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Noticias de ISLA

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Dear ISLA families,

We are entering the final lap of the 2010-11 school year! This is the time of year we make plans for the fall, set our budget and hire new teachers. It is especially exciting and busy as we prepare for a big move to a new building in August!

I ask that any families that will not be returning for the 2011-12 school year notify us now, as our budget is very dependent on enrollment. Important decisions are being made every day based on our enrollment projection for next year. We have waiting lists at a number of grade levels, and new families need to make decisions about the coming school year as well. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.

April will be a busy month at ISLA, with MCA testing in grades 3-6 occurring during the next two weeks. Remind your child to get plenty of rest and a good breakfast. There will be little or no homework on the nights preceding testing. These are not evaluations that should cause stress for students. ISLA teachers will remind students that these tests are given to give ISLA a better picture of how we are doing overall as a school, and ensure students are making progress. Students are encouraged to do their best, and remember that they will not know the answers to all the questions, and are not expected to know everything. (If they did, they wouldn't need to be in school!) You can reinforce this message with your child at home.

Lastly, if you are interested in helping out with the move this summer, please submit your name to the school office. We will need assistance setting up the library, unpacking, and other general set-up. There will be areas of need that we can't even anticipate at this time!

I hope to see you all at the Fiesta de la Primavera on April 30!

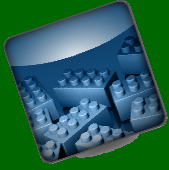
Sra. Terhaar



International Spanish Language Academy (ISLA), a K-6 Spanish immersion community, empowers the whole child by nurturing the development of personal growth, strong character, academic excellence, and global vision.

Dear ISLA families,

We are in the planning stages for our ISLA Summer Camp. We will have four weeks this summer due to the move. This week we are opening registrations for immersion students from other schools. If you are interested in having your child/ren attend one or more camp sessions register as soon as possible.



Loco por Legos/ Crazy about Legos

June 20 - June 24

Can you build it? Come and put your Lego and construction skills to the test. Can you follow instructions to build something really cool? How about using your imagination to create your own building plans for others to follow? Learn how to develop your skills with lots of hands on activities.



Juguemos en la Tierra/ Playing in the Dirt

June 27 - July 1

Come and join us for a week of gardening and environmental fun. We will grow plants, learn songs, take a nature walk, and learn about our role in the natural world.

Mente Sana en Cuerpo Sano / Brain Gym

There will be two separate camps

1- Entering 1st—3rd grade

2- Entering 4- 6 grade

July 11-15

“Come exercise your brain and your body! Start your warm up with the Scratch program, learning how to make an animated video with a team. Create your own characters, add music, backgrounds and a story to complete your project for our video showcase. Balance your brain power with some physical activity, by working up a sweat with Capture the Flag, Captain’s Coming and other fun activities. Then cool down with some water games and a little yoga stretching!”



Animales Asombrosos /Amazing Animals

Entering Kindergarteners and 1st graders are invited to this camp for an exciting week of learning about animals

July 18 to 22

Do you know how to say meow in Spanish? Do you know how to say cock-a-doodle-doo in Spanish? What does pio – pio mean?

Come and find the answers exploring the amazing animal word through fun and educational activities and projects in SPANISH. We will learn Spanish traditional animals’ songs, nursery rhymes, crafts, puppets shows and much more.

If you have any questions please contact: Ximena Rayo xrayo@islad.org

NOTICIAS
DE ISLA



Calendar of Events

- April 7 Report Cards sent home
- April 8 Roller Garden Fun Night, 4:30-8 pm
- April 9 LA Host Family Info Meeting, 1 pm
- April 11-15 MCA Math Testing, Grades 3-6
- April 12 ISLA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- April 14 Kindergarten Round-up, 6:30 pm
- April 15 Boston Market Fundraiser, SLP, 11-9
- April 18-21 MCA Reading Testing, Grades 3-6
- April 22 **No School**
- April 26 ISLA-PTO Board meeting, 7 pm
- April 28 Spring Program, Grades 1-2, 7 pm
- April 30 **Fiesta de la Primavera**
- May 2-6 MCA Science Testing, Grade 5
- May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5 Noodles Benefit Night, SLP, 4-9 pm
- May 10 ISLA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- May 12 Spring Program, Grades 3-6, 7 pm
- May 17 Late Start, 2 hours
PM Kinder attends at normal time
- May 17 McDonald's Family Night, 4-7 pm
- May 19 ISLA PTO Family Night, 6-8 pm
- May 20 Spring Kinder Program, 2:30 pm
- May 24 ISLA-PTO Board meeting, 7 pm
- May 30 Memorial Day, **No School**

Fourth Grade Families

Please watch for information regarding band for the 2011-12 school year. Mary Rehaume, our band teacher, will be sending information out shortly.

Roller Garden Fun Night

The next Roller Garden fundraiser will be held on Friday, April 8th from 4:30-8:00 pm. \$5.00 admission fee. \$3.00 more for skate or inline rental. There is a coupon on the PTO website (www.isla-pt.org) to turn in at the door. ISLA will receive \$1.00 for each coupon turned in.



The Roller Garden is located at 5622 West Lake Street in St. Louis Park.

FIESTA de PRIMAVERA WALL OF WINE

HOLA ISLA PARENTS!



Each year the Wall of Wine is a live auction item at the Fiesta de Primavera. The Wall of Wine consists of dozens of bottles of wine, each one with some special significance to the ISLA family who donated it. It has been a very popular live auction item at the Fiesta.

This year we will also have a carnival ring toss game during the event, so you can win one of these specially donated bottles of wine, instead of the whole wall.

Please consider donating a bottle of wine!



IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3.....

1. Select a bottle of wine
2. Write a quick note why you chose this wine and sign your name
3. Drop off at ISLA (Emily Smith's office) or email Liz Martin for pick up (jlmartin@outtech.com)

PRIZES:

1. To the first person to contribute a bottle. Last year's prize went to Emily Smith (there is an advantage to collecting the wine)!
2. To the classroom with highest parent participation, prize to be determined.

Fiesta de la Primavera

Come live it up, connect with good people of the ISLA community and help raise money for our school.

Saturday Night • April 30th, 2011
Minnetonka Community Center
Food & Drinks • Auction • Good Times

Open to all ISLA community, family and friends. Sorry, no kids. Get that sitter booked today!

Brought to you by the **ISLA PTO**



Boston Market Fundraiser

On Friday, April 15th take a night off from cooking and take your family to Boston Market at 5300 Excelsior Blvd. in St. Louis Park to support the ISLA-PTO. Boston Market will donate 15% of all sales (pre-tax) where a ISLA-PTO fundraiser ticket is presented from 11 am—close. Look for a fundraiser ticket on the PTO website

Language Ambassador Host Family Meeting

There will be a meeting for families interested in being a LA host family for the 2011-12 school year. The PTO is planning on making it available for 4 LA's to come to ISLA and work with our students. We will need 8 host families. **This meeting will be held 1-3 pm on Saturday, April 9th** at Boston Garden on Main Street in Hopkins.

H2O for Life Walk for Water

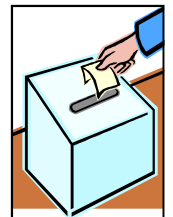
On Saturday, April 16th, Cori Adams will lead a team from ISLA in H2O for Life's Walk for Water at Target Field. She will be doing a 5K walk around the course to raise funds to bring latrines to schools in developing nations. If you would like to join Cori's team for this walk or donate to H2O for Life, contact Cori at cadams@islacad.org.



An Invitation from the Board...

The ISLA Board of Directors invites you to attend its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 10th, at 6:30 pm. There are currently 5 vacancies on the Board and the following individuals will stand for elections:

- Ron Clarke, ISLA parent, for term ending 6/30/14
- Mark Mathison, Community member, for term ending 6/30/14
- Cindy Monturiol, ISLA parent, for term ending 6/30/13
- Pam Shrestha, ISLA teacher, for term ending 6/30/14
- Natalie Wobbema, ISLA parent, for term ending 6/30/14



Lost and Found

Are Johnny's mittens missing? Are Suzy's winter boots in your closet at home? Come browse our filled to overflowing lost and found for your student's missing items.

Help!

If you are available on Thursday, April 14th from 6:30-8:30, we are in need of 4-5 volunteers to help with kindergarten round-up. Volunteers will help with registration and taking groups to their next location. If you have time to assist us with this please contact Emily in the ISLA office.

PTO Meeting

Join the PTO at their April 26th meeting at 7 pm to hear about the Hopkins School District's plans for Spanish in the junior high and high school for former immersion students. HSD World Language Coordinator and ISLA parent Lisa Shafrafski will explain the new program—Juntos, and will be available to an-