



Noticias de ISLA



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Dear ISLA families,

We recently reviewed the 2010-11 results of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA III) taken last spring. While our reading scores continue to show very strong results, our math scores showed a decrease. All across Minnesota, students took a new, more rigorous math assessment last spring. The prediction was that scores would decrease in math. At ISLA, we want only to continue to have high expectations, and we are committed to working toward higher performance on the part of our students. We know that the MCA-III, is aligned to higher standards to prepare our children for college and careers. This past spring was the first time students were assessed on these higher standards. Previously, the MCA had been aligned with the 2003 standards. As a point of reference, the state average in elementary 3-6 reading is 77% mastery, in math the state average at this same level is 60%. ISLA's overall reading mastery is 92% and math is 75%. We are working this school year to better prepare students for this higher standard, and ensure that an ISLA education is a top-notch education.

While much staff development this fall will be dedicated to preparing for our IB Authorization visit in December, we will also dedicate time to analyze academic data, and make important changes to how we teach math. We are fortunate that our authorizer, Innovative Quality Schools, has resources for us to do just that. This week I met with Bob Wedl from IQS. We discussed our test results, and he put me in contact with an IQS contractor who has spent his career working in assessment and data. I am excited to have someone walk us through the process of analyzing our test data, setting goals, and working toward continuous progress.

Families will receive individual results as they become available to ISLA. To date, we have not received the individual results.

ISLA teachers are dedicated and motivated. Together we will work hard to find positive changes to the delivery of curriculum and we hope to see math, science and reading results continue to climb! We will also find ways to partner with families, so that we have a strong home-school commitment to our children.

Sincerely,

Karen Terhaar
Director



Why There are Not Seatbelts on Buses

Here is a really good article on why there are not seatbelts in school buses.

<http://mankatofreepress.com/communityindex/x1173958125/Ask-a-trooper-Why-not-seatbelts-in-school-buses>



Fall Conferences

Fall goal setting conferences are scheduled for November 3rd and 4th. Conferences will be held from 10 am–8 pm on both days. Fall conferences are a time for you to meet with your child and his/her teacher to set goals for this academic year. Your child's attendance is important.

Conference sign up letters will be sent home with student next week. These forms should be returned to your child's teacher by Friday, October 14th. Teachers will meet to schedule sibling conferences on Tuesday, October 18th. Confirmation of conference time will be sent home in your child's "Casa" folder on Wednesday, October 19th.

Lost and Found is already overflowing!

As the weather turns colder, we are encouraging students to take everything home with them at the end of the day. Today it is jackets, but in the winter it will be boots, snow pants and everything. This will help keep the building neater as well as aid in cutting down the number of lost clothes items. Please check with your child daily to ensure he/she is bringing outdoor clothes home. Check out Mabel's Labels at www.isla.mabel.ca to place an order for labels for the stuff kids lose. If there is a name or label on an item, we return it to its rightful owner. The Mabel's Labels deadline has been extended to November 15th.



Dia de Los Muertos Family Night

Friday, October 28th
6-8 pm

Sponsored by the ISLA PTO



Dates to Remember

October 4	Picture Day
October 4	ISLA PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
October 5	1 st & 3 rd grade field trip to Stages Theater
October 10	Bus Safety Training
October 10	Finance Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm
October 11	Davanni's Night Fundraiser, 4-8 pm, 15200 Highway 7, Minnetonka
October 11	Board Working Meeting, 7 pm
October 18	ISLA Board Meeting, 7 pm
October 19	Vision and Hearing Screening
October 20	Teacher Workshop, No School
October 21	Teacher Workshop, No School
October 25	Late Start (2 hours), No PM Kinder
October 27	Governance Committee Meeting, 6 pm
October 28	Dia de los Muertos Family Night, 6-8 pm
November 1	ISLA PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
November 2	Picture re-takes
November 2-4	Scholastic Book Fair
November 3	Fall Conferences, No School
November 4	Fall Conferences, No School



Picture Day

LifeTouch will be at ISLA on Tuesday, October 4th to take pictures of our students. Your child should have brought order forms home last week. If you want to order pictures, they must be paid for at the time the pictures are taken. If you do not like how your child's picture turns out, you may return the package on the picture retake day November 2nd.



PTO News

September 29, 2011

Website:

www.isla-pt.org

Email

info@isla-pt.org

Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_23776852956

We would love to have you join our Facebook page. Please visit the link above and select "Join Group" and we will add you!

Don't Miss Dates

- **10/4**
PTO Meeting
- **10/11**
Davanni's Restaurant
Fund-raiser Night
- **10/28**
PTO Family Night
- **11/1**
PTO Meeting
- **11/2-4**
Scholastic Book Fair
- **11/12**
Barnes & Noble Fund-raiser
- **11/16**
Gold Nugget Restaurant
Fund-raiser Night

Thank you!

We want to give a **big** thanks to all of the people that volunteered for the Peaceful Playground painting. The kids love all of the games and everything looks great!

Davanni's Night

Come join us to raise money for the Language Ambassador (LA) program. 20% of the proceeds will go back to the PTO.

Davanni's Minnetonka
15200 Hwy 7
October 11th
from 4-8pm



Tuesday, Oct 4th

Don't miss out on the PTO meeting. Please join us at 6:30 in the ISLA Media Center.

A general election for a Social Co-Chair will be held. If you are interested in co-chairing for the events committee, please contact Karen at kchenvert@comcast.net or 952-807-6742. Please sign up at www.isla-pt.org for childcare.

Earn \$\$\$ for the PTO

- Campbell's Soup UPC
 - Land O' Lake Milk Caps
 - Kemp's Milk Caps
 - Box Tops for Education
 - Mabel's Labels (**ends 9/30**)
- Please bring your labels, caps, box tops, etc. to the school and look for the cabinet around the corner from the office.

For more information on any of these programs visit the PTO website and click fund-raising.

www.wholesalecostumeclub.com

Support the PTO by buying Halloween Costumes and 15% of the online proceeds will come back to the PTO!

Use FUN932 at checkout

Vision/Hearing Screening Volunteers Needed

Oct. 19th from 9am-3pm

Nov. 9th from 9am-12pm

We are looking for 9 volunteers each day to assist with the vision and hearing screening.

Please sign-up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/vision52>

If you have any questions please e-mail Jan Binstock at jbinstock@islacad.org

Barnes & Noble Fund-raiser Sat, November 12th Ridgedale Location

Stop by the Ridgedale Barnes and Noble for the annual ISLA fund-raiser. It is a great time to purchase holiday gifts and help out ISLA. Contact Karen Peterson if you are able to help out.



Fall Family Night

Friday, Oct. 28th
Mark your calendars!!!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year.

The ISLA PTO board has been very active in finding ways to fund-raise and has been looking at opportunities that will have longer term revenue streams for supporting the language ambassador (LA) program at ISLA.

To that end, the PTO board is working on an online Espiritu (spirit) store to sell clothing and other items that promote ISLA in conjunction with a supportive parent owned business.

Over time we would like to sell items such as hats, sweatshirts, water bottles, etc. One of the first items we are looking at selling is a SE Habla t-shirt in different fiesta colors for each grade. We have received approval from the ISLA school board to add one fiesta colored t-shirt per grade to the current dress code. We introduced this idea at the 8/23/11 PTO meeting and received a lot of parent comments, suggestions and questions. Based on that feedback we are asking parents to complete a survey, so that we are moving forward with the majority's opinion.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by 4pm on Tuesday, October 4th and we will report the results at the October 4th PTO general meeting at 6:30pm in the Media Center.

To fill it out the survey, please visit:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q6R2YYY>

Thank you.

Your ISLA PTO Board



Picture Day Volunteers

Tuesday, October 4th

We are looking for 3 to 4 volunteers
From 9:15am to 12:15pm and
From 1:15pm to 3:15pm to assist with
escorting classes to have their
pictures taken.



Signup at

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/picture126

Contact Emily Smith at
esmith@islacad.org or 952.746-6020
Or email info@isla-pto.org





Hearing & Vision
Screening
VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, Oct 19th 9am to 12pm

Wednesday, Oct 19th 12pm to 3pm

Wednesday, Nov 9th 9am to 12pm

We are looking for 9 volunteers to assist
with the screening for three hours on these days.



Signup at

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