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THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF GUADALAJARA

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Dear Middle School Parents,

It was great to have seen most of you during our grade level Open House meetings that took place over the last couple of weeks. Overall, 270 parents attended the meetings and were able to get to know their children's teachers and become more familiar with each grade level's curriculum and way of doing things. I applaud those of you who attended the meetings and invite you to send me any feedback you may have about how to improve the meetings and how to increase attendance. Please send me an email with any ideas you'd like to share so that we can make these meetings more effective in the future (david.markman@asfg.mx).



ASFG Middle School Student Council Elections

Last Friday all MS students gathered in the auditorium to listen to the speeches of the candidates running for the offices of Secretary, Historian, Treasurer, and Vice President. On Tuesday, we will gather again to listen to the candidates for the office of President give their speeches and answer questions from their classmates about what they're plans are if they are elected. This year, there are 23 students running for the 5 student council offices. This is by far the most participation we've ever had. I attribute this surge in interest to the work of both Micah Cook and Kristen Fry. Before last year ended, Mr. Cook began promoting student council and encouraging students to run for office. From the beginning of this school year, Mr. Cook and Ms. Fry have been meeting with students and helping them organize their campaigns and working with them on their speeches. This was evident on Friday as the speeches delivered by

the candidates were by far the best that I have ever heard. There is a great deal of enthusiasm for this year's Student Council and I am grateful for the work its sponsors are putting into it to give our students this great opportunity for enhancing their leadership skills.

I look forward to Tuesday's speeches and then the elections that will take place on Thursday. Congratulations to the following 2008/2009 Student Council candidates for their efforts to improve the middle school and have (or will on Tuesday) bravely addressed their almost 400 classmates :



October Events

October is a very busy month. Please mark your calendars with the following dates and activities:

- Friday, October 3rd is Middle School Rec Night from 7:00pm to 10:30pm.
- Friday, October 10th is the last day of the first bimester
- Friday, October 17th are the Middle School Parent / Teacher / Student conferences. There are no classes on this day as parents and students come to pick up the first bimester report cards and meet with teachers.
- October 20-24 is the 7th grade trip to Kin Camp in Queretaro
- Saturday, October 25 is Family Day/ ASFG Service Learning Fair
- Friday, October 31st is Halloween / Dia de los Muertos. School is dismissed at 12:00

Sincerely,

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