



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,

I hope you did not miss the high school production of Fools, which played last Thursday through Saturday. By all accounts, the students put on a superb performance. Congratulations to all of the cast, supporting staff and Mr. Levy on your achievement.

The high school art exhibit and photography club display continues to be shown in the hallway behind the theater until June 8th. Last evening there was an opening for the Advanced Placement art exhibit in the gymnasium, which will remain open through Saturday. Next week, the AP art show will move to an art gallery in Port of Spain, with an opening reception on Tuesday, June 2nd (see details later in this newsletter). I encourage you to visit the exhibits to support our talented artists and enjoy some fine artwork.

The CAISSA girls' basketball and boys' soccer tournament took place this last weekend and was a resounding success. Our teams played very hard in some close games, with our girls' varsity basketball team winning first place. Congratulations to all of the athletes for representing our school with distinction and to Mr. Ali and the P.E. staff for a great event. Again, a very special thanks to the many parents who helped host students and volunteered during the event. Thanks, too, to the PTO for sponsoring the family BBQ on Saturday and at the Closing Ceremony.

It was also great to see the Elementary School Music Festival on Monday. The enthusiasm and bravado of our young musicians was wonderful. Thanks to the many parents who came to the festival and supported these courageous artists.

Please remember we will host a **Parent Coffee Morning on Third Culture Kids, next Wednesday morning, June 3rd at 7:30 AM**. We will be discussing how an international lifestyle affects the development of children, and how you can help maximize the benefits and minimize the challenges. This discussion will be relevant to all internationally mobile families and of special interest to those who are moving at the end of this school year.

As you can see, it has been a busy month at ISPS, with activities demonstrating the wonderful diversity of experiences our school provides students. As the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, we will be sending home a survey to all parents next week asking for your input on our programs. Your input is very important to us and we will use it to help us enhance and improve the education we provide our students. I sincerely hope that **ALL** families will complete and return the survey.

Have a good weekend- and don't forget the PTO Garage Sale will be held next Saturday, June 6th, from 2:00-5:00 PM.

Eric Larson

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Jun 2	AP Art Exhibit: Fine Art Gallery
Jun 3	Third Culture Kids Parent Coffee Morning 7:30am
Jun 4	MS/HS Modern Languages "Portales" 12:30 - 2:00pm
Jun 6	SAT Exams 8:00 - 1:30pm PTO Garage Sale 2:00 - 5:00pm

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Notice to withdrawing families

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

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

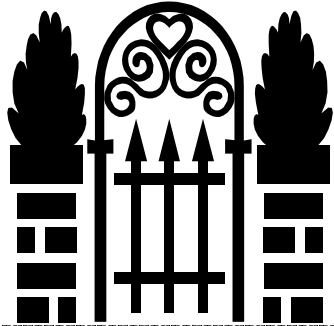
Library Notes

by Debbie Jacob

Celebrate Indian Arrival Day by choosing a book that captures Indian culture both in the subcontinent and the Caribbean. Here are some of my favourite books.

- **The Arrival of the Snake -Woman** – In the title story for her second collection of short stories, Jamaican writer Olive Senior captures the mystery and joy of a child discovering an unusual, new resident in a remote Jamaican village. The snake-woman is an East Indian who appears to be strangely exotic to the Afro-Jamaican children. Arrival of the Snake-Woman reminds us of East Indian roots throughout the Caribbean. We forget sometimes that East Indian migrant labourers, who mainly came to the West Indies to work in the sugar cane fields, settled in islands other than Trinidad.
- **No Pain Like This Body** -- Trinidad writer Harold Sonny Ladoo was a strange, morose, individual fixated on his own death, which he predicted while he was living and writing in Canada. His haunting stories capture poverty and violence among Trinidad's East Indians living in rural Trinidad. Ladoo was killed in a cane field in Couva. He was 28 and his murder was never solved.
- **A Brighter Sun** – In this poignant story, author Samuel Selvon captures the East Indian experience in rural Trinidad in much the same way Earl Lovelace captures the Afro-Trinidadian urban experience in *The Dragon Can't Dance*. This is the story of Tiger and his child bride Urmilla as they make a life in the Trinidad countryside during World War II. Selvon captured the country humour that sets rural Trinidad apart from the rest of Trinidad.
- **The Dragon Can't Dance** – Earl Lovelace's masterpiece is worth reading for its treatment of Pariag alone. Pariag is an East Indian trying to make it in Port of Spain. His struggle makes him one of the most endearing characters to emerge from Caribbean literature.
- **Miguel Street** -- Most people don't realise that Nobel laureate V.S. Naipaul was writing about East Indians living in Woodbrook. Miguel Street is filled with quirky characters that used to define Trinidad. Who can forget Bogart the polygamist; the mysterious Hat; Popo, who was always making the thing without a name and Man-Man who had himself tied to a cross so that people could stone him, and when they did, Man-Man cussed them for throwing such big stones. This is the book that brought me to Trinidad. After reading Miguel Street, I got on a plane and came here to see if there really was such a place that existed. There was; so I stayed.
- **A Fine Balance** -- Rohinton Mistry, who lives in Canada, captures the Parsi, or Zoroastrian roots of India in his multi-level allegories. A Fine Balance is set during Mrs. Gandhi's state of emergency in 1975. Paradoxically everything goes spinning out of control as the government tightens its grip. Mistry's novel examines the relationship of a widow to a young student and two tailors who flee their native village after violence erupts. A Fine Balance is a riveting read. Mistry has been my favourite author for some time. His ability to create a multi-tiered story that doesn't fully come together until the end of his novels is simply brilliant.
- **Sacred Games** – Vikram Chandra wrote an endearing, epic novel called *Red Earth and Pouring Rain*, that should be on the reading lists of anyone who loves East Indian literature. Sacred Games is his detective novel set in Mumbai – Bombay at the time of the story. We don't usually associate detective novels with India, but that could change now that Vikas Swarup, author of *Slumdog Millionaire* penned a detective novel for his second book. India is a great setting for detective novels as you'll see when you read Sacred Games.
- **The Guide** - R. K. Narayan's story of a con-man who gets caught up in his own religious con game is now considered a modern Indian classic. The Guide explores some deep philosophical and psychological issues about how people become the image that they project of themselves. The Guide is a provocative read. It is just one of the many books that are part of Narayan's Malgudi series. Malgudi is a fictitious village in southern India. In each book from the Vendor of Sweets to The Guide, Narayan offers another glimpse of the village. The Guide should be read with V.S. Naipaul's *Mystic Masseur*.
- **The God of Small Things** -- Arundhati Roy's unusual writing style enhances this sad, love story that is also a scathing commentary on the Indian caste system. The Good of Small Things is a great book to read along with *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad.
- **Slumdog Millionaire**—If you haven't read the novel by Indian diplomat Vikas Swarup, you're missing a real treat.

June 4, 2009 Modern Languages Department
presents:
PORTALES



Puertas, portales,
portones
Portes, portails, entrées
Portals, doors, entrances
Doorways and entrances

The Middle and High School students would like to invite you to their Spanish and French Language showcase.

Come and enter the portals, and discover a rich display of language, culture and information.

June 4th from 12:30 - 2:00pm
@ ISPS

Exhibitions:

El Parque Jurásico... A walk with dinosaurs
¡Que Calor!: El Canal del tiempo ...The weather channel

Souvenirs de Vacances... Holiday games
El Mercado de las Pulgas... Shopping in the flea market

La faim ... Two views on world hunger
La Noche Vieja... A farewell to the Old Year
Mi familia... A description of family

Los Cuentacuentos... Come and meet the storytellers

La Máquina del Tiempo... A journey to the past

And much more...



Middle School Play

"Pirates of Penzance"

June 17 & 18

ISPS Theatre 6:00pm



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!

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

E-mail: sjulien@isps.edu.tt or isps.summercamp@gmail.com

Call: (868) 633-4777 ext 123



Athletics

Thank you all for your efforts to make CAISSA 'Hot Like Fire' a success. You were wonderful. Our visitors enjoyed and envied our school spirit and our hospitality, they loved our cheerleaders and the loved the fighting spirit of our JV teams.

It was a very keenly contested tournament and our teams represented us with distinction both on and off the field of play. The results are as follows:

<i>3rd Season</i>	<i>Boys Soccer</i>	<i>Girls B-Ball</i>	<i>Team Award</i>	
	Position	Position	Position	Points.
ECA	2	2	3, 2	1, 2
ISPS	3	1	1, 3	3, 1
CMS	1	3	2, 1	2, 3
ISPS 2	4	4		

Team Spirit Awards:

Boys

Girls

ISPS 1 First place

CMS First place

CMS Second place

ECA Second place

ECA Third place

ISPS Third place

All Star Teams:

Boys Soccer:

Manuel Troncoso (CMS)

Pedro Perez (CMS)

Escobar Sebastian (ECA)

Francisco Garcia (ECA)

Shaun Augustus (ISPS 1)

Jabari Thomas (ISPS 2)

Jose Prida (CMS)

Salman Branche (CMS- Best Keeper)

Girls Basketball:

Casey Temple (ISPS 1)

Maya Gillett (ECA)

Emma Golborne (ISPS 1)

Maryieli Barrero (ECA)

Mary Rugh (CMS)

Elyse Maggiori (ISPS 2)



CAISSA Cup was awarded to ECA. They totaled 28 points after the 3 seasons

ISPS was second with 27 points, CMS was third with 18 points and AC (who did not make it to the last tournament) was fourth with 17points.



Athletics

Very special thanks to:

Mr. Larson (for your support and guidance),

PE Department- Ricardo Lue Shue, Andrew Francis, Teleshia Joseph and Albert Sprott (for being a great team), Thomas Kaster, Linda, Aaron (for housing coaches),

Security Staff, Business Staff, Hazel and James Gajadhar (for all booklets and printing), **Nurse Gomes, Stacy, Richard, Arnold Thomas and the IT department, Ms. Prime, Aykean and The Maintenance Crew, Jessica and Shelly, Lydia and rest of the staff who supported the teams and the event.**

The PTO: Mr. Denning, Ms. De los Reyes, Ms. De Montrichard, Ms Bayne, Ms. Patterson and the rest of the executive for lunches, snacks and the closing ceremony.

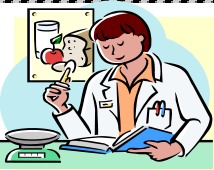
Hospitality Committees: Ms. Sue Ann Temple, Ms. Bernadette Chin Lee and all the other parents who contributed.

Marlon Holder and the UTC, Omar Hadeed and Sports & Games, and the Sabga and the Miller families for their generous contributions.

Our Host Parents: Gillian Golborne, Louis Smart, Jay Haskell, Katrina Holgate, Christopher Chin Lee, Jackie Hamel-Smith, Simone Jackson, Mairet de Ochando, Sue Ann Temple, Elizabeth Mahadeo, Nevin Bocarra, Rose Mary Costa, Helena Sabga, Cynara Concha, Nicole Maggiori, Karen Christi, Hemali Metha, Monica Ariza, Jennifer Augustus, Maria De los Reyes, Natalie Galt, and Stephanie Omardeen.

And everyone who has made this possible My Deepest, Sincerest THANKS!!!!!!

Ashmir Ali



Nurse's Notes

Hello Everyone,

I have now completed a program with the Elementary school on how to be safe in the sun. The children should be able to tell you how to be safe. They all did something of interest and we ended with a display and a fashion show at the town meeting.

On Tuesday 2nd June 2009, the Blood Bank will be on the school compound from 9am to 3pm. If you are a donor or would like to become one you are welcomed to do so. Just give me a call at 632-4591/92 ext. 550 or e-mail me at vgomes@isps.edu.tt and I will slot you into a time that is convenient to you. **Please note that you are required to walk with some form of identification.**

I have a few Yellow fever shots left. If you would like to get it, come in and I will give you the shot. The price is still \$180.00 TT

Have a great weekend.

Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.

School Nurse

School Notice Board : Upcoming Events & Notices



ISPS HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

presents

An Exhibition of Work.

Come and see the work of our talented photographers

Date: On now through, June 10th

Venue: Fine Arts Centre Corridor



Library Book Sale

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!



High School Art Exhibition

May 21st – June 10th

In the lower corridor of the Fine Arts Center

Summer Holidays are fast approaching

Don't forget to check our ISPS School Store

for one of a kind gift items for your friends and family



Grand Garage

Grand Garage Sale



International School of Port of Spain families are offering you stuff at great prices!

Toys, Computer Games, DVD's, Music Cd's, Electronics, Clothes, Household Items, Small Appliances and Furniture, etc.

Don't Miss out!!!

Saturday, June 6th

2pm-5pm @ ISPS Gym

Last Chance to book your table..if you have not yet done so...

JUST A FEW REMAINING!

For further information OR to book, please contact any of the persons listed below:

Maria: 632-7335/ 389-7250 or e-mail magusinya2002@hotmail.com

Lee: 629-0510/ 729-4129 or e-mail ondvill@yahoo.co.uk



ISPS Advanced Placement Art Exhibition 2009

Featured Students:

Aimee Sabga

Florinda Pamungkasputri

Diego Ariza

Christian Bayne

Delaney Shim

Kimberly Achim

Venue:

The Gallery of Fine Art

June 2nd-6th

Opening Reception

June 2nd: 6:30-8:30 pm

Gallery hours for viewing

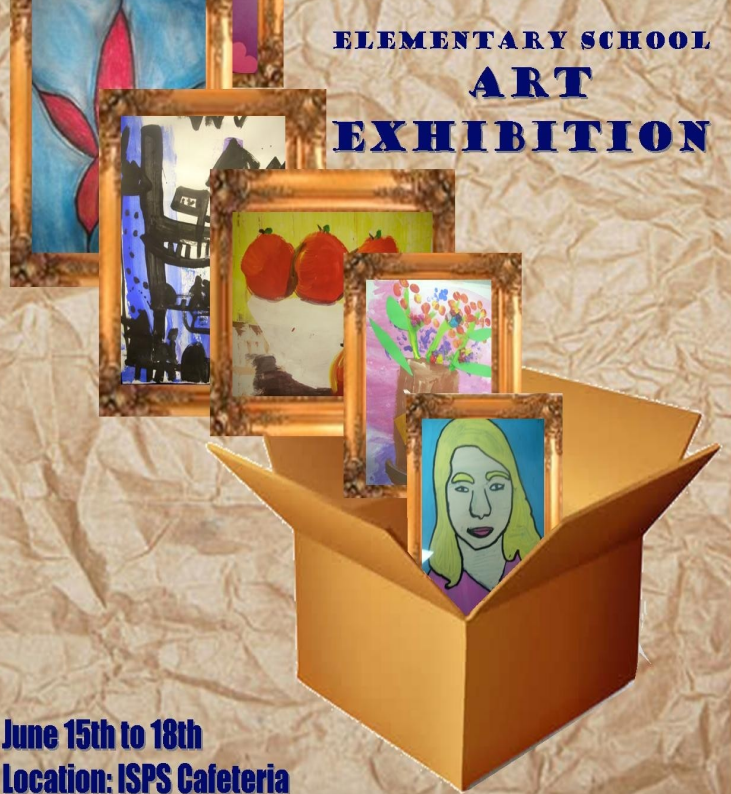
M-F: 9am-5pm and

Sat: 8am-1pm

Located at the corner of Rosolino & Warren Street, Woodbrook



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION



June 15th to 18th
Location: ISPS Cafeteria



Thank you

to the PTO and the Grades 5,6,7 & 8 parents

who hosted the Staff Appreciation day on Wednesday

Your recognition of us was very well appreciated.



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	Prom Night	



Cafeteria Menu: June 1st-5th

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 1st:** Curried Chicken, Curried Goat, Buss Up Shut/Roti, Pumpkin Choka, Curried Potato and Channa, Mango Curry, fresh Fruit Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Tue 2nd:** Meat Loaf, Fish Cakes, Tomato Sauce, Pasta, garlic Bread, Green Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Wed 3rd:** Caribbean Style Chicken, Geera Pork, Fish Creole, Corn Pie, Rice, Calaloo, Pigeon Peas Stew, Cole Slaw & Fresh Fruit Juice
- Thu 4th:** Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes/Maple Syrup, French Toast, Bagels/Cream Cheese, Coconut Bake/Saltfish Buljol, Sausages, Hash Browns, Bacon, Eggs, Cereal, Yogurt, Cut Fruits, Danish, Muffins & Fresh Fruit Juice **(a La Carte)**
- Fri 5th:** Chicken Pelau, Oil Down, Bhaghee with Pigtail/Dumplings, Pickled Salad & Fresh Fruit Juice

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.





June 2009

International School of Port of Spain

2008—2009 School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 31	1 HS Art & Photography Club Exhibition	2 AP Art Exhibition The Fine Arts Gallery: Woodbrook	3 Parent Coffee Morning "Third Culture Kids" 7:30am.	4 MS/HS Modern Languages "Portales" 12:30-2:00pm	5 Bio trip to Matura	6 SATs 8:00am—1:30pm PTO Garage Sale 2:00-5:00pm Prom Night
7	8 HS Art & Photography Club Exhibition	9	10 Grade 6 Mousetrap Car Races	11 Corpus Christi (National Holiday)	12 School Holiday	13 ACTs 8:00am—11:45am
14	15	16	17 MS Play "Pirates Of Penzance" 6:00pm ISPS Theatre	18 MS Play "Pirates Of Penzance" 6:00pm ISPS Theatre	19 Labour Day (National Holiday)	20
21	22	23 Grade 8 World Food Conference	24	25 Grade 5 Transition Ceremony	26 ES/MS Report Kinder Transition Ceremony Last Day of School for Students 11:30am Dismissal Class of 2009 Graduation 6:30pm	27
28	29 Summer Camp begins June 29—July 17 	30				