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Noticias de ISLA

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Queridas familias de ISLA,

It's March and we are "in like a lamb!" Let's hope we avoid the roaring feline exit this month. I think we've had our fill for the season!

Recently we informed you all that we have a building and authorizer. Great news for ISLA! Yesterday the closing did, indeed occur, so the building at 5959 Shady Oak Road has now officially been purchased by Charter Schools Development Corporation, who will be leasing to ISLA. It is a nice final step in this process of finding a permanent home for ISLA!

Tomorrow I am meeting with representatives from Innovative Quality Schools (IQS) and Hopkins School District, to begin the transfer of authorizer. It is truly a relief to have those two important tasks off the "to do" list.

The upcoming months will provide ISLA families many opportunities to support the school. With a major move on the horizon, we will be looking for volunteers to help in packing materials, labeling boxes, packing up the library, and more. The move will require the purchasing of many items currently being supplied by the church, including cafeteria tables, commercial kitchen equipment, folding chairs, tables, etc. If anyone in the ISLA community has a resource for free or reduced equipment and furniture, please let us know.

I encourage you to read through this newsletter for information on upcoming events. Note that the ISLA calendar contains an error in March. There IS a Late Start on March 15, and NOT on April 19. You may want to mark that on your calendar.

Students in grades 2-6 are taking the NWEA MAP tests this week. Once all make up testing is complete, and data is processed, the results of those tests will go home.

Enjoy the spring! It will come eventually!

Karen Terhaar





McDonald's Night Fundraiser

Please plan on attending the ISLA PTO fundraiser at the McDonald's located at 4637 Shady Oak Road on Tuesday, March 15th from 4-7 pm. 15% of ISLA sales will be donated to ISLA. Come enjoy not having to cook and being able to connect with other ISLA families.

Calendar Error

The ISLA calendar/handbook has an error in March and April. Tuesday, March 15th **IS** ISLA's next late start. School and buses will be 2 hours later than normal. There will be no PM kindergarten on this day.

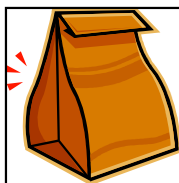
Tuesday, April 19th is **NOT** a late start day. School will start at the normal time.

Please mark your calendars for these important changes!



Extra-curricular Activities

Session 3 of extra-curricular activities ends March 3rd. Session 4 will begin the week after spring break (April 4-8th). Registration forms for session 4 will come out on March 10th. Look for them in the Thurs-



Menu Change for March 11th!

Due to a scheduling conflict with the church, we will be serving a bag lunch on Friday, March 11th instead of WG Pasta w/meat/marinara sauce. Please mark your calendars appropriately. If you have signed your student up for lunch and would not like your student to have a bag lunch, please e-mail Jen Jouppi at jjouppi@islacad by March 9th.



Come skate for ISLA! The next Roller Garden Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, April 8th from 4:30—8 pm. Come and have fun! Invite all your friends too! The fee including regular roller skates is only \$5.00.

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Come join other ISLA families for the Davanni's PTO fundraiser on Thursday, March 3rd. This fundraiser will be held from 4-8 pm at the Golden Valley location at 663 Winnetka Ave. N. (763) 398-0303.

20% of your order total will be donated to the ISLA PTO. Valid on eat-in or takeout orders, and gift cards too!

Flyers were sent home today or see the PTO website (www.isla-pt.org) for a ticket to present .



Calendar of Events

March 3rd	Davanni's Fundraiser, 4-8 pm GV location
March 4th	End of trimester 2
March 8th	ISLA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
March 11th	Change in menu, BAG LUNCH
March 15th	Late start, 2 hrs. **change to calendar
	No PM Kindergarten
March 15th	McDonald's Night, 4-7 pm
March 22nd	ISLA-PTO Meeting, 7 pm
March 23rd	Staff Development, No School
March 24th	Marking Day, No School
March 25th-	Spring Break, No School
April 1st	
April 4th	School Resumes
April 8th	Roller Garden Family Night, 4:30-8 pm
April 9th	TA Host Family Info Meeting, 1 pm

Help!

We lent out our book taping machine to have some one help us by taping books at home. This machine is needed to tape new books for the ISLA library. If you have this machine could you please return it.

EXTRA SOCKS

Please have an extra pair of socks in your student's backpack in case they get their feet wet playing in the snow.

Tips for Reading Success - Story Time

Want to spend time with your youngster, build her reading skills, and help her learn to love books? You can do all three when you read aloud to her. Here are some suggestions.

Read Regularly. Try to read to your child every day. You might aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end to the day. Tuck read-alouds into the time when dinner is in the oven. Or curl up together with a book when you get home from work.

Take turns choosing books. Your youngster may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety (nonfiction, poetry).

Let her participate. Ask your child to turn the pages while you read. Also, she can finish sentences that rhyme or fill in words she knows. Go slowly so she has time to understand the story and look at the illustrations. She'll enjoy read-aloud time more if she plays an active role.

Be playful. You can use different voices for different characters (a high squeaky voice for a chicken or a deep, booming voice for a horse). Substitute your youngster's name for the main character's name, and use family members' names for other characters. *Note:* You don't have to be an expert reader—your child will love it when you read aloud because it's *you*. ♥

Yearbook Orders

Just a reminder that your student's yearbook order form should be turned in to your child's teacher by Friday, March 4th. Order forms were sent home in your student's backpack on Thursday, February 10th. Make sure your student doesn't miss out on this opportunity.

The Yearbook Committee is also seeking candid photos to include in the yearbook. Have some great shots? Please save them to a CD and leave them in the ISLA office for the Yearbook Committee.



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