



Kick off meeting

Monday Morning Network





*You survived the move and
arrived in your new country*

But ... now what?

Our Mission

“To support ASH families in settling and thriving in the Netherlands while building a strong community for everyone”



- MMN is a Parent Teacher Organization social committee open to new and returning ASH families. We hold weekly events, including informative presentations, social get-togethers, and exciting excursions. We provide a platform for the members of the ASH community to meet - mingle and explore the Netherlands together.
- We aim to provide useful information and to help develop a social network.



Let's dive in:
Your MMN Team



The MMN Team

- Caroline Giorgo (chair)
- Di PaunLagui (co-chair)
- Carey Lee
- Polyana Frangetto

Dad Coordinator Billy Porter

- Kompaan Brewery
- Axe Throwing
- Whiskey tasting
- Poker Night..and more





The MMN Team

Krista Plank
Veronica Barbon
Michelle McCormick



The MMN Team

- Natalie Grimbergen
- Jamie Tunnicliff
- Anastasia Vasilus



We are here to help you settle...

- Where to find things?
- Shopping?
- Driving?
- Doctors and Healthcare?
- Your next excursion idea?
- Public Transportation?
- Biking?
- Exercising?
- How/when to plant Tulips?

...and to have some fun

- Leiden boat tour
- Keukenhof Excursion
- Wine Tasting
- Shopping and Eating Excursion
- Tulip Fields Bike Tour
- Bulb planting
- Wreath Making
- Outdoor Exercise



Fall Calendar Discussion



MMN Fall 2024 Schedule

Date	Meeting
Aug 26	Welcome Meeting
Sept 2	Driving, Biking & Public Transportation tips
Sept 9	Healthcare in the Netherlands
Sept 16	Cooking & Shopping
Sept 17 (Tuesday)	Luifelbaan Walking Food Tour *
Sept. 23	Leiden Boat Tour *
Sept 25	Walk/run/refresh De Horsten/tea house
Sept 30	Historic Walking Tour Wassenaar
Oct 1 (Tuesday)	Wassenaar Langstraat Shopping Tour *





Driving, biking & public transportation

September 2

- How to navigate the dreaded roundabout?
- What's a "Fietspad"?
- Shark teeth in traffic?

- We will discuss important traffic rules to know and bike etiquette

Dutch Healthcare

September 9

- Huisartsen and Paracetamol
- Tandarts
- Spoedeisende hulp (urgent care)
- Ziektekosten verzekering (Health insurance)



Food, cooking & shopping

September 16

- Have you had “bitterballen” yet?
- Gouda (not “good-ah”)
- The Dutch “terrasjes”

... and other tips around food,
cooking and shopping in the
Netherlands



HELLO

My name is



Let's get to know you

- Where you are from
- How long you have been here
- What grade your children are in

6 TOP Tips from our MMN Committee

1. Read the Welcome packet on the MMN site for VERY useful information. Also to sign-up for MMN event - <https://www.pto.ash.nl/monday-morning-networking>
2. Sign-up for ASH buy and sell
3. Make sure you are on the WhatsApp group for your grade
4. ASH parents get an automatic membership to Hanos and Sligro. (Just bring your ASH ID)
5. Check out the ACCESS website for useful information about living in the NL's.
6. Learn a few words or phrases in Dutch – “Bedankt” – “Dank u wel”

Logistics with Jessica

- WhatsApp Community
- Website (pto.ash.nl)
- Meeting location (ABF)



Monday Morning Networking

WhatsApp group



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Parent Engagement



- ASH Weekly Newsletter - FLASH sent every Thursday
- Parent & Families web page - Volunteer Opportunities, Weekly News and Calendar Highlights
- Parent Portal - Handbooks, Schedules, Archive of Divisional Announcements
- ASH App - Weekly reminders, Menu, School Calendar, Photos
- ASH Socials - Instagram and Facebook, Smugmug

Any questions email: pr@ash.nl

Parent & Families Web Page

<https://www.ash.nl/connect/parentsandfamilies>



One of the greatest strengths at American School of The Hague is our active parent community. Parents are essential to ASH, and we deeply value their partnership and care. Each year, there are numerous opportunities for parents to support our community. Below are some opportunities for families to get involved.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Parent Teacher Organization
- Spirit Wear
- Parent Ambassadors
- Trojan Club
- Share Your Career Experience & Passions



The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a parent-led, volunteer organization, serving the parents, students, families, and teachers of ASH to enhance the experience for students and their families. The annual events include Halloween, the International Festival, the Winter and Spring Bazaars and more. For additional details, please contact the [PTO President](#).

Monday Morning Networking (MMN) is a PTO program to help new ASH families get settled and thrive in the Netherlands. Join the weekly meetings at 08:45 at the ABF. For additional details, contact the [MMN Chair](#).

[EXPLORE THE PTO WEBSITE >](#)

THE LATEST WEEKLY UPDATES

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Athletics
- Cafeteria Menu

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS - AUGUST 22, 2024

Dear elementary school parents,

We had a fantastic first day of school yesterday! Our students are already forming new friendships and learning routines, creating a strong sense of community in our classrooms. We're excited to continue building on this positive start as we learn and grow together this year!

Next week's events:

- Monday, August 26: First full day of class for PreK

Upcoming events:

- Tuesday and Wednesday September 3 and 4: MAP Testing grades 3 and 4
- Thursday, September 5: Back-to-School Parent Night

This special evening is for parents only and will be held in your child's classroom with the teacher. We are hosting an optional parent social in the atrium at both campuses 30 minutes before the formal presentation begins in classrooms. We will also be offering childcare on both campuses, watch for more information on signing up for this childcare.

- ECC: 17:45-18:30 (parent social in the atrium at 17:15)
- Upper Elementary: 19:00-19:45 (parent social in the atrium at 18:30)

We look forward to our first full week of school next week!

In partnership,
Michelle deKam Palmieri

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHIVED WEEKLY NEWS

No post to display.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CALENDARS

UPCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	Event	Time	Location
Saturday, August 26	Trojan 101 - Athletics Intro Meeting Fall Season Sports	17:30 - 18:30	Main Campus Cafeteria
August 27-September 6	Fall Season Tryouts	Check Athletics	Check Athletics
Thursday, August 29	High School Parent Coffee for New Parents (including Grade 9 parents)	08:45 - 09:45	New Mezzanine
September 4	PTO Meeting	08:45	New Mezzanine
September 7	bASH Community Event	12:00 - 16:00	ABF Field

[Key Abbreviations](#)
ECC: Early Childhood Center
UE: Upper Elementary

[DIGITAL CALENDAR
\(FILTER BY ACTIVITIES/DIVISION\) >](#)

[PARENT CALENDAR KEY DATES
\(DOWNLOADABLE\) >](#)

The specific date and times for all school events can be accessed on the [Parent Portal](#). Subscribe to the calendar feed to automatically populate the school events in your personal calendar. If you would like a downloadable Parent Calendar with key dates, please download the

Parent Portal



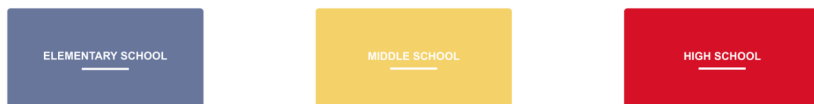
Visit ash.nl and top right corner, select Parent Portal.

Login using your primary email address and select “forgot password” (if you haven’t logged in this school year.) *This is also your login for ASH App so save in your devices.*



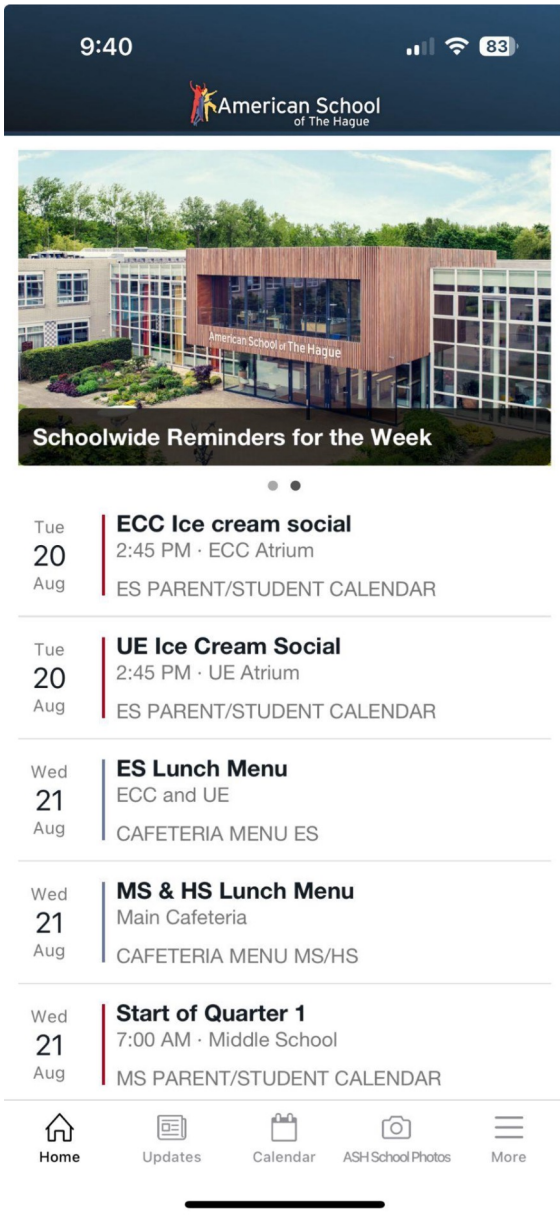
Once logged in, you will see your Principal’s messages, activities and clubs, all school calendar and athletic schedules.

DIVISIONAL PAGES



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ASH App

1. Download from Google Play or Apple Store
2. Login is the same as the Parent Portal

Information found on the App:

- ASH student stories and highlights
- Updates - Divisional and Athletics and other important weekly messages
- Calendar - Filter your groups
- More - Subscribe to receive instant notifications such as FLASH and Dr. Lowe messages



Questions & coffee time

MMN Fall Schedule



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