



PARENT'S LETTER JANUARY 22ND 2008 ISSUE 16 DEAR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE PARENTS:

IB Profile is Balanced & the Attitude is Cooperation

1. La Reina de la Semana

The new royalty of the week has been awarded to Chance Douglass. Chance dressed up as Jacques Cartier with a beard and all and told us about his explorations around the world. It was a well organized and informational presentation. We all learned something from her super one act play. ¡Felicidades Chance!

2. Math

Did you know that your child knows how to do algebra? We have been studying open number sentences, solving algebraic expressions and learning the order of operations. Ask your child how to solve $(3 \times 5) + 4^2 = y$. Answer 31.

3. Our Classroom Website

Our class has started our own website through Scholastic Books. Our first editors were Kirsten Maggaard and Rachel Anderson. Please log on according to these directions. 1.) Go to www.scholastic.com/classhomepage 2.) Enter our classroom User Name: isla45 3.) Enter password: isla45 4.) Submit

4. Explorers - Where we are in time in place

We are ending our IB unit on *where we are in time and place* which focused on explorers and historical events throughout history. The students did a Power Point presentation on their explorer, made a timeline, mapped out the route of their explorer, wrote a report and did a one act play as their final assessment. The presentations were sensational. Today we concluded our unit as we talked about the inauguration of President Obama and how that contributes to where we are in history right now.

5. Landforms - How the World Works

The next unit that we are starting is *How the World Works*. This is an inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and the environment. We will be looking at how landforms function and how their forms change.

6. TA Ride Share

Please see the section below regarding TA information about providing rides to English classes and how to sign up via the PTO website.

7. Up Coming Events

Feb. 9 is PTO meeting. Feb. 10th, 12th & 17th are conferences. Feb. 10th is the Board Meeting. Feb. 13th is the end of the second trimester. Feb. 16th is no school.

Con cariño,

Sra. Boeser

See simplicity in the complicated. Achieve greatness in little things. ~Lao-tzu

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:

January 13
January 15
January 20 (McDonald's night)
January 22
January 27
January 29
February 3
February 5
February 10
February 12
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:

January 23

February 6

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.