

5th December, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

A New Dawn

It is the dawn of a new day. On the morning of November 5th 2008(**Lifeforte International's 18th birthday**), we awoke to the reality that the "Dream is True". The United States of America had voted in, Senator Barack Hussein Obama as the first ever African American president of the United States of America.

*Rosa Parks sat so Martin Luther King could march
Martin Luther King marched so Obama could run
Obama ran so our Children can soar and aspire unto unimaginable heights of excellence!
"The sky is not even our limit!"*

As we educate the leaders of the future the importance of becoming responsible global citizens cannot be overemphasised. We hereby call on all our dearly beloved parents to partner with us as we have the unique opportunity through these young ones to rewrite the history of an entire continent. As a school our mission statement states:

"We believe African Initiatives have been great and can be greater still and so in Lifeforte International School we inculcate a new mind set in our youths, to pull down strongholds of race supremacy, fill the valleys of superiority and inferiority complexes, militating against us as a black race. Straighten the crooked paths of lack of confidence and inadequacies smoothen the rough paths of wrong mind sets, lack of liberty and true identity soaring and aspiring for excellence and greatness in Christ."

As a black race we believe we have the challenging but exciting responsibility of showing the world that "we are black but comely" (Songs of Solomon 1:5). Our comeliness is not in the colour of our skin, but in the enduring legacy of our character and ideals. Our children live in a rare moment of opportunity where they must exhibit the wealth of creativity, ingenuity and character that will mark them out as global leaders who will stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers in all areas of endeavour and so break century-old prejudices and mindsets that have hitherto made the black race disadvantaged.

Parent of the Year Award

In the light of this, as we mark our 18th anniversary, we would like to give our first-ever Lifeforte International School **Parent of the Year Award** (to be celebrated at our Valedictory Service 2009) to Arc. Kunle Imoyo, CEO Amalgamated Estates Limited. Arc. Kunle Imoyo has exhibited character ideals that encapsulate the totality of wholesome relationship between the School and the Parent in raising up an enduring legacy of obedience and adherence to laws and rules as stipulated.

Arc. Kunle Imoyo, having been barraged by his son into coming for him earlier than the vacation date (5th Dec.2008) came down to Ibadan to see his son in school. Having assessed the situation, he found out that the actual motive for the call was not so much the chipped tooth, but his boy was just being a little ‘John Mark’ desiring to go home early. In view of this, he turned down his boy’s request to come home early instructing him unequivocally that ‘In life, you learn to abide by stipulated laws and rules’ and that the extracurricular activities designed and lined up for the students by the school was a must-attend for him. Subsequently, as he rose up to go back to Lagos, he graciously returned the exeat which had been prepared earlier on medical grounds and said to his son ‘payment has been made, join the school bus to Lagos’.

“Teaching a Noble Profession”

As a school we believe teaching to be the noblest of professions: Incentives were given to teachers and other professionals of long standing meritorious service, as part of our welfare scheme. Our staff stands shoulder to shoulder with their counter parts elsewhere as nation builders. Brand new Chery cars were purchased by the management of Lifeforte Internationals Schools for all staff who desired and deserved. God’s Kingdom come and His Will be done.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS TIME TABLE

	CLASS	EXAMINATION	PERIOD
i	Sixth Form (A2)	Cambridge A level	May/June 2009
ii	Sixth Form (AS)	Cambridge A level (for qualified students only)	May/June 2009
iii	Grade 12	Cambridge O level	May/June 2009
iv	Grade 12	WASSCE O level	May/June 2009
v	Grade 12	JAMB	April/May 2009
vi	Grade 11	Cambridge O level (for qualified students)	May/June 2009
vii	Grade 9	Cambridge Checkpoint (for qualified students)	May/June 2009
viii	Grade 9	Federal JSCE	May 2009
x	Grade 9	State JSCE	Date to be announced by the state Ministry of Education

Learning sans Frontiers

Lifeforte International School remains on the cutting edge of education with the introduction of the interactive whiteboard known as the Starboard. A Software driven technology combining graphics with a PC inter phase, the starboard allows direct access to the international network opening a whole new dimension in classroom learning. Teleconferencing, simulated experiments covering the three major branches of science, easy reference to dictionaries and the thesaurus, facility to display maps and diagrams downloaded from the internet, a variety of background templates to aid the teaching of subjects ranging from sports to music and an artist’s palette are some of the many features available on the starboard to make teaching interesting and learning fun. The school has invested in 25 Starboards at present for the use of the students both in the classrooms and the hostels.

Co-Curricular Activities

Morning assembly was well worth looking forward to and its stimulating variety of co-curricular activities contributes to the 'total' education of each child.

Spoken English lessons were valuable in polishing pronunciation, while the Spelling Competition, Science and Math Quiz events and 'What do you Know' Quiz enriched knowledge widely, encouraged healthy competition and fostered solidarity within the student body. The icing on the cake was the weekly Lifeforte News Broadcast which kept us abreast of world events including President-Elect Obama's sweet victory!

Destination Dubai!

This year's school tour promises to be most exciting. The students will be visiting one of the most emerging cities in the Middle East, Dubai and the group of 59 will be spending the 10 day tour of Dubai at the Sheraton Jumeirah.

Itinerary:

** A full-day tour of Abu Dhabi the capital of the UAE, with many of the city's striking examples of modern architecture, along on the way is the Jebel Ali Port, the biggest man-made port in the world.

** Dinner at Burj Al Arab Hotel, the seven star hotel and the only one of its kind in the whole world, soars to a height of 321 meters.

** Atlantis Aquaventure and Wild Wadi Waterparks, the ultimate in waterparks, featuring rides and slides, including the tallest and fastest freefall slide outside the U.S.

**The Dhow Cruise, discover the beauty of Dubai while aboard a traditionally decorated wooden dhow, sailing along the Dubai Creek under the moonlight with Oriental cuisine.

**The Desert Safari, a real adventure into the magnificent landscape of the unique sands of Arabia, with exciting roller-coaster tour down the astonishing high dunes, as the sun sets over this tranquil scenery.

**Ski Dubai – A complex built at the Mall of the Emirates, with its artificial snow. Simply a must- see for all tourists.

Shopping, shopping, shopping ...lots of fun!

This trip promises to be an exhilarating experience!!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Inter-House Sports and Special Novelty Event

The School's Inter-House Sports programme is scheduled for Saturday 24th January, 2009 and all our parents are cordially invited. In addition there will be a special double header novelty event lined up for that day:

- 1) Fathers versus Teachers Football match (first to score wins) and a
- 2) 50 metre Mothers' dash

It promises to be huge fun and parents interested in participating in these competitions can register in person, by phone (02-7519892, 02-7519919) or e-mail (lifeforte@lifeforte.com).

Appreciation

We appreciate you our dearly beloved parents for your patronage and prompt payment of school fees (see school bill attached). We deeply appreciate your labours of love. We continue to reiterate our desire to work with all our parents through 'Friends of Lifeforte'. Parents interested in partnering with us to build an indelible legacy for future generations are very welcome into this forum. Share your vision with us; we are eager to know what God has laid on your heart.

General

We encourage parents and guardians to monitor their children closely over the holidays. Please censor what they watch on television or do on the internet and ensure that they read their Bibles daily and pray regularly. Finally, we encourage you to review their reports and term's work.

2nd Term (Bloom) begins on Monday 5th January, 2009.

On behalf of the CEO, entire management and staff, I wish you all a wonderful yuletide season and the riches of God's blessings in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Grace Aina
Principal