



Upcoming Events

Financial aid deadline

Monday, February 15, 2010

Financial aid applications for the 2010-2011 school year are due **Feb. 15, 2010**, the same deadline as new student enrollment. There are two funding sources for financial aid scholarships: revenue generated from the annual spring auction, and scholarships supplied by the Apogee Scholarship Fund.

Financial aid determinations will be made by the AMIS Education Foundation in partnership with AMIS. Only students eligible for Pre-K, Kindergarten, or moving from a public school to a private school are eligible to receive funds from the Apogee Scholarship Fund (however, once enrolled at AMIS, their eligibility will continue). Financial aid applications must be submitted **online** via <http://amisfoundation.org/applying-scholarship>.

Spring auction

April 2010, time, location to be determined

The annual school auction will take place in April. Planning subcommittees include Logistics, Marketing, Finance, and Donation and Sponsorship (includes Class Projects). Please contact Fran Gary, Auction Chair and Volunteer Coordinator at fdgary@aol.com to donate and volunteer.

Georgia Private School Tax Credit program raises over \$23,000 to assist AMIS families

Georgia tax payers are eligible to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit in exchange for their contribution to a state-approved Student Scholarship Organization (SSO). AMIS is partnering with the Apogee School Choice Scholarship Fund (to administer the program on its behalf <http://www.apogeescholarships.org>).

Contributions are \$1-\$2,500 for married filing jointly and \$1-\$1,000 for filing individually. C-Corporations can contribute up to 75% of their corporate tax liability and receive that amount as a dollar-for-dollar credit on Georgia taxes. Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) filers especially benefit from this program; a \$2500 donation would yield a \$3200 tax benefit.

Donors will need to complete two forms: an Apogee donation form (directing their donation to AMIS) and a GA IT-QEE-TP1 form. Please make checks out to the **Apogee Scholarship Fund**, Tax ID: 26-2693572. Since the GA Department of

Revenue may need up to 30 days to process the forms, Apogee recommends that families send their forms to Apogee together with their donation checks.

If you submitted your paperwork already, be sure to submit a check within 30 days of receiving your approval form to Apogee and include your approval form. Approval forms expire within 30 days.

For more information, e-mail the AMIS Apogee contact, John Panessa, directly at jpanessa@apogee360.com. Donation forms are also available on the round table in the AMIS lobby or through <http://amisfoundation.org/ga-private-school-tax-credit>.

First yard sale raises \$1680 for teacher training grants and the Foundation

The AMIS community came together to make the first AMIS Education Foundation yard sale a success. Your donations of unwanted items raised \$1680, with 75% of these funds budgeted for AMIS teacher training for this school year.

Adam Goldsmith and Caroline Cooley took some great photos of the event. Please visit the yard sale's web page at <http://amisfoundation.org/news/september-26-2009-amisef-yard-sale-success> to see their work and the smiling faces brought on by good bargains and Dawn Mumford's team of bake sale volunteers.

Willow lead teacher, Michelle Haggerty, Nido lead teacher, Mireya Aviles, and Sunflowers lead teacher, Shenika Nicholson, have been awarded \$300 training grants to attend the Association Montessori International (AMI) Refresher course in February, 2010 in Jacksonville, FL.

Classroom enrichment grants awarded to Sprouts class

As part of the AMIS Education Foundation mission, each classroom has been offered

a \$200 classroom enrichment grant for this school year.

AMIS teachers have until the end of the school year to apply for these grants.

The Sunflowers class has been awarded a grant to bring an animal encounter to AMIS for a day.

Visit the AMIS Education Foundation's website in the upcoming months to see the toddlers with the animals.

New board member

We'd like to welcome Nido and Terrace class parent Adam Goldsmith to the AMIS Education Foundation board as a member-at-large. He is co-chairing the auction Donation and Sponsorship committee. Please contact him at auction@amisfoundation.org.

Annual report

The AMIS Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a public charity. Our annual report for the 2008-2009 school year is available at <http://amisfoundation.org>.