

## Message from the Head of School...



I do hope that all members of the Awty Community are enjoying the fall term here at school, including the slightly lower temperatures. We often say that the best work in schools is accomplished in the period from August to Christmas-time. Perhaps you are noticing this too in the work and play habits of your children. We certainly enjoy having the opportunity to teach the children and to serve and collaborate with your family, as partners in their education. I hope all parents have received the recent brochure, introducing the Counseling Department and the services it provides here at Awty. Contact the school should you have any questions or suggestions. We are all here to help.

As part of our Strategic Planning initiative, and as a follow-up to the Strategic Plan itself, which you have all received, you may be interested to know that the school is holding a meeting for all parents at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 in The Globe to discuss the implementation of the plan as it stands so far. Board members and members of the Administration will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the road map to excellence which Awty is committed to following over the next five years. We aim to be over by 5:00 p.m.

Our International College Fair last month on September 23 was a magnificent success. We hosted representatives from 70 universities and colleges and from 10 countries. We welcomed over 500 visitors to the school. Events like this continue to place The Awty International School on the map, as one of the leading international schools in the country. Congratulations to Director of College Counseling, Mrs. Day, and her team upon a first-class job.

Work continues on schedule on the construction of the Awty Athletic Stadium, which should be finished in the spring of 2008. The attractive new fence along Awty School Lane is almost complete and looks very good, I have to say.

Over Fall Break I chaired an Accreditation Team to The British School of Rio de Janeiro. This is a school which is similar in size to Awty and which is one year ahead of us in the accreditation cycle with the Council of International Schools (CIS). The visit, which involved a team of 22 teachers and administrators from all around the world, provided me with an insight as to how our own team visit with CIS will be organized in October 2008. Our Self Study, which is the first part of the accreditation cycle, is being completed by our faculty and staff and should be sent to CIS by next summer.

Please find also a copy of the Awty school calendar for 2008-2009, attached to this edition of the eCommunique.



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Next month's Homecoming match on October 13 will be a wonderful occasion for us all to catch up with former and current parents, students and friends of the school. This is something that we wish to build upon over the coming years. Because of the international nature of our enrollment, it is not always possible to keep a close track on where our former students are currently living and working. However we have set up a "Get Connected" page on our website specifically dedicated to Awty Alums. See if friends of yours have registered yet at [www.awty.org](http://www.awty.org).

Enrollment in our expanded MS/US Mandarin programs is exceedingly pleasing. We now have more than 80 students studying the language; twice our numbers from last year. Please also note that our enrollment in Dutch still has space. For those parents with children in the Pre-School and Kindergarten only, we have Dutch Plus available after school. For further details, contact the school.

The Fall Fun Festival 2007 takes place at school on Saturday October 20. I look forward to meeting and chatting further with many of you at that time.

With my best wishes to all in the Awty community.

Dr David Watson  
Head of School