



ISPS Weekly Newsletter

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Mission

ISPS develops independent learners who strive for academic excellence, pursue their unique potential and meet challenges with confidence and integrity as they prepare for global citizenship.

Vision

A collaborative community creating a vibrant environment that enriches character, while inspiring a passion for learning and personal excellence.

From the Director

Dear Parents,

PTO Welcome Coffee Mornings continued this week and all elementary grades have now had a chance to meet other parents with children in their child's grade level and learn more about the PTO. It is good to see the number of parents who indicate they are willing to help with PTO activities throughout the year. We really hope many parents will be actively involved in the life of the school. Coffee Mornings continue for parents with students in middle school and high school next week.

Elementary students completed the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test this week. We will use the results of this test to aid in the identification of student learning needs. Results will be available to parents and will provide you with information about how your child's performance compares with other students from around the world. Ninth graders will take the MAP beginning September 13th and students in grades 6-8 will take the test beginning September 15th. Please make sure your child gets adequate rest and eats a healthy breakfast during their testing period.

It was good to see many parents at the Middle School Curriculum Night on Wednesday. We hope you found the information helpful and encourage you to keep informed about your children's academic program. The elementary school Curriculum Night takes place on September 14th beginning at 5:30. High school follows with a meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 6:00 PM.

After School Activities began this week. Students may still sign up for these sessions and enrolment forms are available at the front desk. I understand from discussion at some of the Coffee Mornings that there is concern about supervision before and after activity sessions. Mr. Ali, our Athletic and Activities Director, and I are working to ensure students are supervised and safe. Please let us know if you see an unsafe situation so that we can address it in a timely manner.

There will be a **parent meeting on Thursday, September 23rd at 7:30 AM** on the topic of Emergency Procedures at ISPS. We have detailed plans for a variety of possible emergencies that we want you to know about and will welcome your input on ways we can ensure the safety of our school community. At this meeting, we will also discuss the drop off and pick up procedures at ISPS which I know are a concern to parents and possible modifications we might make to ease the congestion before and after school. I hope you will be able to join us for this important meeting.

Congratulations to the FIFA U 17 Trinidad and Tobago women's soccer team on their victory last Sunday. We wish the team, and especially our students Rehanna Omardeen and Anique Walker, continued success during the tournament.

Tomorrow is a national holiday in honor of Eid Ul Fitr.

Eid Mubarak to all of our Muslim families!

Eric Larson



Dates for your Diary:

Sept. 13-24	MS/HS MAP Testing
10	Eid-ul-Fitr (National Holiday)
14	ES Curriculum Night
16	HS Curriculum Night
23	Parent Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. Cafeteria
24	Republic Day (National Holiday)
30	Vision Screen Testing
30	ES Progress Reports



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Nurse's Notes

Hello Everyone,

Students are getting the variety of viruses going around nationally. Those with symptoms similar to Dengue e.g. fever, skin rash, body aches, general ill feeling etc need to be checked for dengue. There is also a gastro like condition going around.

I will call you if your child is ill especially if he/she has fever.

Vision screening takes place on Friday 30th September in the conference room. Optometrists Today will conduct the screening free of charge.

Please complete the following form and return to me or Hazel Walker by Monday 27th September 2010 if you want your child/children to be screened.

Vanda Gomes R.N. R.M.
School Nurse

Please return the completed form by Monday 27th September 2010

I want my child/children to have vision screening done on Thursday 30th September 2010

Name/s -----	Grade -----
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Parent/Guardian

Vision Screening



**Thursday
30th
September**



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Meet your child's teachers and find out more about your child's academic programme for this year.

Elementary School

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
5:30 to 8:00pm.
ISPS Theatre

High School

Thursday, September 16, 2010
6:00 to 8:00pm.
ISPS Theatre



Caiman Athletic News

Caissa Volleyball

Our volleyball teams have begun preparations for the CAISSA Volleyball tournament in the Dominican Republic, hosted by the Carol Morgan School, which takes place from the 10th to 14th November 2010. A large number of boys and girls have turned out and are trying their best to make the cut for the tournament. The coaches are pleased and ISPS should have two very competitive teams.

Rugby

Our rugby players are already in training to participate in the annual schools' competition. The Caimans under 17 won the National Schools League title last year and will be trying for two straight. Coach Junior would like more boys to try out for the team.

Swimming

The Tidal wave Aquatics Swim Club of Trinidad and Tobago will be hosting its 10th Annual Secondary Schools' Swim Meet on Sunday November 7th. All students interested in representing the Caimans must contact Mr. Andrew Francis (ext. 135) at the PE office.

After School Activities

The After School Activities started on Monday 6st September. Please register as soon as possible (if you have not done so already) as there are more places available.

- ◆ The Steel Pan (Beginners) class is filled.
- ◆ There are only 3 places left in Arts and Craft.

Please read the registration form carefully and take note of all the important dates.

Caiman Sports Clubs:

Students, staff members, parents and persons in the community are invited to join our sports clubs. Basketball sweat with Sprott starts on Tuesday 14th September from 6:30pm -9:00pm.

Ashmir Ali,
Athletic Director



Our annual International Food Festival will take place on Saturday October 23rd 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ISPS gym. The day promises to be an enriching experience for all our ISPS families as we come together to celebrate the many nationalities and cultures represented at our school.

Tickets will soon go on sale at the school.
Adults: \$100.00 Children (Elementary Grades): \$50.00

Here is a list of participating countries to date:

Argentina	Philippines
Guyana	Trinidad and Tobago
India	UK
Italy	Venezuela

A Country Coordinator meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21st September at 1:30 p.m.** in the School Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend!!

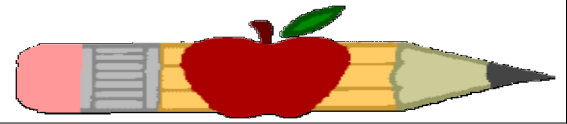
If your country's name does not appear on this list or you wish to participate in hosting a booth or volunteering on the day, we would love to have you join us.

Please call or email the following persons for more information:

Patricia Ghany – Cell: 620-4101
patricia@esauoilfield.com

Debra de Montrichard – Cell: 788-8949
ddem@usa.com

Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

It has been a treat to reunite with our old parents and meet our new parents at our grade level coffee mornings. Special thank you to our PTO members who organized the meetings and to the parents who hosted the event. At the meetings, parents were informed of how important their role is in our school community. At ISPS, we welcome assistance from all parents and we appreciate their time and effort.

Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) was administered to students in grades kindergarten through grade five. Because of the holiday tomorrow, we will have a couple classes that will need to complete areas of the test. When all the students have completed the tests (math, language and reading), we will analyze the data and then send home the scores from the test.

Curriculum Night will be held on Tuesday, September 14th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please make every attempt to come and meet your child's teachers, and learn about the program that we offer. You will meet with classroom and specialists (art, music, p.e. etc.) teachers. As a reminder, please do not attempt to discuss your child's progress on Curriculum Night. However, you can schedule a meeting at a later date to discuss any concerns that you might have about your child.

On Tuesday I sent you a brochure on Curriculum Night via e-mail. Also, I asked that you confirm if your child would require supervision for the event. I have received several responses, and we now have supervision for 14 students. Please note that the supervision will end at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, you must notify me by Monday, September 13th, should you require supervision for your child.

Reading and Math Intervention for Student Success (RISS/MISS) forms were sent home for students who require assistance in those areas. Please return the form by September 16 to your child's class teacher. The early morning program begins on September 27 at 7:15 a.m.

We wish the Muslim community: Eid-Mubarak!

Suzette Julien
Elementary Principal



Primary Years Programme (PYP)



In order to promote the learner profile and attitudes (caring and cooperation, balanced and appreciation etc.) we have a series of recognition points that can be awarded to the students who try their best to become internationally minded. When students display any of the attitudes or learner profile, their names will be placed in the treasure chest with a description of their actions. Certificates will be sent home in students' Friday folders. Every month we also focus on two or three attitudes/learner profiles. This month we focus on **Caring and Cooperation**. Please talk to your child about being caring at home as well as ways he/she can cooperate with others.

Aryah Waller (2J) received the first coin for **CARING!**

Curriculum Night...

Please remember to fill out our parent survey and the raffle (each student has a chance to win a prize) before you leave.

Refreshments will be served between sessions.

CALENDAR

September 14—Curriculum Night, 5:30p.m—7:30p.m.
September 24—Republic Day, National Holiday
September 30th—ES Progress Reports
September 30th—Vision Screening
October 8th—Speech & Hearing Screening
October 2nd—PTO Welcome BBQ
October 11th & 12th—Teacher PD day—No School
October 18th-22nd—International Week
October 23rd—Int'l. Week Food Festival

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



The first American Women's Club Meeting for 2010-2011 will be held next Tuesday, September 14th. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain, on the 12th floor from 10am - 12:00pm.

Please plan on arriving a bit early so you can fill out an annual membership form and mingle with other members.

Coffee / tea and finger foods will be served. Hope to see you there.

For additional information, please call Julia Nagy @ 701-4880.



Coffee Morning Dates



➤ **GRADE 6**

Tuesday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Mariel Velarde Kuncar

117 Columbus Circle, Westmoorings, 637-8188

➤ **GRADE 7**

Thursday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Susanna Hamel-Smith

12 Park Avenue, Westmoorings, 637-9212

➤ **GRADE 8**

Tuesday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Gaye Pickering

58 Ellerslie Park, Maraval, 622-7440

➤ **GRADE 9**

Wednesday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Laura Krome

130 Park Avenue, Westmoorings, 221-1894

➤ **GRADE 10**

Monday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Julia Nagy

9 Columbus Circle, Westmoorings, 632-1233

➤ **GRADE 11**

Friday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Debra de Montrichard

14 Park Avenue, Westmoorings, 788-8949

➤ **GRADE 12**

Monday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Sherry Wilkins

1K La Riviera, Westmoorings, 633-9940

Dates for your Diary:					
	24	Republic Day (National Holiday)	5	HS Q1 Progress Reports	
Sept 13-24		MS/HS MAP Testing	11-12	No School (Teachers PD)	
10		<i>Eid-ul-Fitr (National Holiday)</i>	18-22	International Week	
14		ES Curriculum Night	23	Food Festival	
16		HS Curriculum Night	29	End Q1	
	Oct. 2	<i>PTO Welcome BBQ</i>			
	4	MS Q1 Progress Reports	Nov. 4	MS Report Cards	

Cafeteria Menu: September 13-17, 2010

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

MONDAY 13 TH	Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Fresh Fruit Juice
TUESDAY 14 TH	Mexican Chicken, Deep Fried Fish, Black-eyed Bean Salsa, Plantains, Corn Pilaf, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Juice
WEDNESDAY 15 TH	Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pizzas, Buffalo Wings, French Fries, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit Juice (À la carte)
	Char Siu Pork, Noodles, Cucumber Salad, Fresh Fruit Juice (Table d'hôte)
THURSDAY 16 TH	Geera Chicken, Geera Fish, Bhaghie Rice, Curried Potatoes, Dhal, Pom-mecythere Chutney, Fresh Salad, Fresh Fruit Juice
FRIDAY 17 th	Roast Beef, Chicken Kiev, Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Vegetables, Greek Salad, Fresh Fruit Juice

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

Small: \$23.00 Large: \$28.75

Prices for (A la Carte Menu) : VAT INCLUSIVE

Beef Sub: \$16.10(sm)/\$19.55(m)	Chicken Sub: \$14.95(sm)/\$17.25(m)	Meatball Sub: \$16.10(sm)/\$19.55(m)
Bake & Shark: \$20.00	French Fries: \$9.20	Regular Juices: Small \$4.60 Large: \$9.20

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