



PARENT'S LETTER FEBRUARY 12TH 2008 ISSUE 19
DEAR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE PARENTS:

The attributes of the IB Profile are Open Minded & Principled

The attitudes of this month are Tolerance, Appreciation & Respect

1. La Reina de la Semana

The new royalty of the week has been awarded to Alissa Meredith. Alissa has been a hard worker since the first day of school. All her hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated and she is an inspiration to other students. ¡Felicidades Alissa!

2. Fiesta de Día de San Valentín – Amigos Secretos

Our fiesta de San Valentín will begin at 2:00 p.m. this Friday. I have attached a list of the students in our classroom for Valentine Cards if your child wants to give them a card. As a class activity we will be writing complements on a card for everybody. Each student should bring a \$2.00 gift for his/her “amigo secreto” on Friday.

3. Art – Old Wool Sweaters

We are still collecting wool sweaters so please spread the word to others who may have some.

4. Landforms - How the World Works

Today we did an experiment on the effects of erosion on landforms. We looked at how earth material moves with water and changes landforms.

5. Spanish Verbs

At the end of this letter you will find a list of Spanish verbs that we have learned and are practicing in class. All students are responsible to know these verbs. We focus on new verbs each week. This week we have dormir (to sleep) and entrar (to enter, to come in). Here is the phrase of the week, *En boca cerrada no entran moscas* (Silence is golden). You can use this one with your children ☺

6. February 26th Fieldtrip to the Science Museum

Thursday February 26th we will be visiting the Science Museum. If you are able to chaperone please let me know. It will be an all day event leaving at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 3:00 p.m. Please make sure your child is here on time that day and pack a cold lunch with a beverage for him/her. The cost will be \$11.75 per student.

7. 100th Day of School

Congratulations the 100th Day of School is February 13th! To celebrate this feat we are allowing the students to dress up on Friday. There are two options; the student may dress up as if he/she were 100 years old or the student may wear 100 items (for example 100 buttons, pins, hair binders, stickers, etc).

8. Up Coming Events

Feb.12th & 17th are conferences. Feb. 13 is la Fiesta de San Valentín and 100th Day of school. Feb. 13th is the end of the second trimester. Feb. 16th we have no school. Feb. 17th is late start and McDonald's night. Feb. 26 is the Science Museum Fieldtrip.

Con cariño,

Sra. Boeser

Imagination is more important than knowledge. -Albert Einstein

Names of students in 4th and 5th grade

1. Rachel Anderson
2. Maria Davidson
3. Chance Douglass
4. Desirae Gonzales
5. Haley Kirchner
6. Diana Korzh
7. Kirsten Magaard
8. Alissa Meredith
9. Lucianna Miller
10. Irrissa Semler
11. Anisah Clark
12. Paul Ousainov
13. Robyn Siebers
14. Alexis Urbina
15. Sra. Boeser
16. Sr. Ruiz

Verbos de español

1. acabar = to finish
2. andar = to walk
3. aprender = to learn
4. caer/caerse = to fall
5. cantar = to sing
6. comenzar = to begin
7. comer = to eat
8. comprar = to buy
9. conducir = to drive/to lead
10. conocer = to know
11. construir = to build
12. contar = to count/ to tell
13. creer = to believe
14. dar = to give
15. deber = must /ought
16. decir =to say
17. dormir = to sleep
18. entrar = to enter
19. escribir = to write
20. estar = to be
21. estudiar = to study
22. hablar = to speak
23. hacer = to do/make
24. ir/irse = to go

TA Information

It is time for the winter sessions of classes to begin for both Juan Carlos and Mariana. Thank you for the rides you all provided for Juan Carlos in the fall session. He did well in the course and will advance to the next level of English class for this next term. He and Mariana will attend the same school at the same time even if they are in different classes, so transportation will be easier as they can ride together.

English Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm at the International Institute of Minnesota in St. Paul. There are 24 classes starting Tuesday, January 13 through Thursday, April 2. They also have TA classes at Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion one Friday a month from 9:15 to 11:15 am. The schedule can be viewed on the ISLA-PTO website. This way Juan Carlos and Mariana know who their driver is every week in the event that their

transportation co-ordinator does not get them this information right away... it may have been known to happen. (In my defense, my computer crashed, but no excuses!) You can sign up for rides easily on the website using the following directions:

Go to www.isla-pto.org

Click on TA info - Aunt/Uncle family signups in the left column

Fill in your family name, e-mail address and a date from the calendar where "6:30 pm English class" or "9:15 RSI Meeting" is listed.

You can also e-mail me at aheadovertime@yahoo.com or call me at 952-546-9321 with dates if you prefer.

They will need a ride to the International Institute for the following dates:

February 17 (McDonald's night)

February 19

February 24

February 26

March 3

March 5

March 10

March 12

March 17 (McDonald's night)

March 19

March 24

March 26 (no school at ISLA)

March 31

April 2

They will need a ride to RSI (Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion) the following dates:

March 6

April 3

May 1

Directions to International Institute of Minnesota

1694 Como Ave, St. Paul, MN 55108:

1-394 E/US-12 E to I-94 E

Take exit **8B** to merge onto **I-94 E/US-12 E**

Take the exit on the **left** onto **MN-280 N**

Take the **Energy Park Dr/Kasota Ave** exit

Turn **right** at **Energy Park Dr**

Turn **left** at **Raymond Ave**

Turn **right** at **Como Ave**

Directions to RSI

100 N to 36th Ave N Exit

Take **right** at **36th Ave N**

Take **left** at **Regent Ave N**

Pass **37th Ave N** on the right side

Take immediate **left after 3707 Regent Ave N** (a blue house) into the driveway leading to the back of the school.

Go to Door #16. All doors lock at 9:00, so if you arrive after this, go around to the front entrance.

Thank you again for helping Juan Carlos and Mariana with transportation. It is a great way to get to know them a little better, and for them to get to know the student's families.