



PARENT'S LETTER JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2008 ISSUE 17  
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 Anisah Clark. Anisah fills our room with energy, smiles and entertainment. She is a natural inquirer and did an excellent job on her explorer presentation. Good work! ¡Felicidades Anisah!

2. Fiesta de Día de San Valentín

If anyone is interested in helping out with the Valentine's Day Fiesta on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> please let me know. The fiesta will begin at 2:00 p.m. All ideas are welcome!

3. Art – Old Wool Sweaters

We are going to do an art project that will involve a wool sweater. If you have one that you never wear anymore please send it to school with your child. It will be turned into something else, but I am going to keep that a surprise.

4. Landforms - How the World Works

This week we have learned about caves, valleys and islands all in Spanish. Our landform unit is being taught in English and Spanish. Next time you look at a landform; ask yourself, why did it form that way?

5. IB Friday

Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> is going to be a school wide IB Day. That means the students are going to wear handmade name tags of their profile that they are striving to strengthen. The idea behind this is to help the students become aware of their goals and to act on them. If you see yourself as being more caring, then you are more apt to believe in it and act like it. You can have your child wear this name tag at home too!

6. Money Chart

I want to thank you for participating in the money chart project. I know it required to you to do some extra homework. I also want you to know that your efforts paid off. Sra. Kirchner visited us on Monday and prepared three different scenarios and questions for the class to complete. They were challenged in math and economics and then applied these concepts to the role of the family. Their questions and answers showed great inquiry skills. Thank you Sra. Kirchner, for creating and bringing this real life experience to our classroom.

7. Up Coming Events

Feb. 9 is PTO meeting. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> are conferences. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> is the Board Meeting and Book Fair. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> is the end of the second trimester. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> is no school.

Con cariño,

Sra. Boeser

*We know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness.* ~President Obama

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.