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## LIONS NEWSFLASH

### MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTORATE

#### SODEXO UPDATE

We have great news to share with AIS parents:

We have been informed that you can now link foreign bank accounts to your child's lunch card account.

We ask you to log on today to add money, so that all accounts are up to date.

If you have any problems please contact Sodexo at: [814700.afnorth.nl@sodexo.com](mailto:814700.afnorth.nl@sodexo.com)

**\*\*Tip** - if attaching a German bank account click on the tiny "all payment options" link and use **Sofat** to pay with a German bank account.

If you have not yet put money on your account because of these difficulties you will need to ensure all negative balances are up to date and enough credit is available for at least a few lunches.

Once logged into the lunch account on-line, you can click on "details" and you will be able to see exactly what your child is eating.

#### BUS TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Dear Parents

As you are aware, at the beginning of the new school year we have been busy starting up the new bus contract with a much larger catchment area. We have appreciated your support and communication to help solve the early issues. However, we have been informed that a number of unexpected and multiple road construction activities are taking place or will take place on both sides of the border (Netherlands and Germany). The Directorate, together with the Bus Coordinator, are in the process of seeking information regarding these construction sites from the various local and provincial authorities so that we can plan accordingly. We are also in contact with the regional bus companies to find out what

actions they will undertake and/or detours they will be creating as we may well want to use some of their detours. This is a time consuming activity especially trying to find the responsible authorities and contact person for these projects.

Please be aware that we are looking at all the routes and the options we have, given the local circumstances and the information we have been given to date. We will make every effort to keep you informed about developments, possible adjustments and/or changes to maintain the bus service to and from school.

In the meantime, please be informed that buses may be delayed because of the road constructions. It is standard procedure to remain at the bus stop for about 30 minutes as all buses will finish their stops. At the point that the bus coordinator is informed about a possible delay, a message will go out to all national offices in the school. If your bus is late you can call your national office to find out if a delay has been reported.

### **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

If you have not yet signed up, and would like to be included in the Emergency Notification System, see the instructions on the next pages.

The system will notify you in case of school closure due to inclement weather or technical difficulties, or in case of an emergency.

The Directorate

**36th TERRY FOX RUN**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 14:00**

**Millions of students**  
**Hundreds of thousands of teachers**  
**Thousands of schools**  
**The same dream**  
**A cure for cancer**

**Donation collection will begin on Sept. 18th and will run until the day of the race. Everybody is welcome to join in the run!**

Gander, NF  
348 km Apr 21

St. John's, NF  
63km Apr 12



## AFNORTH International School Directorate

AFNORTH International School is implementing an Emergency Information System. You need to subscribe if you want to be part of the system. This system ensures we are able to contact you immediately in case of severe emergencies or in case we have to send important and urgent messages to you. We ask that you sign up to be included in this system before September 4th. If you have any questions regarding this system, please contact the Directorate or your National Section.

Information The service we are using is provided by Picasse (see <http://picasse.com>). AIS is not allowed to use the personal information we have on file, because it was not collected for that purpose. In case of critical occurrences we will inform all registered parents by using a text message plus phone (voice message) and e-mail. You will need to have a smartphone or an "old school" cell phone. People with a smartphone have the additional option to install the "Picasse Ontvanger" (android/IOS/windows phone) application.

To **Register** we need the following information from you:

Your e-mail address, first name, last name and cell phone number.

1. Visit our schools website: <http://afnorth-is.com/info-center/parent-support/>
2. Choose: Parent Support
3. Use the password: secret
4. Complete the Google Form
5. Hit the Send Button. This information will be sent to: [erie@afnorth-is.com](mailto:erie@afnorth-is.com)
6. Wait for an acknowledgement e-mail
7. Within 3 to 4 days, you will receive confirmation of your registration
8. Check that your information is accurate. Contact [erie@afnorth-is.com](mailto:erie@afnorth-is.com) if the information is incorrect.
9. You can install the Picasse Receiver app at this point, if you wish to use this additional tool.

### **The Emergency Notification System explained.**

#### **The following notifications categories will be used:**

In case of severe emergencies or in case we have to send important and urgent messages to you.

1. Inclement Weather: School begins late. More information will follow ASAP
2. Inclement Weather: Early Dismissal. More information will follow ASAP
3. Inclement Weather: School is closed. More information will follow ASAP

**In the event of inclement weather:**

- a risk assessment will be done by the Director in consultation with the Management Team.
- Parents, pupils and staff will be notified by radio broadcast if classes are cancelled or if bus routes are running late or not operating.
- AFN and WDR are contacted by the Directorate. The announcements will also be carried in the German language wherever possible.
- An announcement is placed on the school web site
  - ◇ The website: [www .afnorth-is.com](http://www.afnorth-is.com)
  - ◇ Follow our school twitter @AFNORTH\_IS, on the web: [https://twitter.com/afnorth\\_is](https://twitter.com/afnorth_is)
  - ◇ Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AFNORTHSchool>

Inclement weather notifications take place ONLY when classes are being cancelled, bus services are more than 30 minutes late or being curtailed. Where pick-ups on specific bus routes are definitely known to be considered behind schedule, radio announcements will also be used to minimize the time that children will need to wait outside for their buses.

**In the event of technical problems, the following notifications will be used:**

4. Technical Problems: School is Closed. More information will follow ASAP
5. Technical Problems: Early Dismissal. Buses depart at ... hours. More information will follow ASAP

**In the event of a critical situation the following notification will be used:**

6. Lock Down: We have a critical situation. Do not contact or come to the school. More information will follow ASAP

In case an armed person comes into the building, hostage situation, or violence within one section of the school.

- The school will go into a lock down. In this case it is very important that you don't block the telephone lines and streets around the school. Please do not call the school or your child. Keep the lines free. Do not come to school. The security forces of JFCB HQ and the Netherlands will do their best to protect your children. You will receive further information as soon as possible.

**In case the building is not safe the following notification will be used.**

7. Full evacuation: School will be evacuated. Do not contact or come to the school, more information will follow ASAP

The school will evacuate to JFCB HQ or - on advice of the authorities - another location deemed to be safe. In this case it is very important that you do not block the school telephone lines and streets around the school. Please do not call the school or your child. Keep the lines free. Please, do not come to school. The security

forces of JFCB HQ and the Netherlands will do their best to protect your children. You will receive further information as soon as possible.

**How to use the "Picasse Ontvanger" app:**

Add the following Picasse contact on your phone: +31642500091 and name the contact: AFNORTH Alert

Configure the app "Picasse Ontvanger" to prevent power drainage on smartphone: deactivate GPS (just in this app), deactivate Bluetooth (just in this app)

In case of concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the Directorate via: erie@afnorth-is.com

USAG BENELUX-SCHINNEN

# YOUTH CENTER

Wi-Fi

Mix Room

Skateboard Club

Teen Zone

Homework Lab

Come and check out the Youth Center located on JFB Brunssum, building H-602

**We offer variety of programs and activities**

- Sports & Fitness
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking Club
- Video Games
- Video and Photo Editing
- Field Trips
- Music Production
- Free Snacks

Homework help and computer lab access

**Open to all US and NATO eligible Youth in grades 6-12**

Contact Us for More Details:  
DSN: 364-3121/2023  
Commercial: +31 (0)45 526-3121/2023

U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

U.S. Army MWR

**Please remind your child to sign up for the after activity bus BEFORE 14:00 every time. If they are not signed up for the bus (and other arrangements have not been made) , they will not be allowed to participate in the activity.**



**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

We request you notify our offices by email or telephone by 9:00. Absences will be excused after receipt of the parent's email or phone call. **Please use only the following email to report absences: [Canadian-attendance@afnorth-is.com](mailto:Canadian-attendance@afnorth-is.com).**

When a Middle school/High school student will be absent for 3 consecutive days or more, the parent must complete and sign a Preplanned Absence Form at least a week before the absence. This form can be downloaded from the [web site](#) or picked up from the office.

The student will collect homework assignments from all of his/her teachers and the principal's approval / signature. The student/parent will provide the office with a copy of the signed form, in order to update records / excuse absence.

**STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL WITHOUT AN EMAIL OR PHONE CALL FROM PARENTS AHEAD OF THE EVENT!**

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

ATTENDANCE: canadian-attendance@afnorth-is.com or +31 (0)45 527 8391

GENERAL OFFICE MS/HS: grete.timmons@afnorth-is.com or +31 (0)45 527 8201

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR: maria.lunney@afnorth-is.com or +31 (0)45 527 8201

NURSE'S OFFICE: +31 (0)45 527 8377

BUS OFFICE: +31 (0)45 527 8228 OR JOHN.BURGERS@EU.DODEA.EDU

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR CAFETERIA RELATED QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Early dismissal @ 14:00	18 September
Terry Fox run	28 September @ 14:00
Homecoming Dance (High school only)	30 September @ ICC
No Students—staff day	3 October
Early dismissal @ 12:25	20 October
1st Quarter ends	20 October
Autumn break	23—27 October
2nd Quarter starts	30 October
Early dismissal @ 12:25	14 Nov, 15 Nov (parent/teacher interviews), 16 Nov
No students—staff day	17 November
Early dismissal @ 14:00	13 December
Early dismissal @ 12:25	22 December
Christmas break	25 Dec—5 Jan

# EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

ORDER A YEARBOOK ONLINE (STARTING MONDAY) AT:

[WWW.BALFOUR.COM](http://WWW.BALFOUR.COM) FOR € 50

(AFTER SEPT. 15, THE PRICE WILL GO UP TO € 65)

OR ORDER A SENIOR PAGE ONLINE

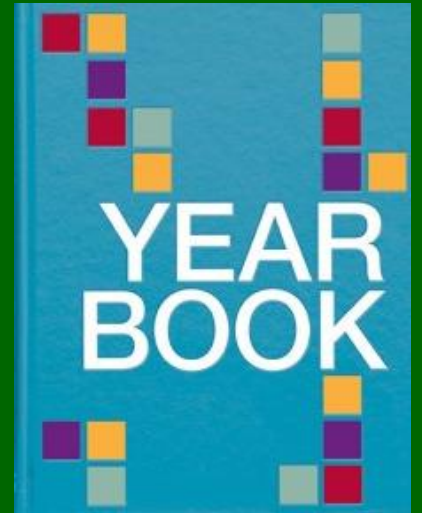
Use the school address as a delivery address when ordering online:

Street: Unit 21606

City: APO

State: AE

Zip: 09703



Or return the below ordering form with payment to the office.

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## YEARBOOK ORDER FORM 2017-2018

I would like to order a yearbook. € 50 are included. Books will be delivered to the school at the end of the school year.

Student Name: .....

Grade: .....

For Graduates only:

In addition, I would like to order a personal ad page. € 75 are included (total yearbook + ad: €125). Page design can be submitted at a later date.

A receipt for payment will be given to your student.



# ORCAS SWIM TEAM



## Competitive Training Season Begins 22 August 2017

**Swimmers Age 6-19  
JFC Brunssum Pool**

**Practices Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

**FOR DETAILS: [Orcas-swimteam.org](http://Orcas-swimteam.org)**



# Save the Date!

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## **AFNORTH International School's College and University Fair**

**Wednesday, November 8th from 1700 – 1900  
in the school cafeteria**

**Food Sales by Culinary Club  
Spirit Wear Sales**

**Parents, if you have questions, please contact Ms. Lunney at  
[maria.lunney@afnorth-is.com](mailto:maria.lunney@afnorth-is.com)**

