



PARENT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 30, 2008

¡Hola a todos! Here we are already in the end of October...and coming quickly to Election Day! We will be holding our own voting session on Election Day to put in our votes for the next president! Students are excited about taking part in this important part of democracy, and learning more about our form of government and the members within it. We also are just getting started on our Amazing Animals Research, where students each chose an amazing animal to study. Please help your child search for non-fiction books at home and in the library about his or her animal of choice.

I understand that there has still been some confusion about spelling. I am still trying to sort out the best way to work on both English and Spanish spelling. English will always be introduced Monday and tested on Friday, while I will try to introduce Spanish spelling on Wednesdays and test the following Wednesday. Please watch for the spelling lists and help your child practice at home.

We are currently fundraising with Blue Sky Guide. Blue Sky Guide is a one-of-a-kind resource - a coupon book, a directory, a source of ideas and inspiration. The new edition of Blue Sky Guide has over 300 coupons and resources for exploring our community and supporting local, sustainable businesses. Find hundreds of dollars in everyday savings with offers for Guthrie Theater, Science Museum, Lunds & Byerly's, Erik's Bike Shop, REI, Bachman's, and many more! To see a complete list please visit: www.ecometro.com. These guides are \$20 and ISLA receives \$10 for each guide purchased. There are so many coupons that it will quickly pay for itself. Sra. Baksic purchased one in September and has already saved more than \$20. They make great gifts as well! If you would like to purchase one, please send a check made out to ISLA PTO or cash into school with your child. Your guide will come home that same day with your child.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 31: Halloween - Remember, if planning to dress up for Halloween, students should choose a book character to represent. Please send your child to school already in his or her costume, so as to avoid major traffic jams and chaos in the bathrooms! If you would rather that your child not participate in the Halloween activities, please email me and send a note for the substitute (**I will be at a conference from Oct. 31-Nov.3**), so we may provide other activities for your child. If you have any important messages regarding your child while I am out of town, please be sure to **send a note** with your child and **contact Emily** in the office.

***Monday, November 3:** We have a possible last-minute fieldtrip coming up on Monday. A third-grade parent offered to donate a fieldtrip for our class to visit High Point Printmaking in Minneapolis to do Día de los Muertos printmaking. The bus and student fees would be paid for. However, we have yet to figure out some details, so it is still not certain. I will send home a note tonight or Friday to confirm, if we are able to go.

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