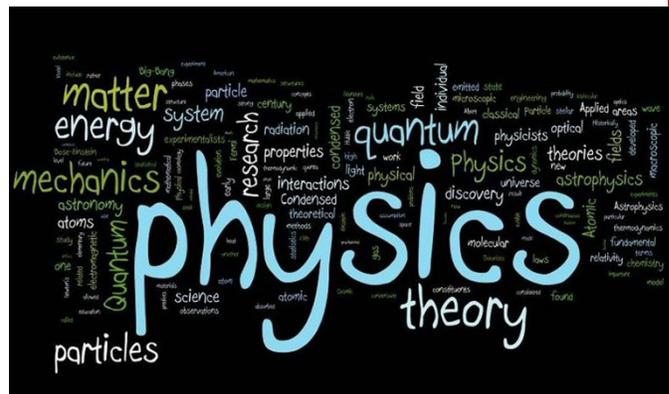
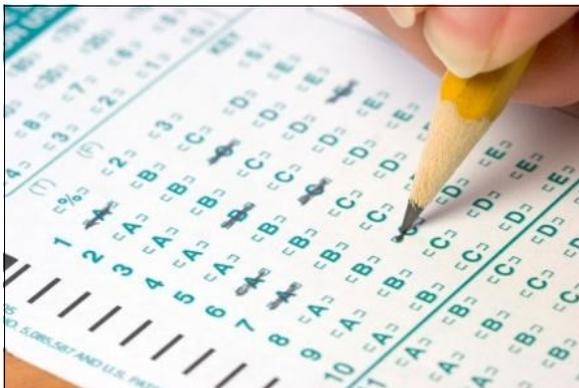
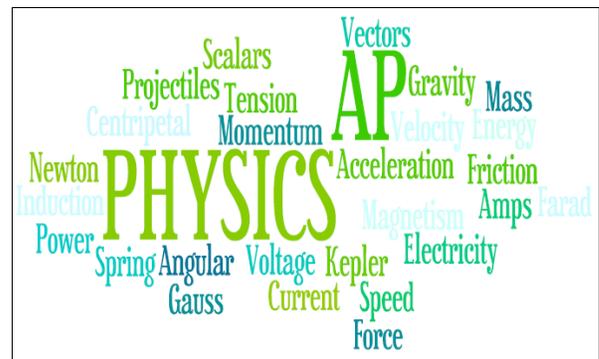
MS/HS Boys' Soccer @Bridge	Apr 27
Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)	May 1
SAT	May 4
MS/HS Boys' Soccer @Bridge	May 4

Class Spotlight: AP Physics Course: *Mr. Elive*

AP Physics is an AP course covering the following topics: kinematics, projectiles, Newton's laws of motion, conversion of energy, momentum, rotational dynamics (moment of Inertia), waves and sound, and electricity (resistors). It can be really challenging at some point because it requires a lot of critical thinking and common sense. While taking AP

Physics, you should be aware of the fact that you have to make sacrifices such as coming to school on Saturdays morning for labs, staying after school to practice, staying up at night to study, and managing stress. You need to be responsible enough to manage your time so that you can have a social life on one hand and work hard on

the other. As AP Physics students, we would recommend to always stay focused in class because it helps in having a better understanding of the principles and concepts.



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Yearbook *by Matis*

The 9th graders finished the yearbook with a lot of effort. The 9th graders created page layouts and formatted the pages with the photos they took this school year. We hope you will like the yearbook because we could see they put their heart into it!

The yearbook will be distributed to all students in June, before the last day of school on June 21st.



Camera Course *By Sika*

After months and months of working on the yearbook, the 9th graders are now working on how to film videos. We are learning how the camera works, including the tools, lenses, lighting, montages, and all of those interesting aspects. We are learning how to shoot usable images on film, tape and other media. If you are interested in becoming a cameraperson, we suggest you read *Bare Bones*. Once you read the book, you should be able to go

out and shoot a footage that works. Try to practice on the basics of what you've learned so that you can get an idea of what you need to improve on. If you're not interested in becoming a cameraperson, simply ask a professional photographer so that he or



she can give you some tips, hints, and tricks.

