



PARENT'S LETTER APRIL 2, 2009 ISSUE 27
DEAR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE PARENTS:

The attribute of the IB Profile is Communicator

The attitude of the month is Integrity

1. La Reina de la Semana

The new royalty of the week has been awarded to Alexis Urbina. Alexis is an excellent listener, writer and artist. Her enthusiasm for learning is noticed by everyone and greatly appreciated by me. ¡Felicidades Alexis!

2. Summer Camp

ISLA is excited to offer summer camp again this year! Some of the themes will be gardening, performing a play, art, dinosaurs, airplanes & rockets, and music. This will be a great way for students to practice their Spanish, while having lots of fun! If you need more registration forms please let me know.

3. New IB Unit – Who We Are

We have begun our next IB Unit under the theme of *Who We Are*. This is an inquiry into the nature of self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.

Our central idea is...Where we live influences who we are and what we value. Two key concepts that we will be focusing on are: Responsibility and Reflection.

4. Science Fusion – Amantes de la Ciencia April 25, 2009

FYI - Amantes de la Ciencia (Lovers of Science) introduces visitors to science and education professionals from the Twin Cities' Latino/a and Hispanic communities. Last year's activities included making milagritos, building geodetic domes out of marshmallows and toothpicks, and learning about human DNA. Come see what exciting science activities and demonstrations are happening this year at the Science Museum of Minnesota's Amantes de la Ciencia, Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 1-4 p.m. For more information visit the website at <http://www.smm.org/sciencefusion/amantes>.

5. Spring Break

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring break and comes back rejuvenated and whole of new energy.

6. Parents Teach Your Skill Day

We had Sra. Urbina visit our classroom last week and taught the class about music. She opened our minds to new rhythms, sounds and ways of communicating through music. I am always so impressed with the activities that the parents offer us. We all enjoy it so much. Gracias Sra. Urbina!

7. Diamante Poems

April is the month we are studying creative writing and poems. Our first poem is a diamante poem. Your child can create his/her own poem on this interactive website. Check it out at

<http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/diamante>. It is really cool!

8. Up Coming Events

April 6th -10th is Spring Break. April 13th is PTO meeting. April 21st is McDonald's Night. April 24th MCA Science test (5th Grade only). April 27th-29th MCA Testing Math & Reading.

Con cariño,
Sra. Boeser

When someone is taught the joy of learning, it becomes a life long process that never stops, a process that creates a logical individual. That is the challenge and joy of teaching.” – Marva Collins