



International School Of Tanganyika

Essentially Elementary

Thursday 4th March, 2010

From the Principal

Attention all Parents!

We want to remind you about proper times to get your children to school, and then to pick them up in the afternoon. The school day begins at 7:10 a.m. each morning. If your child arrives after 7:15 a.m. he/she must report to the Elementary Office in order to get a "Late Admittance" from the ES Secretary. She, then, makes a note in order to calculate the total number of "late days" which is recorded on the report card. It is very important for all the children in the class to start the day together, so that late arriving children do not interrupt the lesson that has already begun. We want teachers to make the most of the class day, but this requires your assistance in getting your child to school on time.



In addition, we note that some parents are habitually late in picking up their children at the end of the day. Our teachers still have a great deal to do after the school day has finished, at 12:30 p.m. for EC children and at 1:15 p.m. for children without activities, and 2:15 p.m. for students with activities. Children remaining at school beyond the pick-up time must go to the Elementary Office to wait for their parents or drivers because that is the only place we can provide supervision after the class day. Please help us keep your children safe by picking them up at the proper times.

Thanks,

Dr. Peacock
Elementary Principal

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday 5th March

Assembly @ 7.30am, Hall – come enjoy the opening Cinderella act!

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th March

Cinderella Production @ Little Theatre

Wednesday 10th March

Grade 5 Coffee Morning @ 7.20am, Staffroom

Saturday 13th March

EC/KG Fun Day @ 10am in the EC/KG playground and on the veranda

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th March

Scholastic Book Fair, SS Library

Thursday 18th March

Student Led Conferences – not a normal school day, scheduled times for classrooms and open visits for specialist areas

Friday 19th March

Activities assembly @ 7:30am, Hall or Covered Court (TBC)

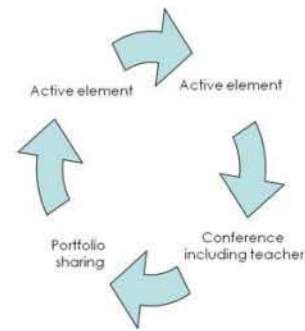
Thursday 25th March

Library Lecture Series @ 7:00pm, SS Library

Picnic In the Park @4:00pm 4th&5th Grade squad area

Celebrate March into Literacy Month with a visit to our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair!!** The Secondary School Library will be sponsoring this Book Fair on March 16, 17 and 18, from 7:15 am to 3 pm and parents are WELCOME to have a look at what's on offer! The books are geared towards middle school readers but there will be something for older and younger readers as well, and will be reasonably priced starting at \$3. Please make some time to stop by the Secondary School Library on those days.

Student Led Conferences what do they look like?



Your children's conferences will allow them to lead you through their classrooms with organized active elements (activities, games, tasks), share their ever growing portfolios and discuss their strengths and goals alongside the teacher.



Each conference will be 40 minutes in total, split into intervals of approximately 10 minutes depending on how each grade level has prepared individually. Your child may follow a plan to remind them where to go next.



Other opportunities for the day will include visiting our specialist areas which we strongly recommend. Your child's week comprises of many different factors and their knowledge and understanding within each area can differ considerably. It is always interesting to view their strengths, or indeed challenges, first hand. Allow your child to take you to our language classrooms, the PE hall, music rooms, IT labs, art rooms and other areas such as our learning resource or EAL classrooms.

Now that you have received a letter from your child's grade team and a scheduled time for the day, please confirm that time with teachers and look forward to a personal invitation from your child.

Please note the EC playground will be available for siblings on this day should this be necessary but only for your conference time—please do not take siblings into the conference.

See you on *Thursday 18th March*.

Jill Lawson, PYP Coordinator

READ between the LIONS



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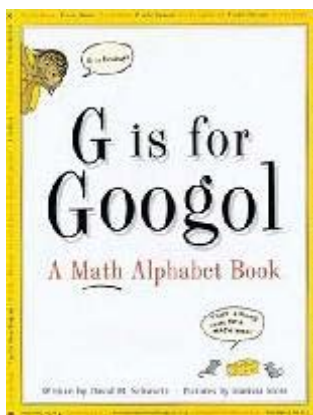
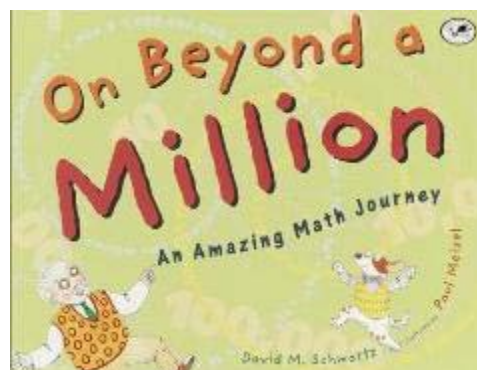
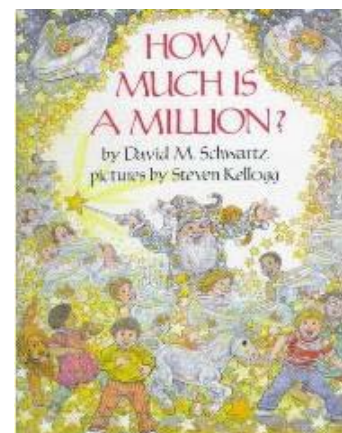
Mathematics in the library!

It seems that several students were quite surprised this week that a maths alphabet book could be so interesting! David M. Schwartz' book, *G is for Googol* gave us a brief look at the interesting world of mathematics. We learned that a googol is an incredibly large number! It is written as a 1 followed by 100 zeros. It is astonishing that it is much bigger than all the atoms in the entire universe! There isn't a googol of anything anywhere! We then really tested our brains' ability to understand big numbers by learning about a googolplex, which is a 1 followed by a googol zeros!

If you are interested in other books by David M. Schwartz such as *How Much is a Million?* and *On beyond a million : an amazing math journey*, please ask at the elementary library. We have a very good collection of interesting mathematics books available. It was also World Maths Day on Wednesday 3rd March. For more information see <http://www.worldmathsday.com>

See you in the library!

Sue Toms
Elementary Librarian










Counsellor Coffee Morning
Friday, March 12th
7:15 – 8:45 a.m.
Secondary Campus
Room B4

Topic: Sidestepping the Power Struggle

When you understand your child's behaviour, you are better equipped to redirect misbehaviour rather than reward it. By identifying what your pre-teen/teen really wants when she/he misbehaves, you can avoid being drawn into a power struggle. Instead, you will be able to help your child choose the positive approach to reaching his or her goal.

If you would like some tips on how to redirect your child's misbehaviour through effective communication, come along to the talk next Friday.

Topics to be discussed include the following:

-  The Goals of Misbehaviour
-  Natural and Logical Consequences
-  Why Parents Shouldn't Use Scare Tactics
-  Teen Guidance Principles for Parents
-  Dissipating Power Struggles
-  Using 'Door Openers' and an Action Plan
-  The Five-Step Process for Problem-Prevention Talks

Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at bstgeorge@istafrica.com

Brenda St. George,
Counsellor

EC/KG Ponies, Pirates and Princesses Fun Day
Saturday, March 13 10 a.m. to noon

All EC/KG students and their families are invited to a Ponies, Pirates and Princesses Fun Day on Saturday, March 13th from 10 a.m. to noon in the EC/KG playground and on the veranda. There will be dancing, crafts, face painting, and tatoos. It is a pot-luck event, so please bring in a tasty snack to share!!

Hope to see you there!! Questions?

Please contact your class parent or Becky McElroy (0754788952 or email rhmcelroy@bellsouth.net) the EC/KG parent group coordinator

Save the date!

Our evening Library Lecture series resumes on Thursday, March 25, with a lecture on dynamite fishing in Tanzania given by Jason Rubens of the World Wildlife Fund, TZ, and others. It will take place in the Secondary Library, starting at 7 pm for coffee/tea and cake, 7:30 pm for the lecture. We hope to see you there!

Physical Education News

Dar Independent Schools' Basketball League

We are just over half way through the basketball league and all our teams and coaches have been working hard to improve. Finals days are fast approaching when rankings will be finalized and all children receive rewards. Here are the team records so far:

	Won	Lost	Points	Rank
Grade 4 Girls	0	2	2	5th
Grade 4 Boys - Team 1	2	1	5	5th
Grade 4 Boys - Team 2	2	1	5	4th
Grade 5 Girls	2	2	6	3rd
Grade 5 Girls	2	2	6	4th

This week's games are at the following times:

Friday 5th March

Grade 5 Girls v Genesis at 2.30pm
Grade 5 Boys v Laureate at 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th March

Grade 4 Girls v Aga Khan at 2.30pm
Grade 4 Boys Team 1 v Super Mary at 2.30pm
Grade 4 Boys Team 2 - No Game

Inter-school Swimming Galas

IST will host a Swim Squad Gala on Monday 22nd March, with teams from DIA, DIS, HOPAC and The French School also taking part. Swimmers will receive information letters soon. The gala will be from 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Inter-house Competitions

The next inter-house competition will be T-ball for Grade 4. This will take place on Friday 12th March from 7.30am to 8.30am. Parents are welcome to support!

Posted by Neil Cook (PE Coordinator)

IST is off to an exciting start to the ISSEA Basketball tournament in Harare, Zimbabwe. To follow up on our team's progress check out the website below. Results will be entered in near real time. Keep rooting for our teams!!!

GO TWIGA

HIS website address: www.his-zim.com

On the home page you will find the link to the ISSEA Tournament results

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Picnic in the Park is set to go ahead on Thursday, March 25th at 4:00 p.m. in the 4th and 5th grade quad area. This very popular family event is now in its fifth year. Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy the entertainment which will be provided by.....

YOU
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CALLING ALL TALENTED PEOPLE

We know that many of you have hidden talents! Now is your chance to share them. We are looking for a variety of short performances from parents, teachers, children and friends.

Can you sing?
... or dance?
... or play an instrument?
...or juggle?
...or conjure rabbits out of hats?
...or make us laugh?
...or do you have some other way of entertaining us?

* See Miss Tracy or Mr. Kowbel in the Music Department to arrange to have an audition, or email us

pkowbel@istafrica.com twright@istafrica.com

*Closing date for entries is March 19th.
No item should be longer than 3 minutes.*



A place in the Sun for everyone!

DAR ANIMAL HAVEN'S FITNESS FUNDRAISER AND BOOK SALE CHARITY EVENT

Date: Friday, March 19th, 2010
Time: Booksale - 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Aerobathon – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Venue: IST – Secondary Campus
(Booksale – Rm C9, Aerobathon – Rm B4)

Free Admission to the Book Sale!
(Hundreds of second-hand novels, as well as, dvd's & magazines - all at low prices)
As well, there will be displays on understanding your dog better, DAH's work, etc.

Admission to the Aerobathon:
Adults 20 000 TSH, Students 10 000 TSH
(Sponsorship Forms available soon)
Wear Comfortable clothing and trainers. Bring a towel, water bottle (refills of water available) and mat if you have one.



All Proceeds will go towards DAH's educational programmes, as well as their sterilization and immunization projects in and around Dar. They vaccinate dogs and cats against Rabies and chickens against New Castle Disease. They also sterilize feral cats, stray dogs, and pets of owners who do not have access to veterinary services or who cannot afford them.

This event is being organized by the IST Dar Animal Haven Community and Service Group. More information coming soon about our raffle, prizes and sponsors.