



PARENT'S LETTER FEBRUARY 11TH, 2010 ISSUE 19
Attributes of the learner profile are *Integrity & Open-minded*
Attitudes are *respect, appreciation, & tolerance*

Dear Fourth Grade Families,

1. IB Central Idea – Currency is an organized system of exchange in the world. – Inquiry Question of the Week

What is a system? In class we made a bubble map of all the different kinds of systems we could think of. We came up with 43 different systems! Some examples were: time, education, government, language, health, transportation, metric, friendship, water, recycle, mail, business, computers and lots more.

2. 100th Day of School

The class talked me into letting them dress up as if they were 100 years old for Friday, February 12. I know this is tomorrow and I made the students promise me that they would not stress you out by putting together a last minute outfit or ask you to go shopping to buy something. They are supposed to be creative and reuse something around the house.

Mr. John Barell will be spending the day at ISLA modeling inquiry activities in each grade level's classroom and answering our specific questions. I am looking forward to meeting him and to discuss the topic of inquiry. To find out more information about him you can visit John Barell's website at www.morecuriousminds.com.

3. Fashion Show on Family Night Feb. 26th

The 4th grade class will be putting on a fashion show for Family Night on Feb. 26th. Sra. Tejada is organizing this wonderful event. Please let me know if you are not able to come so we can plan accordingly. Gracias!

4. Student Led Conferences

Sr. González will be available for conferences on all three conference days (Feb. 9th, 11th & 16th) from 4:00pm-7:00pm in the music room. Sr. Ruiz will be available Feb. 9th and 16th from 4:00pm-6:30pm in the gym.

5. Día de San Valentín– Feb. 16th

Our fiesta de San Valentín will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 2:00pm. Remember this is also our late start day. Students are allowed to wear jeans and pink or red clothes to school this day. Students can also bring Valentine cards for each student in class. See below for the names of the students.

6. Ordway and Minneapolis Public Library Fieldtrip

On Thursday February 18th, we will be going to the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts and the Minneapolis Public Library. We will be gone all day so please provide a healthy lunch with a beverage for your child. The cost of the trip is \$5.00 per student. We have enough tickets for 2 parents to accompany us on the fieldtrip. The first two people who contact me will be able to come. Permission slip is attached.

7. Share, Save, Spend

Last week the students brought home a handmade piggy bank made out of recycled water bottles. There are three bottles. One bottle is for saving money (ahorrar), spending money (gastar) and sharing/giving money (regalar). The idea behind this project is for the students to think about how to organize their money and create a budget. How much money do I save each month? How should I divide \$5.00 into the three bottles? These were all questions we talked about and the answers were different for each person. The long term goal for this project is to create awareness of our spending habits and to learn about being financially responsible. The second goal is focusing on giving back to the community. At the end of April each student will return just the money that was saved in the Share (regalar) bottle. As a class, we will put together the money and donate it to a charity chosen by the students. If anyone has any suggestions of good charities or contacts please let me know.

8. La Reina y El Rey

The new royalty of the week is Ann Nagel as the queen and Logan Hoffman as the king. Congratulations!

9. Up Coming Events

Feb. 9th, 11th, 16th are Student Led Conferences. Feb 11th hear John Barell speak. Feb. 12th John Barell comes to ISLA. Feb. 15th is NO SCHOOL. Feb. 12th is 100th Day of School. Feb. 16th is late Start and Valentine's Fiesta. Feb 18th is fieldtrip to the Ordway. Feb. 23rd is PTO meeting at 7pm. Feb. 26th is PTO Family Night.

“Aprecia tu vida porque solo tienes una!” – Sylvie Gitler

Names of Students

Ray Brendalen
Hanna Clark
Kareem Elbakkal
Sylvie Gitler
Pierce Hoagland
Logan Hoffman
Jasper Johnson
Phillip Knopp
Sophia Koritz
Shannon Lundin
Steven Maine
Abby Martin
Anna Nagel

Fionna Tejada
Christiana Thayer
Sarina Wicall
Jack Wilson
TA David

Quinn Siebers