Delhi’s winter months saw AES’ swimming pool transformed from a solid and dependable yet decaying structure that has serviced the AES community well for the past 28 years. 

With a heavy dose of planning, drawings, ordering, renovating and adjusting, finishing, polishing and finally pooja’ing, the newly opened AES Aquatics Centre is a jewel in AES’ beautiful campus.

From heat resistant and anti-slip flooring to overflow gutters, new plant room, pipes and umbrellas, AES Pool ‘14 provides for the next phase of the AES aquatics program.

New features include lights to host training and competitions in the evenings, electronic touch-pad timing, new furniture, and a shade cover that filters out UV rays. Swim teams and classes have started, and everyone can agree the water’s feeling great!

Visiting Delhi?
We look forward to welcoming you back to campus. Please email aesindia@aes.ac.in to coordinate your visit.

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From the Director

From the Office of the Director at AES I offer my greetings to all who, via your presence at the school at sometime in the past, have become part of the history and tradition of this fine school. With just a few days of the 2013-2014 school year remaining, I am on the cusp of completing my first year at AES.

Before arriving at AES, I was told of the vitality and strong sense of community that exist at the school. These characteristics have certainly proven to be true over the course of the past ten months.

Our student enrollment this school year has hovered around 1440 students, PK-12. Close to 200 faculty members together with dozens of dedicated staff members have served these students well throughout the school year. We trust we have contributed to an outstanding education for our students and their families.

At this time we very much look forward to the High School Graduation Exercises that will take place on the evening of May 29. I would guess that most of our graduates have mixed emotions about leaving AES. It is time to leave, but it is also difficult to do so due to the many people and activities and sights and scenes they will leave behind. I am sure you join me in wishing our 2014 graduates all the very best in the years ahead.

I hope this brief news update from AES is of value to you. My best wishes to all of you for a pleasant upcoming summer or winter season, wherever you are in the world!

Best Regards,
Paul Chmelik
Director - AES
Out of School & Back to School

25 years ago, two AES teachers began a program to help neighboring children from the Vivekanand Colony prepare for their new school year as AES finishes ours. That tradition continues today. Recently 475 students received new backpacks filled with school supplies. Ram Milan, Vivekanand resident and AES Tech Dept employee says: “Every child in our Colony now goes to school. No one ever does begging, or street performing.”

Mad for Minecraft

It all started with the question, “Can we play Minecraft in school?” The answer led to a nearly year long project by Rahil, Siddhant and Nathaniel (The Grade 5 ES Student Tech squad) that culminated with students in two Grade 3 classrooms building a model of the Indus Valley civilization using the educational version of Minecraft. Working with Grade 3 teachers Kenda Daly and Melissa White, the Grade 5 ES Student Tech squad spent several weeks worth of recesses creating the Indus biome and planning challenges for the third graders. In the building phase, the excited Grade 3 students worked in teams of nine to create their vision of the Mohenjo Daro civilization using information researched from a variety of sources. After their structures were created, the objective shifted to how the teams could work together to have their civilization survive and thrive in the face of challenges like earthquakes, droughts and floods. In addition to having the opportunity to apply what they learned in an innovative and creative way, students also used a variety of thinking routines to improve their initial designs and practiced valuable communication, collaboration and team building skills. This is definitely one case where allowing a group of students to follow a passion led to an amazing educational opportunity for students and teachers alike.

On stage

Student productions this year included Arthur Miller’s The Crucible. Above: Frank Tavares ('14) as Reverend Parris and Lucas Swope ('15) as John Proctor.

On their way

Here are just a few schools where some of the 93 members of the Class of 2014 will be headed next year. Southern Hemisphere and European decisions announced this summer. Good luck!

UNITED STATES
The University of Alabama
Amherst College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Boston University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
College of William and Mary
Dickinson College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Le Moyne College
Mount Holyoke College
The University of the North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pace University
Penn State University, Harrisburg
Pitzer College
Princeton University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Sarah Lawrence College
Smith College
SUNY College at Geneseo
Truman State University
Tufts University
United States Air Force Academy
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
Western Washington University

UNITED KINGDOM
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
University of the Arts, London
KOREA
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

CANADA
Acadia University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto, St. George

Graduating seniors ranked their satisfaction with their college choice as 4.6 out of 5.
Not satisfied with simply celebrating Earth Day, Middle School students went a step further, identifying a common problem and looking for creative solutions...

**Middle School Environmental Leadership Summit**

This past April, AES hosted five other Delhi schools (Modern School VV, Modern School Bharakamba, Pathways, Carmel Convent School, Vasant Valley), along with 20 AES MS students, for an Environmental Leadership Summit. Dr. Marcus Eriksen inspired our students, and we welcomed Minar from the Vivekanand Colony to teach us about what trash is worth picking up, and what is not. Students visited Vivekanand to see the sorting of recyclables firsthand. It was a great opportunity for students to learn about the hard work of recycling our waste and understanding the importance of Smart Design when it comes to product packaging.

On Saturday, students also heard from Chintan and Swecha, from two local NGOs, to further develop a deep understanding of the problem with waste, as well as make the connection with human welfare.

By the end of the day on Saturday, students had identified a product that wasn’t getting picked up, brainstormed alternatives, thought about their audience, created a PSA video, and thought about how they could craft a campaign to raise awareness and bring about change. To view the final videos, visit the **MS blog page**.

**iPad Summit**

CREATING BEST PRACTICE

More than 200 educators from around the world joined AES faculty and staff in a three-day professional development workshop last November. During the summit, educators learned about AES’ 1:1 iPad program for students in Grades 2-8, and attended a wide variety of sessions on Pedagogy & Learning and Application & Transformation.

**Reaching out.** MS students combined forces with other local schools to examine recycling in Delhi.

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**Passion for Fashion**

In March of this year, a group of nine HS student designers and 35 HS student models took to the stage to premiere their haute couture line of fashion and, in the process, raised nearly US$18,000 for the charity Work+Shelter, providing safe work environments and appropriate pay for women. Organized by four students in the Class of 2014, **The Benefits of Fashion** was held in the beautiful gardens at the Dutch Consulate. According to one organizer, “The growth of the project from last year was incredible and to see the large involvement and passion for the cause growing was very touching.”

**Tiger Spirit!**

AES students competed in Delhi and abroad in a wide range of sports and academic tournaments.