

A.S.A NEWSLETTER



Dear ASA Family,

We are super thrilled to reach out to families of our youngest scholars: Our Pre-Kindergarten parents along with our ever so committed and engaged senior members. Pre-Kindergarten wing inaugurated in January 2025 has already been beaming with giggles, laughs and sobs likewise. While it was absolutely overwhelming to witness your participation during Parents Conference, it has been amazing to see your trust in Dual Enrolment and Early College High School pathways designed for our High School students. Olympiad medals, beach cleanliness drives, storytelling, womens day, father's day and mother tongue day have been some of the opportunities for Team American Schools of Angola to deliver our mission: #BeExtraordinary.

In no time, we are already off to our Spring holidays after a highly charged beginning of Semester B. We wish you all great time to rejuvenate and recharge.

Dr. Babita Parashar
Academic Director

In this
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you can expect:

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HAPPY PARENT TESTIMONY

ASA is undoubtedly a school that cares about the development of its students and works not only with their intellectual development but also with their emotional growth, which we can say is one of the most important factors for success in life in all aspects.

I can say that ASA is more than a school, it's a big family.

One of the most interesting things is that ASA works individually with its students, respecting each one's rhythm and developing their potential. I've had two children at ASA since 2020, 10-year-old Paulo and 11-year-old Clara.

Both were one of the first students and this is where I intend to keep them until they go to university in the United States and this is incredible because we can have our children here in Angola by our side and know that they are receiving the education of a first world country, this reassures my heart as a mother who is concerned with preparing them academically for the extremely competitive world and at the same time having them by my side receiving all the family support necessary for the formation of their character.

I am grateful to God for this school, grateful to Dr. Agostinho and the entire team of teachers, assistants and psychologists at ASA.

Ms. Karina Claro

★ WISDOM WEAVER ★

Dr. Denise Rodrigues, our Middle and High school Psychologist is an epitome of care and compassion. Her domain expertise transcends her bond and affection with everyone around.

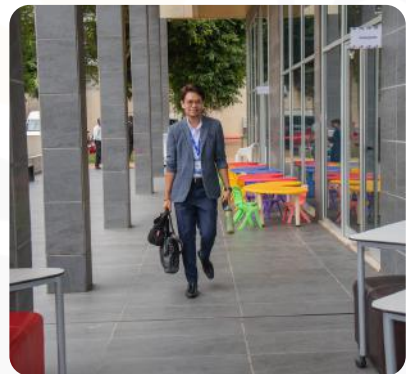
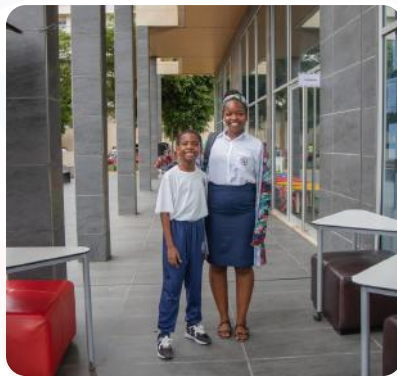
We celebrate your presence as an asset to American Schools of Angola.



BACK TO SCHOOL

After the wonderful Christmas and New Year holidays, filled with relaxation, celebrations, and quality family time, we're back at school, full of fresh energy and excitement! It's that time again when we joyfully welcome our students for another amazing semester.

We can't wait for the warm reunions, the chance to make new friends, and the exciting challenges that will inspire all of us to grow. Our dedicated team is here and ready to make this time one of development and achievements. Let's make 2025 a year filled with transformation and success together. We're all set for an unforgettable school year ahead!



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PARENTS TEACHERS CONFERENCE

The American Schools of Angola held a Parent-Teacher Conference this Friday, reaffirming its commitment to fostering genuine collaboration with families and addressing important issues related to students' academic futures.

A key highlight of the event was the presentation of the partnership with the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), one of the most respected institutions in the field of technological innovation. This collaboration offers students access to exclusive programs and educational experiences that integrate Angola's quality teaching with global best practices. It prepares them for the challenges of an increasingly globalized and technological world.



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SCHOOL TRIP TO MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM

To celebrate the 449th anniversary of the city of Luanda, we provided our students with a unique experience by visiting the National Museum of Military History, located in the Fortress of São Miguel. This visit was an enlightening journey that allowed the students to connect with the rich and vibrant history of Luanda and gain insights into the historical challenges the city has faced over the centuries.



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INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

We celebrated International Mother Language Day, a date established by UNESCO in 1999 to recognize the richness and linguistic diversity that shape cultural identities around the world. In our international school, where students from diverse backgrounds come together, this day reminded us of the importance of each language as a guardian of cultural heritage and a bridge between generations.

We were delighted to welcome Grandma Belina, a relative of one of our teachers, who taught us Kimbundu, her mother tongue, and Ryszard Fung, of Asian origin and a UNESCO representative, who shared their stories and traditions, highlighting the importance of mother languages in preserving cultural identity and education.

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STUDENTS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



DJELANY LOPES

Women play a very important role in Angolan society in different ways, some women stay at home and clean, cook, and take care of the children, some women work selling things on the streets, these women are known as Zungeiras.

Some women have taken to the offices and some even own companies. Women have made significant progress in Angolan society and likely will continue to play a prominent role.



CLARA GASPAS and ISAAC FERREIRA

Present and Future Today, women work hard in all areas of life.

They run homes, take care of children, and work in offices, schools, hospitals, and many other places.

Despite their dedication and hard work, women often do not receive the recognition or rewards they deserve for all the work they do.

For example, many women work long hours and perform the same tasks as men, but often do not receive the same pay.

In many countries, women still earn less than men, even when they do the same work. And this is not fair, because they are just as capable and hard-working as anyone else.

Going forward, it is important that women receive equal pay and recognition for their hard work.

THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Our staff gathered to honor International Women's Day with a heartfelt celebration. The event focused on appreciating the unique qualities that women bring to our educational community, including their strength, sensitivity, wisdom, and creativity. Both faculty and administration participated in a special program recognizing the profound impact women have on society and their crucial role in shaping future generations. A highlight of our celebration was a meaningful gift-giving ceremony, where female staff members received tokens of appreciation for their invaluable contributions to our school community.

Our celebration acknowledged women as powerful agents of change who have consistently challenged social norms and fostered meaningful transformation throughout history. The gifts served as symbols of our gratitude for their dedication, resilience, and the diverse perspectives they contribute to our educational environment each day.

The event provided an opportunity to reflect on the varied contributions of our female staff members across all departments, celebrating their professional excellence and commitment to our students. It was a reminder that each woman's identity and personal journey deserves respect and appreciation.

As we concluded our celebration, we shared our wishes for women worldwide to achieve their dreams and continue making their impact on the world.



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VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is believed to have originated from the ancient Roman festival, called "Lupercalia", a fertility celebration in mid-February, which the Catholic Church later transformed into a Christian feast day honouring a martyr named St. Valentine, The exact details about St. Valentine are unclear, but legends often portray him as a priest who performed secret marriages against the orders of an emperor, leading to his execution on February 14th.



Ana Sirgado, Rosales Miguel,
Olivia Fragoso, Isaac Ferreira
and Amogh Bhardwaj

Normally on Valentine's Day, people are offered flowers, chocolates, clothes and jewellery. It all started because on England 18th century it grew an habit for couples expressing their love by presenting flowers and gifting cards known as valentines. Valentines day is a day that is about friendship and love.

My thoughts on Valentine Day are that it should not be limited to just one day. I think people should celebrate love every day, but valentine day is a good thing as an annual event.



DJELANY LOPES

There is a difference between how Valentines Day is celebrated in America and Western Europe and how it's celebrated in East and North Europe.

In the USA and Western Europe (England, France, Spain, Germany, Italy) St. Valentine's Day is a highly commercialised occasion, many people buy gifts, book fancy restaurants, get flowers and more, in western Europe there a few unique traditions such as gifting pigs in Germany but it's mostly very commercialised.

SCHOOL TRIP TO NATIONAL SLAVE MUSEUM

Middle and high school students visited the **National Slavery Museum** in Luanda as part of an educational activity aimed at recovering Angola's historical memory. With the academic staff, the students explored the museum's collection, which depicts the history of the transatlantic slave trade from Angola to different parts of the world, and the central role that Angolan territory played in this process. During the visit, they were able to see objects, documents and original structures that bear witness to one of the most painful chapters in the country's history.

The activity is part of a wider effort by the school to promote the teaching of African history from a local perspective, valuing the memory and culture of the Angolan people.



INTERNATIONAL STEM OLYMPIAD

The American Schools of Angola proudly congratulate our 7th graders, **Amogh, Olivia and Djelany**, for their outstanding performance in the recently concluded Science pre-final exam for the **International STEM Olympiad**, held on 23 February 2025.

Among hundreds of participants from all over the world, our extraordinary students shone brightly.

They are invited for finals to be held in Barcelona, Spain.

The International STEM Olympiad is an international online competition in which students from grades 1 to 12 take part, with questions designed according to the principles of STEM education.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students, as well as the guidance of their mentor, **Mr Jayrald Steve Jose**. The American Schools of Angola is delighted to see our students excelling globally, and we are very proud of their achievements!



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FATHER'S DAY

We celebrate those who guide, inspire, and transform the world through their wisdom and resilience with love and dedication.

On this special day, we honor all fathers who, through their care and wisdom, shape the citizens of the future. Your influence and example are the foundation for building a better world.





The American Schools of Angola
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Happy
FATHER'S
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WORLD WATER DAY

In celebration of World Water Day, our Middle and High School students participated in a cleanliness drive along the Mussulo coastline. This initiative was organized under the Sustainability Club to mark this important day. Teachers and students worked together to collect solid waste and garbage from the seafront, raising awareness about the importance of preserving water resources and reducing pollution.

At the American School of Angola, we're committed to nurturing responsible citizens who understand the importance of environmental stewardship. This initiative perfectly aligned with our Sustainable Development Goals and Education for Sustainable Development values.



JADIEL NETO

Friday the 21st we decided to go to Mussulo on a school trip and of course... I was very scared because to reach Mussulo you need to go by boat...

To me it's scary to travel by boat having a lot of people inside of it sitting next to you, but somehow, we got there, and it was cool! Those lovely wooden houses with tables and chairs. It's so nice there!

When we arrived there first thing, we put our bags on the tables while we waited for the others to arrive. As soon as the rest of us was there, we started cleaning the beach and it was great because we helped to keep the beach clean.

After that school activity, we went swimming and it was amazing. I was so happy!

We played together in the water and after that we had lunch.

Finally, we took a group picture because it is always important to create souvenirs from this special time, we had all together.



SHAEL LEMOS, DJELANY LOPES and ROSALES MIGUEL

On March 21st we went to Mussulo to pick up trash and have fun.

It was like a fun summer schooltrip with our colleagues. We arrived at Mussulo at about 9am, we organised our things, had a quick snack, swam a bit and then we went to work.

We were split into two groups picking at least 6 bags of trash.

Some groups found strange things such as a pufferfish's carcass, dead fish and "weird smelling bottles."

Swimming was a great part of the trip!

Some students collected seashells, found peculiar little sea critters and started races!

The weather wasn't the best in the morning but it quickly improved during the afternoon! Later we ate some delicious food and relaxed. We sat by the shore and socialised before going back to the school to wrap up the day.

It was a memorable day that we won't forget!



CLARA GASPAR and ISAAC FERREIRA

Getting to Mussulo

Our trip started when we arrived to the school boat. The trip to Mussulo was smooth, under good weather conditions and a beautiful view of the ocean. Everyone was chatting and laughing, creating a relaxed atmosphere. It took us not too long, and before we knew it, we had arrived at the island.!

As soon as we got to Mussulo, we took our bags to the school area. We had to wait for around 10 minutes for the other boat to arrive, so we just sat and talked while waiting. The place looked nice, and the day seemed promising.

The Beach Cleanup

Once everyone was there, we started organizing teams for the beach cleanup. This was one of the best parts of the trip because it felt like we were doing something important. The goal was to pick up as much trash as possible in order to keep both beach and ocean clean.

Even though it was supposed to be a competition, I focused more on the fact that we were helping the environment.

We collected a lot of trash—probably around 15 bags, though I’m not exactly sure. It was surprising to see how much garbage there was on the beach. The work wasn’t difficult, but it made me realize how important it is to take care of nature.

Lunch and Fun at the Beach

After finishing the cleanup, we had lunch. I was really hungry by then, so I enjoyed the food. It was nice to sit with my friends, eat, and relax. After lunch, we went to the beach. We swam, played games, and just enjoyed our time together.

The water was warm, and the weather was nice, so it was a good way to spend the afternoon. Some people played beach volleyball, others relaxed in the sand, and some just stayed in the water for a long time. I enjoyed swimming and talking with my friends.

Heading Back Home

After spending some amazing time at the beach, it was time to leave.

We packed our things, went to the boat, and headed back home. The ride back was calm, and everyone seemed a bit tired from the day.

Final Thoughts

The trip had many good moments. The beach cleanup was a meaningful activity, and spending time with friends made the day even better. The food was great, and the beach was a fun place to relax. It was a nice experience overall, and I’m glad we went!

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HAPPY WORLD STORYTELLING DAY

Today was a special day filled with magic and enchantment as we celebrated World Storytelling Day with our teachers. The room was filled with smiles, laughter, and stories that transported us to incredible worlds. Throughout the day, we journeyed from one tale to another, each more fascinating than the last. We explored fairy tales, epic adventures, and mysteries to solve. Our teachers, with all their wisdom, guided us through these journeys—not only as storytellers but also as great motivators, helping us improve our memory with fantastic games.

But it wasn't just about listening! We also had the chance to create our own stories, and with the help of our teachers, we became the protagonists of our own tales. It was a day of free imagination, and in the end, we all reflected together on the power of stories—how they teach us, move us, and connect us.

Today, we celebrated not just stories but also our ability to dream, imagine, and create. It was an unforgettable day where teachers and students came together to share the magic of storytelling, exchanging our favorite tales with one another.



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LUANDA TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION

We are proud to share that American Schools of Angola is a member school of **Luanda Taekwondo Association**. This recognition comes after tireless efforts and excellence exhibited by our students under the discipline and training of **Mr. Bruno Hernandez**, our PE coach and 4th Dan Taekwondo Master. Sharing some glimpses of the review and mentorship visit by **Mr. Justino Caunda Jamba**, **President of the Provincial Taekwondo Association**.



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