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How Immersed Are You?

Dear AMIS Families,

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting Spain for a seminar that focuses on issues that surround International Spanish Academies (ISAs) which AMIS is one of two in Ohio. During my visit I managed to struggle through a conversation while making a purchase. I speak very little Spanish and the sales associate spoke very little English, but I found out that he knew more about the happenings in the United States than I knew about Spain.

As you may have guess what came to me next was an epiphany. Even though I

work at an immersion school on a daily basis I have yet to crack the surface of the culture that surrounds me every day.

I don't know as much as I think I know.

Don't laugh at me yet! I applied my situation to what parents really know about how instruction is truly delivered and how to enhance the learning in a specific area for their own child. My answer will be revealed on **Tuesday, January 27th at 6 p.m.** when I and Mr. Sippel provide a workshop for parents. All of us have been through school, but we will provide you with a practical and meaningful presentation

that will have you actively participating during the evening.

Now you do not have to travel out of the country to get a lesson in immersion or to test your language skills. You can reflect on how you can make learning and language better by taking a look at yourself. That's not a great distance to travel, is it?

I look forward to seeing you on the 27th.

Yours in Education,

Sherwin Q. Ealy, II
Principal

Special points of interest:

- *1/9 Report Cards Go Home*
- *1/9 LSDMC 8:00 a.m.*
- *1/16 Professional Development-No Students*
- *1/19 MLK Observation- No Students*
- *1/27 PTO- Education Night 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

AMIS AWARDED GRANT

The Sallie Mae Fund has awarded AMIS a \$2000 grant to help support the mission of our school! The grant was originated through our partner-in-education, General Revenue Corporation located in Montgomery.

Partners-in-Education help schools out in a variety of ways such as providing financial and material support, utilization of business facilities, mentoring tutoring, etc. General Revenue has been a partner of AMIS for six years.

We are certainly appreciative of The Sallie Mae Fund and General Revenue for all that they have done and continue to do for AMIS.

The SallieMae Fund
www.salliemaefund.org

Thanks!

Math/Science Night a Huge Success!

We want to recognize the efforts of our 6-8 grade students that took the challenge to show why math and science is really neat stuff. Over 225 parents and children came out for academics and delicious spaghetti.

The AMIS PTO co-sponsored the event with donating a Wii in a raffle

and finding parental support to ensure that the evening ran smoothly.

You may check the AMIS website to see pictures of this event and others. Just type:

amis.cps-k12.org

Thanks for providing support for an out-

standing evening!

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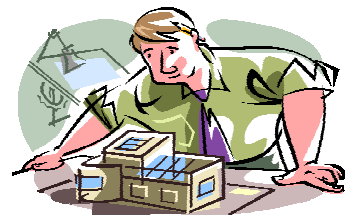


Students,

Do your very best to make honor roll! The Marvin Lewis Community Fund and the Bengals will be sponsoring a huge gathering to celebrate academics. We have two quarters left to "make the grade". Get to work!!!

New Building in 2010

Progress looks a little slow on the new building. However, the schedule is right on-track. Demolition should be occurring in the next month or so. You can see sketches of the new facility in the center hallway in the coming days.



The Costs and Opportunities of Bilingualism

A investigation conducted in Canada four years ago revealed that official bilingualism is to have cost its citizens close to \$60 billion. The cost stems from the official adoption of the French language in 1968. It has been estimated that at least 4 billion has been spent on training public servants annually. It is obvious that knowing and mastery a foreign language can yield a financial reward. Consider being a translator.

We actually have teachers that earn extra funds in the summer doing translations for hospitals and other businesses. Learning a foreign language has its rewards!