



ISPS Weekly Newsletter

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Vision:

ISPS will strive to be one of the premier international schools.

Mission:

ISPS will provide an outstanding educational programme for both international and resident families who want their children to pursue higher education.

From the Director

Dear Parents,

A link for our annual **PARENT SURVEY** is being sent to you today. **I cannot strongly encourage you enough to complete the survey. We need your input to help us understand how you perceive our programs. I especially urge you to use the comment section to clarify your responses and provide suggestions on how we can improve.** This year, we have reduced the number of questions in the survey and it should take you just a few minutes to complete. We will share the results of the survey with the whole community and use them as we continuously improve the education we provide our students. *Thank you in advance for your participation.*

Here is the link: *CLICK ON IT NOW!*

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=fjd5MmeiDJ5yezAXpY5w_2bQ_3d_3d

It was great to see the AP art classes work exhibited in the Fine Art Gallery in Port of Spain. The work looked even more fantastic in this venue. Congratulations to the students and Ms Taft on a wonderful exhibit.

Thanks to the many parents who attended the Parent Coffee Morning on Third Culture Kids on Wednesday. It was a good discussion of the effects of living an international lifestyle. I welcome the parent suggestion that we hold a similar meeting in the Fall, focused on entering a new culture. We will also be considering what format would be appropriate to use in discussing these issues with students of various ages.

Portales was a wonderful showcase of our students progress in learning Spanish or French. The school was decorated beautifully with the students work and the many exhibits, films, plays and videos were great to see. Congratulations to the students and thanks to our foreign language teachers for giving us this experience.

The High School prom will be held on Saturday evening and the excitement is growing in the high school section. Students have been reminded that this is a school event and all school rules apply. Please discuss this with your children beforehand. We are looking forward to a great evening.

Mr. Horsfall will be holding a **meeting for parents of eighth grade students on June 9th from 1:00-2:00.** At the meeting he will introduce key features about the high school program and answer any questions you have.

Remember, ISPS is on holiday next Thursday and Friday. I hope you enjoy the long weekend and hope to see you at the PTO Garage Sale tomorrow at 2:00. There will be no newsletter next week. Enjoy the break!

Eric Larson

Dates for your Diary:

Jun 6	SAT Exams 8:00 - 1:30pm PTO Garage Sale 2:00 - 5:00pm
June 9	"Transition to High School" : Meeting for 8th Grade parents 1-2pm @ Café
Jun 10	Gd 6: Mousetrap Car Derby 8-11:30amGym
Jun 11:	Corpus Christi (National Holiday)
Jun 12	School Holiday (No Classes)
Jun 13	ACT's : 8:00am-11:45am
Jun 16	Athletic Sports Awards: 6:00pm

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Reminders

June 6: PTO Garage Sale from 2:00-5:00pm

June 9: Transition to High School: Meeting for 8th Grade parents 1:00-2:00pm-Café

June 10: Grade 6: Mousetrap Car Derby: 8am to 11:30am-South Gym

June 11: Corpus Christi

June 12: School Holiday

Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence

Website: <http://www.isps.edu.tt>

High School Notice

Exam Schedule

The schedule for end of year exams is as set out below:

	Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June	Wednesday 24th June	Thursday 25th June	Friday 26th June
Exam 1 8:00-9:30	English All English courses	Language All Spanish and French courses	Math 1 Alg 1, Alg 2, Stat Intro	"C" day schedule Every class will meet for a final time for the year. Last day to hand in textbooks and other	Homeroom Awards Assembly
Exam 2 10:00-11:30	Science 1 Phys Sci, Chem	S.St. 1 MWH, AWH, Economics	Math 2 Geo, PreCalc		Whole School Assembly Dismissal @11:30
Exam 3 12:45-2:15	Science 2 Bio, Physics, Env Sci.	Makeup 1	Makeup 2		Graduation 6:30pm

Students should take a good look at this schedule to determine if there are any clashes or errors.

On Thursday 25th we will have a final "C" day where all the classes will meet. This will give teachers a chance to discuss the exam and wrap up the year's work. Students will have a last chance to return textbooks on Thursday.

On Friday 26th we will have our awards assembly and some other year end activities. I hope to have end of year reports available for pick up on Friday.

Administrative Notices

From Admissions From Accounts

If you are leaving us at the end of the school year, please ensure that the Admissions Office has been officially notified in writing of your departure so that we can initiate our withdrawal procedures.

Only when this is completed and sign out sheets are returned to us can we release school records to you.

Please call Ms. Scott at ext 408 or Mrs. De Four-Olivier at ext 410

10% SURCHARGE FOR LATE PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A 10% interest surcharge has been imposed for the late payment of tuition fees. This will take effect in the new academic year commencing August 1st, 2009. It is therefore suggested that parents/guardians take note of the due dates which are stated on your contracts for payment of tuition fees.

If in doubt, kindly contact Irene Akien in the Business Office for further clarification or information.

Middle School Activity Reports

Fondes Amandes Community Middle School Student Council

Re-Forestation

2008-2009



This Quarter Grade 7 went to Fondes Amandes. As part of our Sense of Time Unit we visited The Fondes Amandes Community Re-Forestation Project.

This Community project led by Ms. Akilah Jaramgi is about including organic gardening and permaculture, community recycling and composting, craft and cottage industry, forest fire prevention, and the operation of Clean Tree Organic Nursery.

On this field trip we had the opportunity of meeting this wonderful person. She showed us around and helped us plant trees, also we got to name our trees so in the future we can come back and visit them. We also went on a hike and heard more about the important impact of the F.A.C.R.P. As a consequence for being absentminded or forgetful we are charged \$1 every time we request an *additional* handout in class. Combined with donations the Watershed Team was able to hand over \$760 dollars, which Ms. Jaramgi humbly accepted.

Overall we had a spectacular time and we will do our part on spreading the word on conservation and sustainability.

The Middle School Student Council has been meeting on a regular basis throughout the academic year. They have been planning activities and events since the council elections took place. The committee comprises a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. This year we actually had a co-Presidency which consisted of Maia Morgan and Alexandra Bovell. Our VP was Nathalia Mahabir, our Treasurer was Celine Sooknarine and our Secretary was Vinaya Ravishankar. All of them did a fantastic job while serving in their voluntary capacities.

We also had representatives and alternates from each of the middle school homerooms who attended our meetings during the lunch period on Tuesdays. Thank you to all of you for supporting each other so well and for representing the student body.

The Student Council has organized several events such as the Middle School Halloween Party. They also held several fundraising events to raise money for our homeroom adopt-a-family program and other charities.

Our Spirit Week was a very effective fundraiser which yielded over \$1550 TT! Thank you to all the Middle School students who took part in that fun week where everyone dressed according to the theme of the day. All those who participated had a great time.

The Student Council this year has undertaken new projects as well as some tried and true ones and although they found it challenging at times, they worked together well as a group to put the events into operation. Thank you to all the teachers, staff and students who helped to make this year's council a success.

Ms. Craig and Ms. Durity
co-advisors to the MSSC

Athletics

CAIMANS Athletics:

It's that time of the year again when we celebrate the successes of our athletes and the school. Our Annual CAIMANS Sports Awards Ceremony will be held in our gym on June 16th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

All athletes who represented ISPS in Rugby, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Water Polo, Swimming and Tennis are invited. All guests will be charged \$100.00 (TT) to attend (athletes and coaches are free of charge). This will cover the cost of refreshments.

Please confirm your attendance by completing and returning the form along with your payment to Ashmir Ali on or before June 10th.

Athletic Sports Award Ceremony

It's time to recognize our athletes & coaches who have participated throughout the year in representing our school. Please join us as we take part in this joyous event. There will be refreshments, awards, & athlete recognition with a few other surprises for an enjoyable evening.

June 16th, 2009

ISPS Gym @ 6:00pm

\$100 TT dollars per person (no charge for student athletes)

Yes, we will be attending the banquet

Family Name: _____ No. Attending: _____

Enclosed Payment: _____

No, we will be unable to attend & so will our child or children

Family Name: _____

No, we will not be able to attend although our child will be attending.

Child or Children's Name/s: _____

Library Notes

By Debbie Jacob

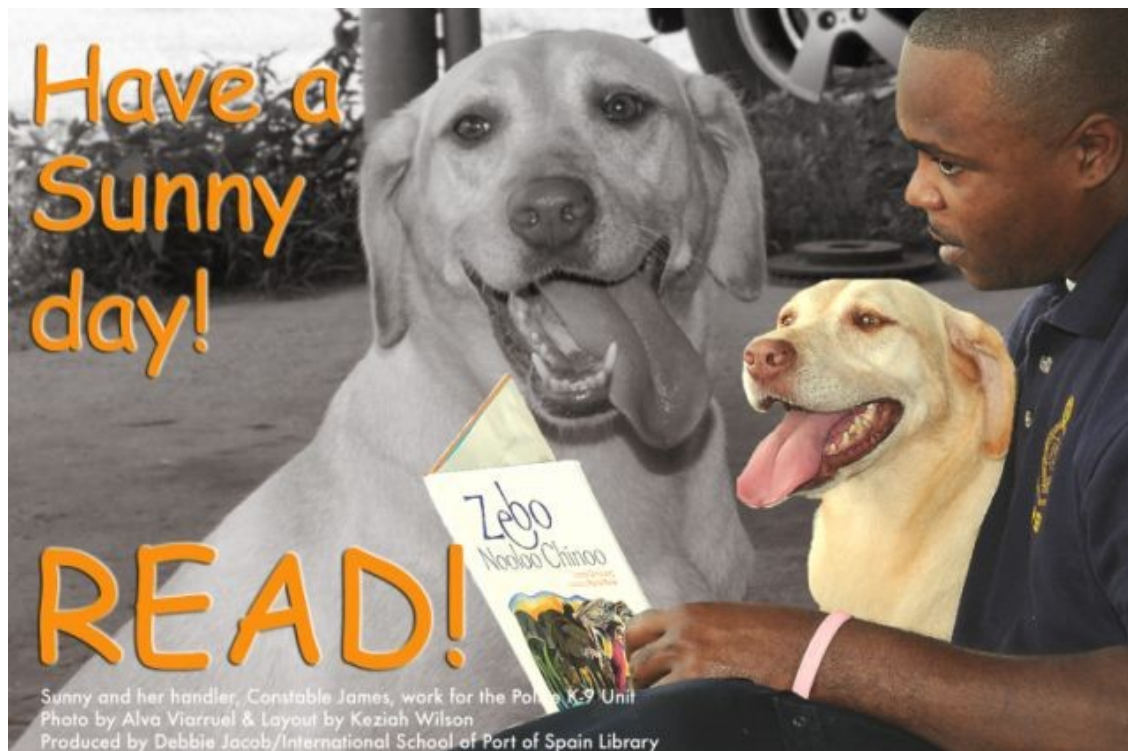
Members of the ISPS Library Book Club will visit the Police K-9 Unit at the Caroni Police station where they will meet the working dogs of Trinidad and Tobago. Students who read ten books on the ISPS Book Club list and scored 80% or above on their Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes are eligible for the field trip on Tuesday.

One of the books on the list is *Cracker! The Best Dog in Viet Nam* by Japanese-American author Cynthia Kadohata. This book tells the story of an army dog trained to find explosives.

The trip to the K-9 Unit presents an opportunity for students to make a real-life connection to a book they are reading. The relationship between dogs and their handlers demonstrates caring, empathy, confidence, commitment, cooperation and respect – all PYP attitudes that students have used throughout the year in their classes.

Students attending the field trip will meet Sunny, who is featured with her handler in a special Read Poster designed by the ISPS library. All students in this year's book club and last year's book club will receive an ISPS read poster.

The following members of the ISPS Library Book Club are eligible for the trip : Noah Zaharia, Sophie Duthie, Erin Buchanan, Lucas Lombard, Jessica Hupp, Adam Karboub, Thayane Caramenz, Vaishnavi Vijayan, Alexander Jackson, Rebecca Phillip, Timothy Scott, Anna Simpson, and Vanessa Zemple . Additional students are still trying to meet their deadlines.



School Notice Board : Upcoming Events & Notices



Library Book Sale

STILL ON!!!

Please come by and check out our broad selection of brand new books that we have on sale at reasonable prices.

There are New York Times bestsellers: self help books, lovely picture books and so much more.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

PTO Grand Garage Sale



TOMORROW: June 6th

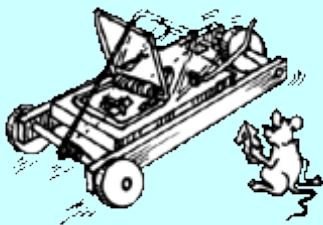
2pm-5pm @ ISPS Gym

Don't Miss Out!!!

You Are Invited to Mousetrap Car Race Day

*Wednesday 10th June from 8:00am-11:30am:
Gym*

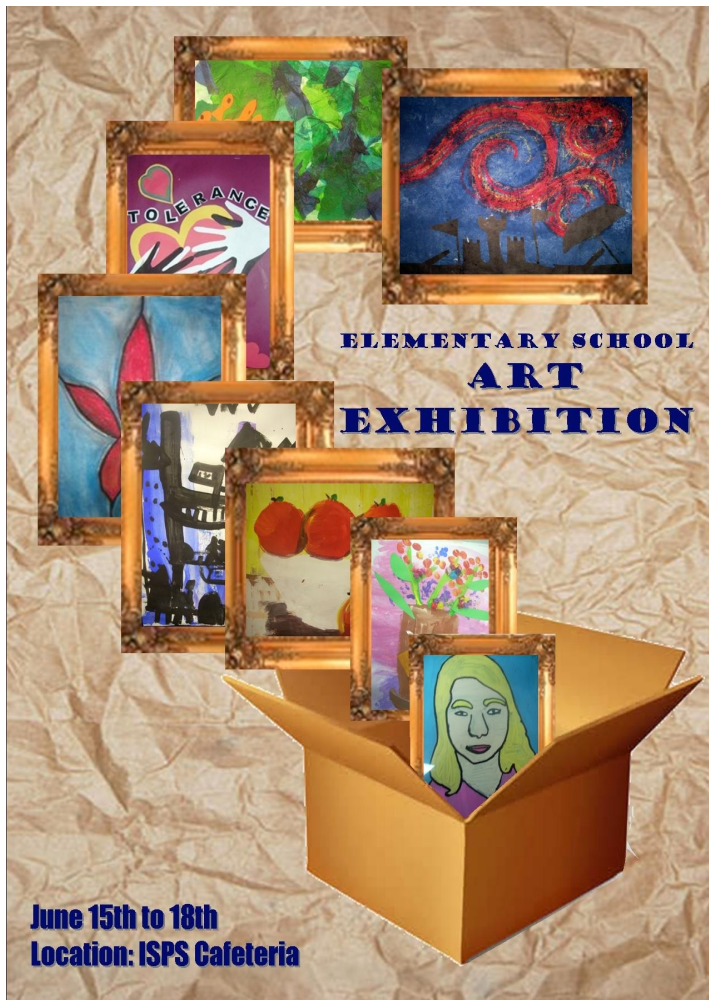
***Join us to enjoy and observe our hard work &
the Speed and Distance Competition!***



6th Grade

Integrated Math/Science Classes

Ms. De Boucher's & Ms. Arneaud's



ISPS SUMMER CAMP

ISPS SUMMER SCHOOL

29th June—17th July 2009

Summer Camp 9am—2:30pm

Summer School 9am—11:30am (recommended
by ISPS teacher)

* Download form-www.isps.edu.tt

Click on “School Life” and scroll down to
“Summer Camp”.

* Fill out form and drop off

Enroll in our balanced program for
4—12 year olds in Art , Culture,
Science, Technology and Sports



- Art and Craft
- Cooking
- Dance
- Digital Music Production
- Digital Photography
- Exploratory Science
- Information Technology
- BrickLab® Lego
- Robotics
- Sports
- Video Production

Feature Camp Activity

ROBOTICS

9-12 year olds

BRICKLAB® (LEGO)

4-8 year olds

**Registration
Forms are now
available at the
front office!**

**High School
Art
Exhibition**

May 21st –June 10th
In the lower corridor of the
Fine Arts Center



Middle School Play

“Pirates of Penzance”

June 17 & 18



High School Photography Club: Exhibition

Still on till June 10th in the Fine Arts
Corridor

For further details: Visit <http://www.isps.edu.tt>

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Jun 6

Dates for your Diary:

SAT Exams 8:00-1:30pm

PTO Garage Sale 2:00-5:00pm

Prom Night



Cafeteria Menu: June 8th-12th

Everyday there will be a set menu at a fixed cost (Table 'd' hote) and some days may have an a la carte menu where items are priced individually (A la Carte)

- Mon 8th:** Barbeque Beef Subs, Chicken Teriyaki Subs, Meatball Subs, Tuna Subs, French Fries, Toppings, Salad bar, & Fresh Fruit Juices (A La Carte) OR *Pasta Delight, Green Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice*
- Tue 9th:** Sweet and Sour Fish, Chinese Style Chicken, Fried Rice, Noodles, Chunky Vegetables, Cucumber Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Wed 10th:** Cajun Chicken, Deep Fried Fish, Creamed Potatoes, Corn Bread, Peas and Carrots, Tossed Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Thu 11th:** **Corpus Christi (National Holiday: No School)**
- Fri 12th:** **School Holiday (No Classes)**

Prices for Lunch: VAT INCLUSIVE (Table 'd' hote)- Fixed Menu

Small: \$20.70 Large: \$25.30

Note: Vegetarian meals are available upon request. Students & Staff who suffer from allergies or have dietary requirements, please let the café know in advance so that they can try to facilitate you.

Other Available Items: Sandwiches, Fresh Fruit Juices, Milk Drinks, Pre-packed Juices, Cut Fruits, Freshly Baked Pastries & Snack Items

**** Special Note****

Freshly baked breads are still available for purchase from your ISPS Café on Friday afternoons. If you are interested, please place your orders during the week from Monday through to Thursday with Mrs. Prime or her staff.



Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

We often wonder where the time has gone when June arrives. This time of year usually brings mixed emotions as we bid farewell to many of our families. Last Wednesday, Mr. Larson met with several parents in the cafeteria to discuss *Third Culture Kids*. He talked about what to expect when students leave or move to another country. He stressed the importance about open discussions on positive and negative aspects of the families' experiences. Additionally, he gave strategies on how to ease the transition of moving from one country to the next. For more information on this topic you can check out the website: www.tckworld.com. You can also check the ISPS Library for books on the subject.

Thank you to all our parents who attended the Music Festival on May, 25th. Our students did their best on the stage, and we must commend them for that. The music department has reviewed the programme and there will be changes next year. We sincerely thank Ms. Carter, Ms. Ledgerwood and Ms. Sylvester for their perseverance and commitment to the Music Festival. All children who participated in the event received certificates.

Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) results for Grade Two were sent home last Friday. If you have any questions regarding your child's score, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Koesterer.

If you missed the launching of the *Sun Protection Programme* last week at town meeting, please ask your child how he/she can protect him/herself while being in the sun. The following topics were discussed: Ultra Violet Index, use of protection gear and conditions that can be caused by too much exposure to sun light. The project culminated in a fashion show. Thank you to Ms. Zaharia and Ms. Gomes for their initiative in promoting the programme.

Sincerely,

Suzette Julien: Elementary Principal

Primary Years Program (PYP) Corner...

Our final PYP words for the month: **balanced and appreciation**. All students are involved in projects that culminate in our final phase of the PYP units. Our teachers spend an inordinate amount of time reviewing the unit planners with colleagues across the curriculum. This year has been a very productive and successful year for PYP.

Additionally, all classroom teachers have completed a review of standards and benchmarks. They have discussed expectations above and below their grade level. For example, the Grade One teacher met with the Kindergarten and the Grade Two teachers to discuss skills, projects etc. **Angela Shahien (PYP Coordinator)**

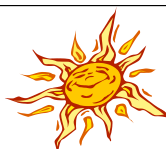
Sun Protection Fashion Show



Music Festival Award Ceremony



Summer Camp 2009



Summer camp flyers and forms are available at the front office. Forms can also be downloaded from www.isps.edu.tt. Please click on **School Life** for all camp information. Return completed forms to Elementary School Office.

Dates to Remember:

June 11: Corpus Christi (No School)

June 19: Labour Day

June 12: School Holiday (No Classes)

June 24: Last day for Homework Pod

Week of June 15: RISS & MISS ends

June 25: Grade 5 Transition Celebration 8-9 am