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*Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored.*

*-Earl Nightingale*

Welcome to the January edition of LIS News. On behalf of Luanda International School, I would like to wish all families a happy new year. Hopefully the December holiday presented you and your family with some quality time to relax and reconnect with each other. As you are well aware, finding family time in this busy day and age can be challenging, but remains extremely important to fostering healthy relationships with your child/children. How will you prioritize quality family time in 2018?

December is always a bittersweet time as we bid farewell to families and friends from the school. However, we continue to welcome new families to the school. My sincere thanks to the PTA for hosting the recent new parent coffee morning.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

About 18 months ago, the school implemented an identification card and lanyard system. Feedback towards the end of 2017 indicated that a concerted effort and periodic reminders would help to ensure that safety remains a priority. In the month of January 2018, we will focus our efforts on tightening up procedures and expectations to ensure all staff, parents, drivers and domestic helpers wear their official LIS lanyards each day. Please make sure you wear your lanyard at all times while on the school campus. Anyone not wearing a lanyard will be directed to the main office to collect a temporary ID.

#### **Keeping cool:**

Please make sure your child is well prepared by sending your child to school each day with a hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent and water bottle.

#### **ACCREDITATION UPDATE:**

As stated in our values, LIS is committed to continual improvement. To support this value, LIS is accredited and authorized by organizations including the Council of International Schools(CIS). In November 2017, LIS submitted the First Report on Progress and Planning(FRPP) to CIS. I am pleased to inform you that the report has been accepted, and, therefore, LIS maintains its good standing as a CIS accredited institution. This is tremendous news for the school and a real testimony to our committed staff. The next stage of the CIS accreditation process will be the Preparatory Evaluation in the second half of 2019 followed by a Self-Study leading into hosting the next Evaluation Team. My sincere thanks to the task force members who helped to write the FRPP.

#### **WWW.LISLUANDA.COM**

The school's official website was suspended back in October 2017 due to an external hacking incident. A temporary site was established so that we could review and rebuild our content to align with our new mission, vision and values. We are proud to relaunch the official school website and hope that you will find this resource helpful and informative. The new website aims to tell our story, capture the spirit and mission of the school and provide key metrics for existing and prospective families. My sincere thanks and congratulations to the many staff and students that helped to reconstruct this fabulous resource.

#### **NEW TEACHERS 2018/2019**

Each year we unfortunately bid farewell to LIS teaching staff and must work hard to attract new staff. The school recruits teachers using a variety of strategies that include Skype conferences and face-to-face interviews. We also attend Search Associates teacher recruitment fairs held in various locations around the



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world and compete against many other international schools to find excellent educators. I am happy to report that our initial recruitment is proceeding well and that we continue to attract quality educators who are well informed about the many 'ups' and 'downs' that make living and teaching in Angola such a dynamic experience.

**KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday	31 January 2018	Digital Citizenship Coffee Morning
Saturday	03 February	LIS Varsity Swim Invitational Tournament
Monday	05 February	Public holiday - Armed Struggle Day / Início da Luta Armada
Friday	09 February	ASA – Trimester two ends
Saturday	10 February	Year 5-8 Basketball Tournament
Monday	12 February	No school for students only. Staff professional development
Tuesday	13 February	Public holiday – Carnival / Carnaval
Wednesday	14 February	PTA Meeting
Thursday	15 February	ASA Trimester 2 Showcase Evening
Saturday	17 February	Junior Varsity / Varsity Soccer Tournament
	22 & 23 February	Secondary Three-Way Conferences
Tuesday	27 February	Secondary Year 8 Arts Evening

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about your school. I encourage you to view our website and the class blogs for further information. I wish you....12 months of happiness, 52 weeks of fun, 365 days of success, 8760 hours of good health, 52600 minutes of good luck and 3153600 seconds of pure joy.

Sincerely,

Dylan Hughes  
Director