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Noticias de ISLA

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Dear ISLA families,

Saturday night the ISLA community came together to celebrate what we've become, and to look forward to continuous improvement in the education of children. Thank you so much to all those involved in making the evening a success! The Fiesta is always an example of impeccable organization and attention to detail. Every year I am more amazed at the dedication of ISLA families!

My donation this year consisted of making a scrapbook of the history of ISLA, from the founding days in 2004 to our last days at 12007 Excelsior Blvd. In creating that document, I began to realize how many things have taken place over the years, and how many of us may not know the "why" behind why things are the way they are. Some of the stories are quite interesting. I'll share a few with you here.

In 2009 Jorge Gonzalez asked if we could have black t shirts made for the music concert. Being a parent of two, myself, I know music teachers often require black and white dress for concerts. This was a bit different, however. Jorge was asking for a black t shirt with the words "Se habla español" printing from the left of the shirt. There is a story behind this shirt idea. Juanes, a famous Colombian singer/song writer won five Latin Grammys that year. When he went to accept his Grammy, he was dressed in a simple black t-shirt, with white letters saying *se habla español*. This was to pay homage to the Latin culture and Spanish language. This is an appropriate message for us at ISLA. I appreciate Jorge's idea and feel it is a unique and very cool school shirt!

The ISLA logo was designed by a friend of ISLA parent Mary Kruse. Karen Kaul, of KC Kaul Design, came up with the logo. The colors blue and green represent nature/water/earth/sky. The earth symbolizes global awareness, the tree symbolizes growth. Together they suggest a human figure. This logo has served ISLA well!

The ISLA founding Board had never considered having school uniforms, but in 2007 I continued to receive calls from various parents about the possibility of a school uniform. I brought this to the Board, and was advised to conduct a survey on the idea. While there was not 100% agreement on the topic of uniforms, the vast majority of parents either wanted uniforms, or were neutral on the idea. The Board voted to have a dress code, and shortly after asked a newly formed PTO to come up with some guidelines to recommend to the Board.

With these examples of ISLA collaboration in mind, I think of the great involvement we have enjoyed creating this school. May is election month at ISLA. Both the school board and the PTO will be holding elections of new officers for the coming year. This is a perfect way to continue the active involvement we've seen at our school, by sharing the tremendous workload the two organizations have carried. Please remember to exercise your responsibility as eligible voters!

A final note, on May 25 we will thank our many ISLA volunteers. ISLA wouldn't be what it is today without the dedication of those who put in so many hours to help create a unique and quality school. I hope to see you all then as well!

Atentamente,
Karen 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.

PTO Board Elections

The positions for officers of the ISLA PTO Board are up for election at the next PTO meeting on May 24 at 7 pm. Some existing board members may be interested in continuing in their position and others are ready to step down.

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson--Finance and Fundraising Affairs

Vice-Chairperson - Community and Social Affairs

Secretary

Treasurer

Volunteer Coordinator

TA Coordinator

Officers are elected for a one-year term, to begin in June, by discussion, followed by a majority vote of members present. All officers may serve more than one term in the same position or in a different position.



Field Day Volunteers Needed

June 1st is field day here at ISLA. Juan Carlos Ruiz is in charge of planning this fun event again this year. If you are available to assist with this fun event for our students, please contact Juan Carlos at jcrui@islad.org.



Annual ISLA Board Meeting - Board Elections

The ISLA Board of Directors invites you to it's 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 election:

Ron Clarke, ISLA parent, for a term ending 6/30/14

Mark Mathison, Community member, for a term ending 6/30/14

Cindy Monturiol, ISLA parent, for a term ending 6/30/13

Pam Shrestha, ISLA teacher, for a term ending 6/30/14

Natalie Wobbema, ISLA parent, for a term ending 6/30/14



All ISLA staff, parents and guardians, and current ISLA Board members are eligible to vote.

Continuing their terms on the ISLA Board until 6/30/12 are the following individuals:

Vanessa Bera, Briana Boeser, Eric Peterson, and Michael Valley.

Continuing their terms on the ISLA Board until 6/30/13 are the following individuals:

Richard Barnett, Jill Prohofskey, Sonia Miller-Van Oort, and Joe Rinaldi.

NOTICIAS
DE ISLA

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

When: Saturday, May 7, 2011
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Burnes Park
301 2nd Street N, Hopkins

Free Food	Sponsored by:
Entertainment	City of Hopkins Police Reserves
Piñatas	City of Hopkins Fire Dept.
Games	City of Hopkins CERT Team
Resource Fair	City of Hopkins Park & Rec.
Prizes	City of Hopkins Public Works
	Hopkins Community Education



Fiesta de la Primavera

Thank you to everyone who helped with the 4th annual Fiesta de Primavera, as a donor, bidder, volunteer or attendee. It was a fun and successful evening. Results will be announced next week!



Calendar of Events

May 2-6	MCA Science Testing, Grade 5
May 2-6	Teacher's Appreciation Week
May 5	Noodles Benefit Night, SLP, 4-9 pm
May 10	ISLA Annual Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
May 12	Spring Program, Grades 3-6, 7 pm
May 17	Late Start (2 hours late)
	PM Kinder attends at normal time
May 17	McDonald's 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 Meeting, 7 pm
May 25	Volunteer Appreciation, 3-4 pm
May 30	Memorial Day, No School
June 1	Field Day
June 3	6th Grade Graduation, 10 am
June 3	Last day of School
June 4	Roller Garden End of Year Celebration
June 14	ISLA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm

Available Field Trip Space

Space is still available for two FUN and FREE field trips happening Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 15. These trips are for grades 3-6 and have received rave reviews from kids who have attended.

The May 7 trip is a cooking class in the professional kitchen at Lakewinds Natural Foods. The May 15 trip is an outing at Gale Woods Farm in Minnetrista. See the PTO website for registration forms and details. <http://www.isla-pto.org/id79.html>

Thank you to Lakewinds Natural Foods for their generous grant which funded these field trips for ISLA students!



McDonald's Night Fundraiser!

Come and enjoy an evening of not having to cook and connecting with other ISLA families on Tuesday, May 17th from 4-7 pm. Let them know you are from ISLA or print a flyer from the PTO website.



THANK YOU!

The entire staff at ISLA would like to thank all of you who made us feel so special this week! We were showered with treats, kind words and massages that brought cheer to the community here. We are very fortunate to have such kind and caring families at ISLA! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



2011 Camps

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 and 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 invited to this camp

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.

Find the registration form on our website, www.islacad.org under the summer camp tab.



ISLA BENEFIT
Thursday, May 5th
4 - 9 pm

25% of sales will assist this organization in our community
Dine In or To Go
Come support ISLA as they raise money to help support our PTO which funds Language Ambassadors to work in the school.


5326 16TH STREET W • 952.545.6422
Please bring in flyer or mention our fundraiser




Noodles & Company Benefit Night at the St. Louis Park Location

Join your ISLA friends for a Noodles night at the St. Louis Park location, 5326 16th Street West, 952-545-6422, **Thursday, May 5th** from 4-9 pm.

25% of sales go back to ISLA PTO—including gift cards and take-out.

Remember to print a copy of the coupon on the ISLA PTO website (www.isla-pt.org) or mention the fundraiser.

This is a new location, west of HWY 100 and between Cedar Lake Road and 394. This area is called The Shops at West End, and includes a new Rainbow, Costco, Home Depot, and Kerasotes Showplace Theater, along with new restaurants like CRAVE and Coopers.



Glasses Found

*A pair of "Augustina B" eye glasses left on a table at the Fiesta de la Primavera.
Please contact Emily in the ISLA office to*



WANTED:

Your Old Sneakers. They Could Be Worth **\$20,000!**

You know, the ratty old pairs that are just taking up closet space. Or the ones that never quite fit right, but it was too late to return. You know the ones.

It's time...to donate them to a good cause!

- What:** Old tennis shoes! They will be cleaned and donated to third world countries. Our school raises 50¢ per pound. And – if we collect more shoes per person than any other MN school, we'll win \$20,000 toward our playground!
- When:** April 21 – May 13
- Where:** ISLA
- Why:** To help ISLA build a new school playground
- How:** Easy! Just tie the laces together and put them in a bag!

Start saving up those sneakers!!



GREEN SNEAKERS GREEN SNEAKERS GREEN SNEAKERS

ISLA-PTO Free Family Fun Night

“Healthy Eating and Sustainable Living”

Thursday, May 19, 6-8pm, at ISLA

Lots of fun, hands-on activities for the whole family about healthy eating and protecting our planet:

- Healthy Cooking Demo with **Tracy Yue of One Dish at a Time** and our **3rd-6th grade extra-curricular cooking class participants**
- Seed planting and starting your own vegetable garden with **Midwest Food Connection**
- Make your own “green” all purpose household cleaner with **Teresa Andrys of Sunleaf Naturals**
- Learn how to save money on organic food and get ideas for healthy snacks with **Kelli Schulte of Kingdom Kids Nutrition**
- Sample organic milk and organic ice cream from local farms
- Meet farmers from the **Hopkins Farmers Market.**
- Learn more about composting
- Find out which conventional fruits and vegetables have the most pesticides and what types of seafood are the best choices for your family.
- Door prizes from Lakewinds Natural Foods, Chinook Book and Hopkins Farmers Market
- Station scavenger hunt with a prize at the end



The **ISLA Uniform Exchange** will also be available. Gently used and clean uniform items can be donated for use by other ISLA families and exchanged for larger sizes. Get a head start on uniforms for next school year! This is part of our effort to **reduce, reuse, and recycle.**

ISLA Art Gallery:

This is your opportunity to buy the fabulous works of art created by ISLA students that were on display at the Fiesta de Primavera. Because Senor Franco's and Senorita Lea's students created individual items for the event (and there wasn't space to display them all) we will be selling them at this family night. Parents get first option to purchase their student's artwork. We will also be selling the remaining slots to all the Great Gatherings events. Remember to bring cash or a check!

A big **THANK YOU** to **Lakewinds Natural Foods** for their sponsorship of this event!

As an IB school, ISLA teaches its students to **THINK GLOBALLY AND ACT LOCALLY.** One of the six transdisciplinary themes of the IB curriculum is “*Sharing the Planet*” and one of the five essential elements of the IB framework is for students to “*take action as a consequence of their learning*”. (Learn more at the International Baccalaureate Programme website, www.ibo.org). The ISLA-PTO was very fortunate to receive a generous grant this year from Lakewinds Natural Foods in Minnetonka, MN in support of our IB curriculum. Our grant provides opportunities for all ISLA students and families to learn more about eating healthy and locally and how we can better share the planet and protect the environment. This is our last grant event of the year and we hope it will inspire everyone to think globally and “take

Volunteer Appreciation

Everybody can be great.
Because anybody can
serve. You don't have to
have a
college degree to serve.
You don't have to make
your subject and your verb
agree
to serve...You don't have
to know the second degree
of thermodynamics in
physics
to serve. You only need a
heart full of grace. A soul
generated by love.
-Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! Come and enjoy a special time just to celebrate all you have done for us.

When: May 25th

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Where: ISLA Cafeteria

Presentation at 3:00 pm with refreshments to follow!

Thank You



Spring Program & Band Concert Grades 3-6

Thursday, May 12th at 7 pm is the Spring Program for grades 3-6 in the sanctuary of Faith Church. The 5th and 6th grade students in band will also be performing. Students should wear their black se habla español t-shirts and khaki pants or a skirt. If your student does not have one they are available for purchase for \$6 at the school office or on the PTO website. Have your student report to their classroom at 6:45 pm so that they can prepare and enter the sanctuary all at the same time. Band students should report to the music room at 6:25 pm.

ISLA Summer Band

Summer band will be held Wednesdays in the month of July (6, 13, 20 and 27). Students will brush up on their band skills right before school starts. All band students that have played their instruments 1-3 years are eligible to attend. The fee is \$65.00 for the four sessions and a concert. All students will need to bring their own instruments and music stands. Rehearsals will be held in the music room at Faith Presbyterian Church. Summer band will be taught by Mary Rehaume, Band Director at ISLA. Concert at 10:30 - 11 am on Wednesday, July 27. See the ISLA website for registration forms.

Play It Forward

BREATHE FRESH LIFE INTO ONCE-LOVED INSTRUMENTS BY DONATING THEM TO PLAY IT FORWARD, THE STATEWIDE USED-INSTRUMENT DRIVE CREATED BY CLASSICAL MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO AND THE MINNESOTA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION (MMEA).

Bring your clean, gently-used and playable instruments to Play It Forward sites across the state. Schools are in need of any classroom instruments: woodwinds, brass, strings, snare drums, acoustic guitars, recorders, hand drums, etc. We'll put them in the hands of kids at schools throughout Minnesota.

Donations will be accepted May 2-31.

To find a donation site, go to:

<http://minnesota.publicradio.org/radio/services/cms/playitforward/map.shtml>

Compañeros

Please remember that students arriving before 8:45 am must be accompanied into the building by a parent or guardian. Do not drop your child off at the main door.