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From the Director's Desk by Michael Breece

We had a fantastic week celebrating Cameroon!

The week kicked off with an all school assembly on Tuesday in which our theme for the week, Cultural Heritage and Royalty, was announced.

Throughout the week, students engaged in a variety of activities. Our students had an opportunity to visit Les Gais Lutins and Ecole Publique Bonapriso. Our students experienced firsthand how schooling in a local school is the same and

how it is different. They joined lessons and played with the other students during their break time. Students from those two schools also visited ASD and joined in lessons including French, ICT, and PE.

On Wednesday, our students participated in a quiz bowl to test their knowledge of the various regions in Cameroon and on Thursday, our students also played a number of traditional

games including Zingzazoo, Sizo, Tabala, Chocholi Choli Cho, and Madame Mukussa.

The week ended with an all school event on Friday. Students from various classes performed dances from the different regions of Cameroon. This was followed by a food tasting of Cameroonian dishes.



Mark Your Calendar

MAP	May 27-31
Ascension Day (NO SCHOOL)	May 30
PTA Bake Sale	Jun 7
Board Meeting	Jun 11
PTA Meeting	Jun 12
HS Graduation	Jun 14

Senior Feature: Keysha



Name: Keysha ships we have as well.

Years you've been at ASD: 13 **University attending :** University of Cape Town

Favorite memory of ASD: Playing in the treehouse during breaks in Lower School & the WAISAL (or any other tournament) trips in high school. **Course of study:** Major in Law, Minor in Marketing

What do you love most about ASD: The sense of family we have and the intergenerational relation- **Where do you see yourself in 5 years:** Getting a Masters in Law and then working in Cameroon and all over Africa.

What advice would you give younger students:
Enjoy all the time you have now because those will be some of the best years of your life, work hard and learn different things and find ways to make the world or people around you better (and yourself too).

Senior Feature: Maxim

Years you've been at ASD: 3

Favorite memory of ASD: First day

Favorite teacher: All teachers are equally amazing

What do you love most about ASD: The opportunities the school provides

University attending: York University

Where do you see yourself in 5 years: Richest young man on the planet

What advice would you give younger students: Never give up



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Map Testing

During the next two weeks, ASD students will take MAP exams to assess what they have learned throughout this year. For those who are unfamiliar, MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. Students from kindergarten through 10th grade take the exam. The exams assess your acquired skills in four areas: science, reading, language and math. ASD students take the exams three times each year: September, February and May/June.

The last exam in May/June provides a final end of year assessment for students to determine their skill level. Unlike many standardized exams, MAP tests are untimed. Therefore, students are encouraged to take the exam seriously and thoughtfully answer questions. MAP exam results are used by teachers to understand where a student's skills currently are and what skills can be improved.



Ascension Day

On Thursday, May 30, Cameroon will observe a Christian holiday: Ascension Day. The holiday was originally called The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, and sometimes referred to as Holy Thursday. Ascension Day is a holiday that commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

For everyone who celebrates, we wish you a joy-

ful holiday. For those who do not celebrate, please enjoy a restful day!

