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From the Director's Desk by Michael Breece

As you know, our annual celebration of Cameroon Week will begin on Tuesday, May 21st, following the public holiday National Day on May 20th. Cameroon Week is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about the cultures and traditions of the various regions of Cameroon.

The week will kick off with an all-school assembly on Tuesday morning, which will include a rundown of the week and a presentation by some students. Later that day, our Grade 5 class will be visiting a local school nearby to gain a better understanding of what learning in a Cameroonian school is like.

On Wednesday, there will be a quiz bowl, in which students' knowledge of Cameroon will be tested in a fun competition. Grade 3 will also visit a local school on this day and students from a local school will be visiting ASD.

On Thursday, our students will learn and play traditional Cameroonian games with other classes within ASD. Traditional games are part of nearly every culture, and it will be great for students learn about the traditional games of Cameroon. On this day, students from another local school will be visiting ASD to learn alongside our stu-

dents.

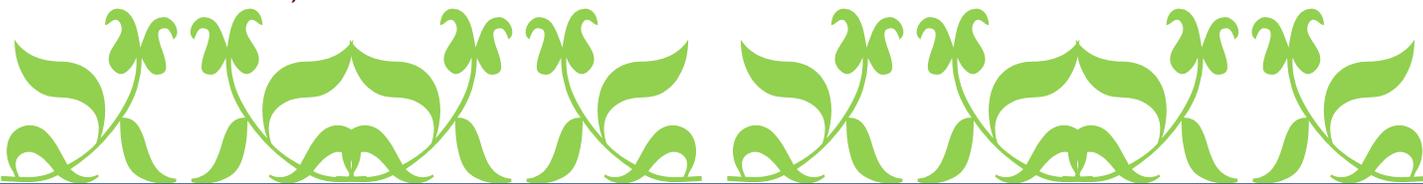
The last day of Cameroon Week, Friday, will include a program of student performances and a display of some student learning from the week. This will be followed by a sampling of Cameroonian dishes. Parents are invited to join this program, which will start at 1:00 pm in the auditorium.

Also, as a side note, students, teachers, and staff should wear outfits made from the Cameroon Week fabric on Tuesday and Friday. We look forward to a great week of learning more about Cameroon!



Mark Your Calendar

Boys' Soccer Tournament	May 18
Cameroon National Day	May 20
(NO SCHOOL)	
Cameroon Week	May 21-24
MAP Testing	May 27-29
Ascension Day	May 30
(NO SCHOOL)	



Counselor's Corner

by Nika Bowens



On Thursday evening, ASD held its third National Honor Society induction ceremony. The ASD chapter adviser, Ms. Ronette, welcomed seven new members and honored two graduating seniors.

Leadership. Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

National Honor Society, more commonly known as NHS, was established by the United States-based National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) in 1921. NHS is now recognized throughout the U.S. and at American international schools. NHS students are considered exceptionally well-rounded students who demonstrate a steadfast commitment to the four NHS pillars:

Character. The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.

Before the induction ceremony ended, we also recognized two graduating NHS members, Ericka and Goretti. Both students have actively participated in NHS activities, especially service learning. We wish them both well in their post-high school endeavors.

Scholarship .To be considered for NHS membership at ASD, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above.

Congratulations to Reina-Marie, Kimberly, Assil, Melvyn, Mia, Adriana and Sereine! Also, thank you to Ms. Ronette for her dedication to NHS and continued outreach in the Douala community.

Service . This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.



Senior Feature: Ericka

Name: Ericka

Years you've been at ASD:
13 years

Favorite memory of ASD:
I have too many favorite memories, I can't list them.

Favorite teacher: Mr. Elive

What do you love most about ASD: The fact that we are like a family.

University attending: New York University

Intended university major: Sociology (pre-med)

Where do you see yourself in 5 years: Traveling around the world doing, a lot of community service, and having some medical experience.

What advice would you give younger students: I would advise the younger students to dream BIG!



Senior Feature: Tina

Name: Tina

Years you've been at ASD:
7 years

Favorite memory of ASD:
Grade 7 field trip

Favorite teacher:
I do not have a favorite but Mr. Elive, Mr. Ndonga and Mrs. Bleecker had the greatest impact on my academics at ASD.

What do you love most about ASD:

Diversity of the community
Intended university major: Biology (pre-med)

Where do you see yourself in 5 years:
In five years, I will be suffering in medical school.

What advice would you give younger students: It doesn't matter which university you will be attending, but rather the way you will use the education re-

ceived. YOU are the one making the difference.



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Cameroon National Day By William

Cameroon National Day is on Monday. The Cameroon government chose the 20th of May because they wanted to commemorate president Ahmadou Ahidjo's abolishment of the federal system of government in favor of a unitary country in 1972. The celebration of the National Day is usually characterized by singing, carrying out parades or marches all around the different parts of various

cities. Speeches are made in Yaounde by President Biya and other important government officials. In the regional headquarters, it is ruled by the governor. Divisional Officers preside over the day in their various divisions.



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Prom By Reina

Prom, also known as promenade dance, is a formal dance or gathering for high school students. This event is typically held near the end of the year. Prom is a major event for most, if not all, high school students. Prom is a night to have fun and dance the night. During the evening, a prom queen and king will be crowned based on students votes.

The ASD prom will be held this Saturday. We hope everyone has a great night!

