

# ASMSA Parents Association

## A “Well Kept Secret”

### 2011-2012 CALENDAR

#### October 19<sup>th</sup>

Futures Forum

#### October 28-30<sup>th</sup>

Dolphin Weekend

#### November 12<sup>th</sup>

Open House

### A Special Note of Thanks

**Vicki Hinz**, ASMSA Development and Special Events Coordinator, was the guest speaker at the PA Meeting in September. Mrs. Hinz made a special presentation to the Johnson's who had actively participated in the recent golf tournament. She also provided information and opportunities on getting involved in the ASMSA Ambassadors. Thanks Vicki!

### *A Word from your Vice President*

*Is it just me?* I'm still adjusting. Thankfully, other parents are helping me along this adventure. But, mostly I'm excited!

To be honest, there are still days that I miss having my son at home. However, **every day** I get a chance to tell someone I know about what ASMSA has to offer. I am so thankful for these amazing students, this school and the Parents Association (PA)!

For those of you who were able to attend the first P.A. meeting in September, thank you for hanging around after attending classes all day – we had over fifty people in attendance – the room couldn't have held many more! What a great way to start the year! Sandra Gilmore, our President, ran a great meeting – we had fun, conducted efficient business and learned more about ASMSA. And, we had great homemade snacks (thanks **Jeana Stout** for coordinating) and adjourned ahead of schedule!

I was impressed by the number of parents who readily spoke up to volunteer. There were many willing to serve as project champions. I know there are more of you out there.

Please let us know if you would like to serve in any way. Contact us on

Facebook or go to the Parents Association link on the website at [www.asmsa.org](http://www.asmsa.org).

I call ASMSA a well kept secret, and I have to tell you...I'm not great at keeping a secret when it comes to good news. Spread the word! Let's join our hearts and hands together to support the student's ASMSA experience.

After all, *no one has more invested in their success than we have.*

Thank you....*Martha Carlson*

### **Want more information?**

Are you receiving a daily email from Kim Singleton at ASMSA – the “Today at ASMSA”...if not, check your spam folder. If it is not there, please email her at [SingletonK@asmsa.org](mailto:SingletonK@asmsa.org) and ask her to put you on the email list. These are very timely and very informative!

Couldn't attend the P.A. meeting in September? Go to the website and click on the Parent's Association link at the bottom. On the right you will see PDF files that include the minutes of the meeting.

## HOODIES are coming!

Logo Champion  
**Tracy Sublett**  
reports that **Hoodies** are coming soon. Pre-orders will be taken. A sample is posted on the PA bulletin board in the RLO. Please check the bulletin board in the RLO for more information.



facebook

Check it out....

while not everyone is on **Facebook**, those of you who say it has been very informative.

We have 97 friends, 7 are students or faculty. We have 230+ students, so please be our friend. It can be a great communication tool!

**ASMSAParentsAll@  
groups.facebook.com**

## ASMSA Board Meeting Recap

In mid September, a regular meeting of the ASMSA Board of Visitors was held with the PA's VP, Martha Carlson, attending. Did you know that legislation establishes that the Parents Association has a representative on this Board? For more information on legislation regarding ASMSA, see the ASMSA website under the "about" tab, then under the "our mission" tab.

The September board meeting was particularly informative and fun as it included lunch with the students, classroom observation and a tour of the facilities. A new board

member from Fort Smith commented on how impressed she was after her first visit to the school.

Dr. Hugo shared the fabulous news that the school had received additional funding that would allow for the finishing out of Phase I of the construction project.

As a parent, you will be glad to hear that the new building has a beautiful, open plan with lots of the outdoors shining in! It is evident that ASMSA leaders have worked hard to make the new facility a reality and have put a great deal of thought into

the design.

Annie Wang was at the meeting to represent the students. Annie is the SGA President. The SGA is in full swing and is working with administration to address student needs, including a request for a student tour of the new facility.

We will keep you updated on future meetings and how we can work together to support ASMSA and the students toward success!

## Going above and beyond.....

Teresa Hall is the Dessert Chef (is that a cool job, or what?) at the school. Her daughter, Ashley, is a senior. On our PA Facebook page, she posted before the start of school:

*"If your child has a particular dessert or snack that they are especially fond of...let me know and I can work that into the menus, or better yet, send me the recipe YOU use and I'll do my best to make it taste the same as if they were getting it from home....I'm willing to do whatever I can to make their stay at ASMSA more home-like."*

Now, that is SWEET! **Thanks so much Teresa.** We appreciate all you've done to help the parents and students get a great start to the year.

## Quotes

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*"The illiterate of the future are not those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn!"*

*"The world is moving so fast that the person who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it!"*