



# The Ambassador

NOVEMBER 17, 2016

**International Focus**



**2nd Quarter:**  
**November, December,**  
**January**

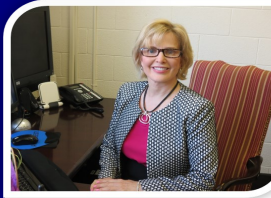
**Eastern Europe**

**Possible Choices:**  
Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Romania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Moldova

**Organizations:** [EU](#)  
**Concept:** History of Communism, Balkan Conflict



**AMBASSADORS**  
**CHANGE THE**  
**WORLD!**



## The Academy of International Studies at Rosemont

### Dr. Jannette E. Martin, Principal

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

We have just ended our first quarter and you will receive your child's report card today. Please know that the entire AOIS community takes pride in helping our students reach their highest potential. Teachers are available for after-school tutoring on Tuesday and/or Thursdays from 3-4pm. Bus service is provided. Parents are encouraged to utilize the ParentVUE portal so they can keep current on their child's progress. Parents are also encouraged to meet with their child's teacher to discuss academic progress. Please contact Ms. Williams, our school counselor to set up a meeting. We look forward to supporting students to ensure their academic and career success.

We have had a wonderful first quarter. Students not only have excelled academically, but have had the opportunity to participate in several international activities including a NATO visit, India Delegation Visit, and World Carnival as well as our school dance. We look forward to continuing to provide learning activities that support our rigorous academic and global focus. Have a great Thanksgiving!

**Academic Excellence**

Honor Roll Assemblies will be held Wednesday, December 1. The assemblies will begin at the times listed below:  
6th grade - 8:30-9:00am  
7th grade - 9:05-9:30am  
8th grade - 10:05-10:35am  
Parents are invited to attend!



**District Assessments**

Students will complete their Quarter 1 District Benchmark Tests Friday, November 18 in their core subjects. Results from these tests will be used to gauge students' mastery of objectives and to determine how to remediate students who have not mastered objectives in each subject area. Portions of the tests will also be used for diagnostic purposes to determine what students know about content that has not been taught yet.

**International Education Week Celebration**

Academy students experienced various cultures thanks to student presentations from Old Dominion University's Cultural Relations Department Wednesday, November 16. Students were highly engaged while learning about Turkey, China, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, and South Korea. International Studies Leads to Cultural Understanding!



**\*Check out our new Middle Years insert!!**

# MORE NEWS...



## Chorus Notes

Congratulations to **Lamarah Gonzales, Charlotte Leib and Dontrius Dixon** who will be representing AOIS in the District II All-District Chorus. Job well done! We are so proud of you!

The **Chorus Winter Concert** will be held Thursday, December 15 call time is 5:45pm and the performance will begin at 6:30pm. Please come and share with us.

## National Junior Honor Society

This is the season for giving...

The National Junior Honor Society will be sponsoring our annual Gift Box. You will find joy in knowing that your gift has brought a smile to a gracious child. Please donate the following items to our Gift Box by bringing in all items to Ms. Williams by Friday, December 16. The following items are requested for donation: Toys, Books, Crayons, Markers, Pens, Pencils, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves, Hats, and Socks (All items must be newly purchased) Thanks so much for helping us support our community!

## PTSA No Uniform Day Reward

All student members of the PTSA will enjoy a no uniform week, December 5-9. Students may pay their membership dues right away if they have not already joined the PTSA. Please be mindful that this privilege is only for student members, and we expect our students' good character to shine through as we allow them this reward. NPS dress code policy will be enforced, and students are reminded not to wear clothes that are too tight, too short, or too revealing.

## Barnes & Noble Bookfair

### AOIS BARNES & NOBLE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOOKFAIR—December 2

Please support our Holiday Book Fair Friday, December 4 and help us to raise money for our school library. Our school budget is based on

the number of students we have at our school. Our students are very strong readers, and great literature is a must! Our current budget is very limited and does not allow us to purchase all of the materials that we need to support our readers! Higher costs of books in print, ebooks, and playaways make it tough for us! There will be lots of activities taking place! The cadets will get things started with the presentation of colors! Once again, we will include Maker Spaces—Ms. Beckman and art students will be creating wheat-paced murals. Mr. Jones and science students will be working with owl pellets, and Mr. Witowski and his technology students will be working with 3D printing and robotics. We will also have the best yearbook club gift wrappers this side of Virginia on hand. You won't be disappointed! Oh-and don't forget to bring your little ones to visit our Readers Theater sponsored by the AOIS Book Club. It will be a fun time for ALL! Everything you purchase will support our school whether you purchase online or in the store. You can even grab a snack from the B&N Café (pizza and more), and yes it will count! You may also purchase cheesecakes from Cheesecake Factory at the fair for your holiday dessert. Make sure whenever you make a purchase that you give the **VOUCHER NUMBER-- #12038360 to support our school.** **Without the voucher number, our school will not receive credit.**

Several students from each grade level were able to attend a program offered by the Norfolk Sister Cities and a delegation of people representing the country of India. Our students were able to see the way color influences Indian culture, taste Indian food and learn about a variety of spices, hear traditional music from the country, and learn to play the sport of cricket. The day's events were spotlighted on Channel 13 News. Go to the following link to see information about the program: <http://www.13newsnow.com/features/norfolk-students-discover-indian-culture/344185109>

## PBIS CARNIVAL

The PBIS Carnival will be held Wednesday, November 23. The carnival will take place from 11:10-12:40pm. This event will be packed with lots of fun filled activities like Corn Hole, Photo Booth, Bowling, Basketball, Line Dancing and more!

## Junior Scientists

Mr. Jones and the Junior Scientists took part in a butterfly learning lab at



Nauticus on Saturday, November 12. An educator from the Butterfly Society of Virginia shared the fascinating life cycle of the Monarch butterfly.

## Mark Your Calendars!!!

### November

23-Early Release, PBIS Fall Carnival  
24-25-Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

1-4 Chorus Nutcracker Performance  
5-9 No Uniform Days-PTSA Members  
2 Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Fair  
Chorus Chrysler Hall Performance  
7 Jingle Bell Jam Performance  
9 Early Release  
13 Orchestra Winter Concert & General PTSA Meeting 6pm  
14 STAR Reading & Math Assessments  
15 Chorus Winter Concert & General PTSA Meeting 6:30 pm