



# American School of Douala TALKING DRUMS

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## *From the Director's Desk* by Michael Breece

This week, many nations around the world, including Cameroon, observed Labor Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Labor Day, also known as International Workers' Day, is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the dedication and hard work of all our teachers and staff.

As a part of our anniversary celebration this year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class interviewed students, staff, and teachers who have been a part of ASD's history. The biographies of these community members were on display during our Social Studies and Sci-

ence Fair, under the title: "It's not the building that makes a school, it's the people." This statement could not be truer.

Of course, we are very pleased to have the wonderful facilities that we have. However, it is our amazing teachers and staff that make ASD great. Recently we conducted a survey asking our parents what they value about our school. One of the highest ranking answers was the quality of our teachers and staff, only second to the diverse international mix of students and teachers we

have at school.

This Labor Day is particularly special for three of our staff members, who were awarded the 15-year medal by the Governor on May 1<sup>st</sup>. They include David Elive (science and math teacher), Esther Eyabi (support staff) and Siona Ndum (administrative staff). We would like to congratulate these three staff members for achieving this milestone. It is the commitment of teachers and staff such as these that make ASD at fantastic place to learn!



### Mark Your Calendar

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>SAT</b>                | <b>May 4</b>    |
| <b>MS/HS Boy's Soccer</b> | <b>May 4</b>    |
| <b>@ Bridge</b>           |                 |
| <b>AP Exams</b>           | <b>May 7-14</b> |
| <b>Progress Reports</b>   | <b>May 10</b>   |
| <b>PTA Bake Sale</b>      | <b>May 10</b>   |

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## Senior Feature: Eugenie

My name is Endale, also known as Eugenie, and I have been at ASD for the past 13 years. My favorite memory at ASD has to do with the Tree-House that was there in the old school building. It was the school's center because everybody always stayed there. It connected the school community in a unique manner. I also vividly remember the sleepover we had at school during the Girl Scout activity in order to earn our badges. When it comes to the

teachers, each enabled me to become the lady that I am today. I can't say I have a favorite one but the ones that impacted me the most are Mrs. Voruz, Mr. Elive, and Mr. Ndonga. Each in their own way gave me both academic and emotional support when I needed it. What I love the most about ASD is the diversity in the community. In five years I will probably be in South Africa getting my Bachelors in Medicine and fur-

thering my studies to become a medical doctor. My advice to the younger ones is try their best, to never put things to tomorrow and to make sure that they come to school to learn

and not just for the grades. Once you learn and understand, the grades come on their own... on this note ASD was the beginning of a long road and I can't wait to open the next chapter.



## Labor Day By Kimberly

As you may all know, this past Wednesday was Labor Day. Many countries around the world have a nationally recognized Labor Day; Cameroon's is on May 1st. It is a holiday which celebrates workers, as labor also means work. We did not have school on that day as it was a public holiday. We hope you all enjoyed your free day and were able to relax while spending time with loved ones! Happy (belated) Labor Day!



**RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2019-2020**

Dear Parents,

It's time to re-enroll for the 2019-2020 academic year. To reserve a place for your child(ren) next year, please fill out the re-enrollment form below and return to the school office by **May 24th 2019**. You can also find it in the next edition of the Talking Drums and in the school office.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know of your plans for next year. Of course, we are aware that some of you will not know whether or not you'll be here until later; please update us as soon as you know.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Michael Breece

Director

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NB. The registration fee of 300,000cfa should accompany this form. Families with more than one child at ASD need only pay the registration fee for one child in advance.

**My child/children will be returning to ASD next year.**      Yes                  No

**NAME OF STUDENT**

**GRADE FOR 2019-2020**

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Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_