



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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¡Hola a todos! We are finishing our first **IB** unit this week, with some final projects and a test. Today we will make t-shirts promoting water conservation and protection, which we will wear tomorrow, for our final celebration! The first time you wash these shirts (after the stenciling process), it's a good idea to turn them inside out and wash them in cold water, to save the design! Tomorrow, students will also be turning in and presenting their water brochures, in which they need to detail several ways that water is polluted or wasted, and suggest ways to combat these problems. Students have been working very hard on these, and I'm happy to see how well they are turning out!

One big piece of the **IB** program is **ACTION**. Through our **IB** units, students learn about global topics and issues, reflecting on similarities and differences around the world, problems facing parts of the world, and solutions to these problems. The last piece in this process, is taking action around a particular issue. Teachers keep record of any sort of action students take (big or small) regarding topics we have studied. Perhaps some students may use their informational brochures to teach friends and family about the global problems of water pollution, or even to organize an event to help clean up nearby polluted lakes or rivers. Maybe they start conserving water by turning off the faucet while brushing their teeth. *I would love to hear about any action your child takes regarding our water study or other topics, so if you notice any **IB** Action, please let me know!!*

ISLA will be offering terrific summer camp options this year, taught by many of our own staff members, to continue students' practice with Spanish, as well as explore exciting topics. The themes include gardening, art, dinosaurs, rockets and other great options! Sign up forms are going home today, so watch for those, and sign up quickly!

Second trimester report cards will be sent home next Wednesday, March 25. Over the short break, students should work on their book report, using an English chapter book of their choice. Students have a list of book report options to choose from, and projects will be due by March 31.

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## Reminders:

Next week is a short week, with school in session only Monday-Wednesday (March 23-25). There will be **NO NEW** spelling packets during that week.

Scholastic order forms are due tomorrow, **Friday, March 20**.

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## Upcoming Events:

**March 26-27: NO SCHOOL** (Conference Comp Days)

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