

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that our school recently completed a successful Imagine School of Excellence Review. A team of eight Imagine Educators from Virginia, Missouri and Georgia visited IAS from February 22 – 24, 2010 to conduct classroom observations and interviews with staff, parents and students, and to review policies, procedures and school documents. The review team's report provided our school with 50 commendations and 38 recommendations. Academic Achievement led the way with 14 commendations! The School of Excellence Review served as a great practice to prepare for the final steps for our school's accreditation.

Before you know it, we will be hosting our first Quality Assurance Review (QAR) from Advance-Ed, our accrediting agency. We have submitted our Standards Assessment Report (SAR) and we are very pleased with our results. On Thursday, February 4, 2010, we had a Pre-Visit with our chairperson for the QAR visiting team, Ms. Pat Summers. During this meeting we discussed the logistics for the upcoming visit such as hotel accommodations, transportation, and meal arrangements, as well as the schedule of activities for the two days.

During the QAR visit, the team will interview the Principal, the school leadership team, teachers, students, parents, board members, and members of the community. The team will also examine artifacts and practices that provide evidence of the seven standards: 1.) Vision and Purpose, 2.) Governance and Leadership, 3.) Teaching and Learning, 4.) Documenting and Using Results, 5.) Resource and Support Systems, 6.) Stakeholder Communications and Relationships, and 7.) Commitment to Continuous Improvement. These are the standards that all accredited schools are expected to meet and our school is in compliance with these standards. You may read more about the accreditation process at <http://www.advanc-ed.org/>.

Congratulations to our 8th grade students and middle school team!

All 8th graders passed the 8th Grade Georgia Writing Test. We are excited that our 8th grade students are one step closer to graduating to high school.

Only 21 more school days until the CRCT begins on April 14th!

Please continue to have students review basic skills on Study Island and the Georgia On-line Assessment Program. Also have our students continue to read nightly 30-60 minutes. We are looking forward to our students performing well in all content areas!

Uniform Update

Uniform Depot will take orders for spring clothing on April 1st and orders will be delivered just after spring break. Please ensure your child is in uniform attire each day. Now that winter is making an exit, we should be able to be more compliant with IAS clothing and not need as many non-IAS accessories. Again, please ensure all students are in uniform daily.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.