



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

26	MS/HS Science Fest
27	MS/HS Q3 Reports
28	Open House; 9:30am-12:00pm; Cafeteria
30-3 (MAY)	ES ERB Testing
30-3 (MAY)	MS ERB Testing

May

2	Open Forum; 7-9pm, Cafeteria
3	HS Parent-Teacher Conf.; 12:30-3:00pm; Gym HS Early Dismissal Only; 11:30 am

MISSION

ISPS is a vibrant learning community dedicated to developing passionate learners who strive for excellence and pursue their unique potential. We encourage resilience, innovation and collaboration, preparing students to act with confidence and integrity as caring global citizens.

VISION

Inspiring thinkers and doers to shape a better world.

MOTTO

Difference Makers,
Future Shapers

ISPS Contact #: 633-4777

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

I hope your week is going well..

A gentle reminder to parents that we have 41 school days before we break in June. I reference this because those 41 days are going to be busy. On top of all of the regular school work, the summative assessments that will come as units to an end, exams in MS and HS, etc ... there are special events that will take time to plan for.

As a school, we will do our best to make sure student assessments are planned so that they do not all occur at the same time, however, this will be unavoidable in June when everyone is finishing their last unit at the same time. We will be speaking to kids in MS and HS in Guidance classes about stress and time management, and it would be nice if you were reinforcing this at home as well.

April 30, Monday through May 2nd, ES and MS students will be taking ERB tests during some of their morning class time. Please make sure that students get a good night of sleep and have a good breakfast on the day of testing. A make up day for ERB testing is set for May 3rd. If you are new to the school and would like further information about the ERB testing, please contact phyndman@isps.edu.tt for ES or veggleston@isps.edu.tt for MS.

May 2nd at 7:00pm I will be holding an Open Forum. There will be no agenda for this meeting but I will begin by updating attendees on developments at the school and plans for the 2018-19 school year. All parents are invited.

Quarter 3 Reports for Middle and High

School will be available tomorrow on Skyward and Parent Conferences for High and Middle School Students will be held next week on May 3rd and 4th in the gym respectively, starting at 12:30pm. I urge you to make every effort to attend and speak with your child's teacher on their performance to date and reinforce goals to year end.

May 7th our AP Exams begin and I ask all students and parents to be quiet around the library as AP Exams will be held in the library. Traffic patterns from May 7-18 will be a little odd, as AP students will be coming and going before and after exams.

May 22nd is the PTO's AGM where they will give you all a brief of activities for the year and the PTO elections will be held. I know that announcements have been going out in the newsletter, but please consider running for a position on the PTO Board or for the Board of Directors as a Parent Director. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Rosie Ramsingh and the entire PTO for the great job they have done this year.

This Saturday we will be hosting our annual Open House, if you have friends or neighbors who have expressed an interest in what we do at ISPS, please encourage them to attend for a walkthrough. It is a great way to see our showcase of our programs and experience some of what happens at ISPS everyday!

I hope you have a nice weekend.

J Barney Latham
Director

DON'T FORGET

High School Parent-Teacher Conference

HS Early Dismissal Only: 11:30 am

3
MAY

Middle School Parent-Teacher Conference

MS Early Dismissal Only: 11:30 am

4
MAY



ISPS PTO NEWSLETTER

PTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all the parents who attended yesterday's Special Meeting of the PTO.

Please note our upcoming events to the end of the school are:

- Staff Appreciation: May 7—May 11
- Staff Appreciation Lunch: May 10
- PTO Uniforms Sale: TBD
- PTO Family Event: May 18
- AGM: May 22
- PTO Garage Sale: June 9th
- Staff Birthdays: June 22
- School Supplies Sale: TBD

The following positions are open for the 2018-2019 School year and we are actively seeking parents to step forward to fill the following:

ISPS Board of Directors

Parent Director (2 year term)

Alternate Parent Director (2 year term)

Alternate Parent Director (1 year term)

PTO Executive

President

1st Vice president

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Assistant Treasurer

Volunteers to head the Following Standing Committees:

Cultural Chair

Event Coordinator

Thank you as well to the parents present who shared their thoughts on the PTO BY Laws Revision and to Michelle Brown our Secretary for coordinating the review. The revised by laws as of April 25th has been forward to the ISPS Board for feedback. This will be an item on the Agenda for our Annual General meeting, set for May 22nd at 6:00 pm .

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Rosie Ramsingh

PTO President

ELEMENTARY NOTES

April 26, 2018

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Dear Parents,

It is our final term, and our students are feverishly working on projects and meeting their deadlines. Teachers are working closely with your child, and if you have any concerns or questions, please contact them. Also, there will be a general meeting for grade levels with me for curriculum or other concerns on May 3, in the cafeteria at 7:30 a.m.

Ms. Joseph, PE, teacher, introduced intermural competitive soccer (grades 1-5) during play before lunch (10:45-11:15 a.m.). If you have time come to the gym and join us.

Grades three through five will be tested on ERB Writing starting next Monday, April 30th. Please ensure that students arrive by 7:25 a.m.

Skyward training for parents who need assistance on how to use the tool will be held May 14th at 7:30 a.m. in the elementary technology lab. Our goal is to improve the use of Skyward. Additionally, we will have a session on Google Classroom on how parents can benefit from using the platform, and sessions for this will be posted in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to Kane Conyers in grade 4 for coming up with the idea to raise funds (\$1200) to purchase bracelets for his class. These bracelets were made from plastic collected from the ocean. Thank you to all the students and parents who supported Kane...one by one we can make a difference in saving our planet.

On Saturday our annual Open House will be held for prospective parents, and we have asked some students to join us to tell about their experiences or conduct tours.

Thank you for your continued support.

Suzette Julien,
ES Principal

UPCOMING DATES

April 30– May 3	ERB Writing
May 14-18	MAP Testing
May 21-25	Science Fest
April 9th to June 22	ASA Activities for term three
April 28	Open House, 9:30am—12:00 noon

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM (PYP)

You are invited to PYP Exhibition

Date: May 11

Place: Gym

Time: 8 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Grade five students are preparing for the PYP Exhibition, this event is the culmination of the program before moving on to the Middle Years Program (MYP) that begins in the sixth grade through grade 10. Thank you to our fifth grade teachers, students and teacher volunteers; your commitment to the process is a journey and indeed commendable.

Words this month: **inquirer and curiosity**

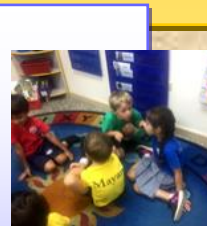
Angela Shahien
PYP Coordinator



P3 students have been learning about the Three Rs, and they were given the choice to re-use materials and be creative.

Carolina, grade 2, shared with the P3s how she used recycled cans to make a truck.

P4s have been working with numbers all year long, and this week their lesson focused on thinking about as many ways to create a problem using the number 10. Students brainstormed with each other, and Ms. Agostini allowed them to think and explain their answers.



Pre-K3 and the 3 Rs



Ms. Sultan-Khan's Pre K3s have started their study on Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Students will be investigating what happens to trash after it's thrown away and exploring the concept of reducing, reusing, and recycling. This study allows for students to gather information, become more aware of the world around them, and solve problems. Students will be investigating, What do people throw away? Where does trash go? How do trash and garbage affect our community? How can we reuse junk? How can we create less trash?

English

Scott Chaffin, MS Language Arts



Much Ado About Shakespeare

Are you aware that two of William Shakespeare's plays have been translated into Klingon, the fictional language of a species from the Star Trek series?

Or that Shakespeare apparently died on his 52nd birthday? Or even that there is a poem on his headstone that puts a curse on anyone that moves his bones?

These are only a few of the facts that grade 10 students revealed after doing some research on the famed playwright as part of a pre-reading activity for Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*.

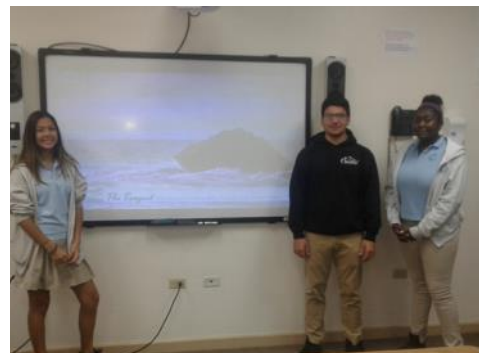
Also as a pre-reading activity, the students worked in groups to watch a modern movie production of one of Shakespeare's other plays. This included *Hamlet*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Othello*, and *The Tempest*.

For their assigned movie version, each group was responsible for identifying the major cast members, providing a plot summary, revealing the universal themes, and explaining what they thought to be a pivotal scene within the play.

This was intended for the students to

become familiar with Shakespeare's language (which is quite challenging) and to become familiar with some of Shakespeare's other works. I was really quite pleased with each group's presentation as they were nicely informative.

The students now have already started reading *Much Ado* and will be challenged with the reading, interpretation, and analysis of the events of this comedy.



Tempest group: Shayla, Edward, Kassidy



Midsummer group: Charles, Gabriel, Luciana, Marianna.



Hamlet group: Ayden, Anna, Jonathan, Zak.



Othello group: Azhar, Reynaldo, Gabrielle, Ruth, Maria.



DEPT. OF LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Rebecca Tompsett, HS AP Spanish

El 23 de abril, Día del idioma Español



The 23rd of April was chosen by the United Nations as the Day of the Spanish Language to commemorate Miguel de Cervantes, considered the greatest writer in the Spanish language.

His work "El ingenioso Hidalgo don Quijote de la Mancha", is one of the most influential works of universal literature and the book that has been most published and translated after the Bible.

It is a good moment to reflect on the benefits of learning a second language, specifically Spanish. There are more than 500 million Spanish-speakers world-wide, it being the second only to Mandarin in number of native speakers.

The graphic below summarizes some of the principal benefits to an individual of language learning.

To celebrate Spanish Language Day,

the Embassies of Latin American countries and Spain, along with the Secretariat for the Implementation of Spanish and the Ministry of Education organized a Spanish Open Mic event for Secondary School students at the National Library which 18 of our 7th and 8th Grade Spanish students attended.

They were required to prepare a brief literary piece for oral presentation to the other guests including other schools and the ambassadors. Three groups presented fables by Spanish, Colombian and Venezuelan authors. They did an excellent job and received plaudits from the listeners.

It was a great opportunity for students who are lovers of the Spanish language to showcase their skills and enjoy playing with the language and sharing with others.



PTO Secondhand UNIFORM SALE

MAY 10th
7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

UP TO
75%
OFF RETAIL

CASH ONLY!



VOLUNTEER: Whatsapp 782-1295

DONATE: Drop uniforms at the front office.
Must be clean and stain-free.

YOGA



JOIN YOGA CLASS

LET YOUR CONTENTMENT
BLOSSOM



EVERY MONDAY (7:45 - 8:45) AND WEDNESDAY (8:50 - 9:50)
LOCATION : DANCE ROOM

CONTACT CAROLINE AT
290-1800 FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION

APRIL 23-27

KINDNESS

TREE



Lily	1Bed	Played a game of TAG together with a student from another class when they were the only girls on the green court
Christy	2J	Played a game of TAG together with a student from another class when they were the only girls on the green court
Miles	KKh	Complimented a teacher and it made her day!
Sebastien	1Bed	Placed a chair for the Specialist teacher in front of the classroom so classes could begin as soon as the teacher arrived.
Toon	1Bell	Placed a chair for the Specialist teacher in front of the classroom so classes could begin as soon as the teacher arrived.
Ethan	2J	noticed the new student Eric was heading in the wrong direction and when he got to class he asked to go find Eric and bring him back to the class
Hinata	3P	On her birthday, she saved extra cupcakes for absent students and a teacher



Saturday, June 9
8am-12 noon

1 International Drive, Westmoorings

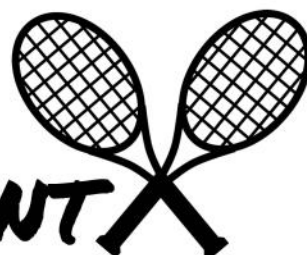
2018

ISPS Tennis Team



ANGOSTURA

SCHOOL TOURNAMENT



Sunday May 20th, 2018, 8:30am to 1:00pm
Country Club, Maraval

Sign Up
& Join

Age Group

Grade 6 and Under

4-Player Teams



Categories

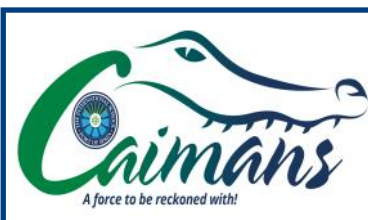
Under 10 Red Ball

Under 10 Green Dot (Div. A & B)

Over 10 Hard Ball (Div. A & B)

Sign Up
& Join

Contact Jonathan Chin Lee (Room 217) at 633-4777 or jmchinlee@isps.edu.tt or 620-1636
Deadline for entries: Monday 14th May 2018



After School Activities

- Thank you for supporting our After School Activity Program.
- Please Click [here](#) for Other Opportunities available at ISPS.

Sports Team Development Program

Please register for the program. The start and end dates are the same as the ASA program.

Important Information:

- Registration fee is \$600
- Soccer is on Tuesday and Thursday (3:45 to 5:15)
- Basketball is on Monday and Wednesday (3:45 to 5:15)
- Volleyball is on Thursday (3:15 to 4:15) and Sunday (2:00 to 5:00)
- Rugby (Wednesday 3:45 to 5:15pm and Saturday 9:00 to 10:30am) is still available.

Interschool Soccer Tournament

ES will be hosting an interschool soccer tournament. This fun packed event will highlight students skills, understanding of the game, teamwork, sportsmanship and their commitment.

The tournament will be held over a three week period and is divided into upper elementary, lower elementary and girls.

Students had the responsibility of forming and naming their own team, which had to be a combinations of the grades.

Our students are very excited and looking forward to what promises to be action from the start to the end!

Parents are encouraged to come out and lend your support. All matches will be played during our lunch break.

GAME SCHEDULE — WEEK 2

DATE	Game 1	Game 2
APRIL 31	Caimanettes vs Girls United	AC
MAY 3	Fly Emirates vs Man-U	Man Chester Untied vs Chelsea
MAY 4	Man-U vs Fly Emirates	ISPS

GAME SCHEDULE — WEEK 3 — FINALS

DATE	Game
May 7	Caimanettes vs Girls United
MAY 9	Man-U vs Fly Emirates
MAY 10	Top 2 from upper ES



CHECK THE ADMISSION DEPARTMENT FOR MERCHANDISE.

Caimans Athletics

By: Ashmir Ali



International School of Port of Spain

2017 - 2018 Events Calendar



MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ES ERB Testing MS ERB Testing	2 ES ERB Testing MS ERB Testing Open Forum 7:00-9:00pm	3 ES ERB Testing MS ERB Testing HS Parent-Teacher Conferences; 12:30-3:00pm; ISPS Gym HS Early Dismissal 11:30am	4 MS Parent-Teacher Conferences; 12:30-3:00pm; ISPS Gym MS Early Dismissal 11:30am	5 SATs 7:30-2:00 pm
6	7 HS AP Exams MS Parent Discussion Group 7:30 - 8:30am Drama Room	8 HS AP Exams	9 HS AP Exams	10 PTO Uniform Sale Gym HS AP Exams	11 HS AP Exams G5 PYP Exhibition 7:30am-1:00pm Gym	12
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20 CAISSA MS Sports Festival (CIAS)	21 <small>G12 Internship starts</small> ES Science Fair MS MAP Testing	22 ES Science Fair MS MAP Testing	23 ES Science Fair MS MAP Testing HS AP Late Testing	24 ES Science Fair MS MAP Testing HS AP Late Testing HS Biology Overnight Trip to Matura 10:30am	25 ES Science Fair MS MAP Testing HS AP Late Testing HS Biology Overnight return Trip - Matura 11:00am	26
27	28 MS Parent Discussion Group 7:30 - 8:30am Drama Room	29 ERB Parent Orientation G3-8 Cafeteria	30 Indian Arrival Day National Holiday	31 Corpus Christi National Holiday		

NOTES

Easy Print Page	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		May		7-18	HS AP Exams
	April		2	Open Forum; 7-9pm, Cafeteria	10	PTO Uniform Sale; ISPS Gym
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	30-3 (MAY)	MS ERB Testing	5	SATs; 7:30am-2:00pm Conference	21-25	ES Science Fair
					21-25	MS MAP Testing



Menu: April 30th to May 4th, 2018

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



Breakfast: Ham & Cheese Rolls, Deli Sandwiches

Monday 30th

Lunch: Saffron Rice, Garlic Potatoes, Stewed Oxtail, Stewed Chicken, Steam Fish, Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Steamed Broccoli & Carrots

Soup of the day: Cow Heel

Breakfast: Coconut Bake, Salt Fish Buljol, Sausages, Cheese, Eggs, Chow Mein

Tuesday 1st

Lunch: Cou-Cou, Buttered Cassava, Callaloo, Fried Fish, & Creole Sauce, Fresh Salad, Steamed Carrots & Cauliflower

Soup of the day: Vegetable

Breakfast: Breakfast All Day

Wednesday 2nd

Pancakes, Bagels, Muffins, Eggs, Bacon, Sausages, Potato, Pumpkin, French Toast, Sada

Lunch: Soup of the day: Pumpkin

Breakfast: Hot Dogs, Hops & Cheese Paste, Eggs, Sausages, Bacon

Thursday 3rd

Lunch: Curry Day: Dhal, Rice, Curried Chicken, Stewed Beef, Channa & Potato, Anchar Mango, Bodi, Buss-Up-Shot, Dhalphourie

Breakfast: Sada with Tomato Choka, Melongene, Eggs, Sausages

Friday 4th

Lunch: Potato Lovers, Chicken Alfredo, Vegetable Pasta, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta Delight (Minced Meat, Chicken)

Soup of the day: Tomato

Elementary Options: Any Sandwich served with a small salad, milk, water or juice and fruit: \$15.00

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

Elementary Lunch: \$23.00 Medium Lunch: \$28.00 Large Lunch: \$32.00

Prices for (A la Carte Menu):

6 in. Subs (Tuna, Ham and Cheese, Turkey, Ham): \$10.00 Chicken Sub: \$12.00

Vegan Delight (Cheese, Vegetables): \$10.00 Fruit Bowl served Monday and Tuesday: \$10.00

Baked French Fries: \$10.00 Fresh Juices: \$6.00(s) \$7.00(m) \$8.00(l) Milk (normal/soy): \$6.00



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.