ISPS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

24	Republic Day (National Holiday)
25-28 25-28	MS MAP Testing Health Week
27	PYP New Parent Session; 7:30-8:30am
28	Grade 12 Coffee Morning; 8:00am; Library
28	Playground Parent Training; 7:40-8:30; Green Room
20	PTO Welcome Back BBO

PTO Welcome Back BBQ: 28 Dads that Cook; 5-8 pm

MISSION

ISPS is a vibrant learning community dedicated to developing passionate learners who strive for excellence and pursue their unique potential. resilience, We encourage collaboration, innovation and 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**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope you have had a good week. We had a busy week here with ES MAP testing, a session for ES school parents who have volunteered to help out during lunch times, a parent session for parents new to the MYP.

The most exciting events however, were the newly formed Booster club volleyball tournament held on Wednesday and the first the 25th through the 28th of next week. For two matches of our Primary School's Football League.

The Booster club event will be a tournament that lasts three weeks, held at lunch and Homeroom time, and is a fundraiser for CAISSA events.

The Football league is an exciting development for our ES students, as this is the first year we are competing in this league. A big thank you to Teleshia Joseph and Ashmir Ali and the rest of the PE department for reaching this goal.

A reminder that Monday is a Public Holiday (Republic Day). On August 1st, 1976 Trinidad and Tobago became a Republic. It is celebrated on the 24th of September as this is the first day the Parliament met under the

Republican Constitution.

For those of you unable to attend the last Open Forum, the "minutes" of the meeting held on September 5th are attached. The next Open Forum will be held on October 3rd.

Middle School MAP testing will be held on parents who have never had the MAP test administered to their children, it is not a test that can not be studied for and the best preparation for the test is a good nights sleep and a good breakfast.

There will be a Parent session next week Thursday for parents who would like to find out more about the Primary Years Programme (PYP). For further information on this session, please contact Ms Julien, the Elementary School Principal. or Angela Shahien, the PYP Coordinator.

I Hope you enjoy the long weekend.

J Barney Latham Director



ISPS PTO NEWSLETTER

Hello ISPS Parents.

Welcome to the 2018-2019 academic year. This year promises to be activity-filled and we begin next Friday 28th with the PTO and ISPS Dads Welcome Back Bar-B-Q! This has become a bumper event on our PTO calendar with Bounce Houses, face painting

and of course mouth watering barbecue prepared by our "Dads who Cook". Come re-connect with old friends and make new ones. Food and drinks are free!

At this event, our CAISSA Team will be having a Fund Raiser Bake Sale in aid of it's upcoming trip to Florida in November. Your sweet tooth will definitely be satisfied. Please support.

Our major event for the year will be held in November as well: The International Food Festival. This year our theme is 'Festivals around the World" and it will be held on November 16th. More on that as the date approaches.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming PTO events!

ISPS PTO

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ELEMENTARY NOTES

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our boys' under-12 team (grades 3-5) who won

(10-0) their first game against Paramin RC School. We are proud of our team! There will be a series of games held throughout this term. Also, thank you to Ms. Joseph and the parents who supported the

Caimans at the game on Tuesday.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing for Grades 1-5 will be completed on Friday (make up day). Teachers will review the baseline data and your child scores will be sent to you. In addition, students will be receiving their goal setting forms highlighting their strengths and weaknesses based on their scores. Please note Kindergarteners no longer take this test.

Thank you for attending Curriculum Night On September 11th. If you were not able to attend you may contact your child's teacher for an appointment. We received 35 responses from the Curriculum Night survey, and based on your responses, the majority of you were pleased with the information you received from your teachers (see results).

Our Late Start Wednesdays have focused on data. Faculty and nonteaching staff have been examining data and analysing specific areas: academics, policies, programs, community, etc. All members have reviewed the information and responded to the following questions: What is data is telling us? and What are our plans to take action?

This Friday, teachers will be sending home information about students who are required to attend our early morning Reading Intervention for Student Success (RISS) and Mathematics Intervention for Student Success (MISS). This program begins on October 8th.

Health Weeks starts on October 1, and Ms. Joseph, PE teacher, has organized a variety of sessions that remind us about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Please join us during that week (see details in the weekly newsletter).

Student yearbook photos will be taken on Thursday, October 11th.

We look forward to meeting you next Tuesday.

Have a good weekend!

Suzette Julien,

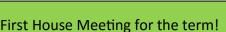
ES Principal

Primary Years Program (PYP)

On September 27th, at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria, there will be a meeting for parents who require further explanation or clarity on the Primary Years Program. Learn about the five elements of the program: knowledge, skills, attitude, concepts and action. Become familiar with the terminology and the importance of the Program of Inquiry (POI) which is the heart of our curriculum.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Angela Shahien PYP Coordinator





CURRICULUM NIGHT SURVEY

(35 Responses)

Q1. The Primary Years Programme expectations were clear (54% Strongly Agree and 45.7%).

RESULTS ARE IN!

- Q2. The classroom teacher's information was helpful for me (71.4% strongly agree and 28.6% Agree).
- Q3. The Specialists' program was helpful for me (45.7 % Strongly Agree and 51.4% Agree).
- Q4. After attending the sessions, I have a better under standing of my child's program (60% Strongly Agree, 37.1 % Agree and 2.9 % Disagree).
- Q5. I need further clarification on the PYP (2.9 % Strongly Agree, 17.1% Agree, 71.4% Disagree , 8.6% Strongly Disagree).
- Q6. I need further clarification on Skyward(NA Strongly Agree, 21.2% Agree, 48.5% Disagree, Strongly Disagree 24.2% and 6% added that needed to use the tool more

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- Nicole B 5W Held the door open for two adults to go through although she had to wait a while for the second one.
 Mason KKe made a card for his friend's baby brother'.
- Mason —KKe made a card for his friend's baby brother's
birthday using his favorite color.Isaac —KKe without being asked, helped a friend pack
- up when her snacks fell out of her lunch kit -Myles -1B Made a space for the teacher on the carpet
so she could join the group
- **Gabby** Showed caring for a student by bringing him to the counselor's office when he was sad.
- Maxence T —PK4 gave up the swing to give a friend.Pedro —3J is always helpful and caring towards his
peers and teacher





Students must be in the formal school uniform (NOT PE uniform)



Hello Everyone,

Speech and hearing screening takes place at school on Friday 5th October, 2018. The cost is \$80.00. Please sign and drop in the permission slip if you would like to have your child/children screened. Please make all cheques payable to Wendy Senior Gomes.

I have been noticing an increase in the number of students complaining about stomachaches, sore throats and generally feeling ill.

If you would like to get the flu shot for your family please pay in the business office. When I get the list from Ms. Akien I will order them then give you a call and arrange for you to get it. The cost is \$90.00 per shot.

The blood bank will be here on Wednesday 31st October, 2018. Just give me a call and I will put your name on the list if you would like to donate blood.

Have a safe and fun filled weekend.



"Playground Parents"

Supervisory support during Elementary School Lunch break...

TRAINING SESSION

Friday 28th September 2018

Green Room (upstairs from Ms. Hazel)

7:40 - 8:30 am

Program will include:

- Guidelines (do's & don'ts)
- Scheduling, signing in procedures, etc

Teacher Committee

Ms. Celeste Johnson, Ms. Allison Johnson, Ms. Teleshia Joseph, Ms. Hyndman

We would love to have in our Lunch-time team!

So come join us in strengthening our home-school connection.

> Questions? email phyndman@isps.edu.tt



Speech & Hearing Screening

Friday 5th October, 2018

TTD \$80.00 per student

----Parent/Guardian

I want my child/children to have Speech & Hearing Screening

Name/Grade	
Name/Grade	
Name/Grade	
Name/Grade	



Speech and Hearing screening are NOT complete

assessments. They provide a measure to determine if further assessment is necessary.

Speech screening mainly targets the articulation of phonemic sounds. Children are shown pictures which include speech sounds at the beginning, middle and end of words. Children are then engaged in a short conversation to screen their connected speech.

Hearing is screened at 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz and 4000 Hz at 20dB in both ears. If the child does not

respond at any of these frequencies, a complete audiological evaluation (hearing test) is recommended. This is done in an office setting with a controlled

environment.

During screening, the child is observed for discrepancies in their language, vocal quality and fluency. Language is understanding, expression and use. Voice Is quality. If the child is hoarse in the absence of congestion a referral is made to an Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist for

examination of the larynx. Fluency is ease of talking and if "stuttering" is noted, the child is referred for further testing.

Livingour Mission









ISPS Does Their Part... Caring, Global Citizens

"The International Coastal Cleanup began more than 30 years ago, when communities rallied together with the common goal of collecting and documenting the trash littering their coastline."

- Ocean Conservancy

On Saturday, September 15th 2018, The International School of Port of Spain took up the Conservancy's challenge and gathered at the Chagville Beach, Chaguaramas with the goal of combing and cleaning the beach of plastics, glass, paper and of any item the ocean did not naturally produce. The international effort was locally coordinated by the Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development, in conjunction with several other corporate sponsors. By 7:30 a.m. the ISPS contingent received their gloves, data cards and garbage bags and began their clean-up efforts.

Bags were quickly filled and tallies were recorded of the all the garbage that was removed. The morning teemed with enthusiasm by the ISPS students, including many other children and families of other Western schools. It was evident that the clean-up was more than a novel idea but a necessary exercise to rid our coast of damaging materials to marine life. We do hope the pristine beaches of this weekend are maintained throughout the year.







After School Activities

- Session 1 of 2018-2019 will begin on September 3rd and end on November 30th.
- Pre-Kindergarten students must not register for Session 1 of After School Activities.
- Please register early as spaces are limited. Click <u>here</u> for registration forms.
- For Lambert School of Dance click <u>here</u>.
- Yoga has been added on a Wednesday from 2:45 to 3:45. This will take place in the Dance room and will cater for students from Grades 2 to 12.
- Please let me know if your child is interested in participating in Swimming classes.



Winners!

ISPS won against Paramin RC, 10-0 in their first match of the Port of Spain Football League, Under 12 Boy Division.

Developmental Sports Teams Season 1 Training Schedule September 3rd to November 30th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3:45-5:15pm Volleyball Grades 8 -12	3:45-5:15pm Basketball Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15pm Volleyball Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15pm Volleyball Grades 3 -12	2:45-4:15pm Basketball Grades 3 -12	
	3:45-5:15 Soccer Grades 3 -12	3:45-5:15pm Rugby Grades 3-12	3:45-5:15 Soccer Grades 3 -12		9:00-10:30am Rugby Grades 3-12
		3:45-5:15pm Field Hockey Grades 3-12		2:45-4:15pm Field Hockey Grades 3-12	

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 25-28

Dear Parents/Guardian:

ISPS will be hosting its first Junior Caiman Warrior competition this year on Wednesday 26th September 2018.

This challenge will be hosted during our Health Week, which is after students have developed some of the key components of fitness such as:

- Cardiovascular Endurance
- Muscular Strength
- Muscular endurance
- Flexibility

While this is an Upper ES activity (boys & girls), because it is a competition, students will have to qualify for the event. All students will have a chance to attempt the course in PE classes at least ONCE.

However, ONLY if they are interested in competing, they will be TIMED. Note that this is a timed event and not just a matter of completion. Meaning, while a student may get through the course, the speed at which they get through is what will be recorded and result in their placing order.

Times will be recorded and listed so students

JUNIOR CAIMAN WARRIOR COMPETITION

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

7:30-8:15 am Key components of fitness test:

- Cardiovascular Endurance
- Muscular Strength
- Muscular endurance
- Flexibility

understand the process of elimination and to ensure that it is FAIR. All finalist will be able to have a competitor's name, which they can come up with, for example; Two Face or Mr. Famous. They will also be allowed to dress in character for the event. There will be three different groups which

will see grades 3,4 & 5. Each group will have 2 boys & 2 girls per grade.

This is leading up to be an exciting test of mental and physical strength, confidence, risk-taking and so much more.

> Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or concerns.

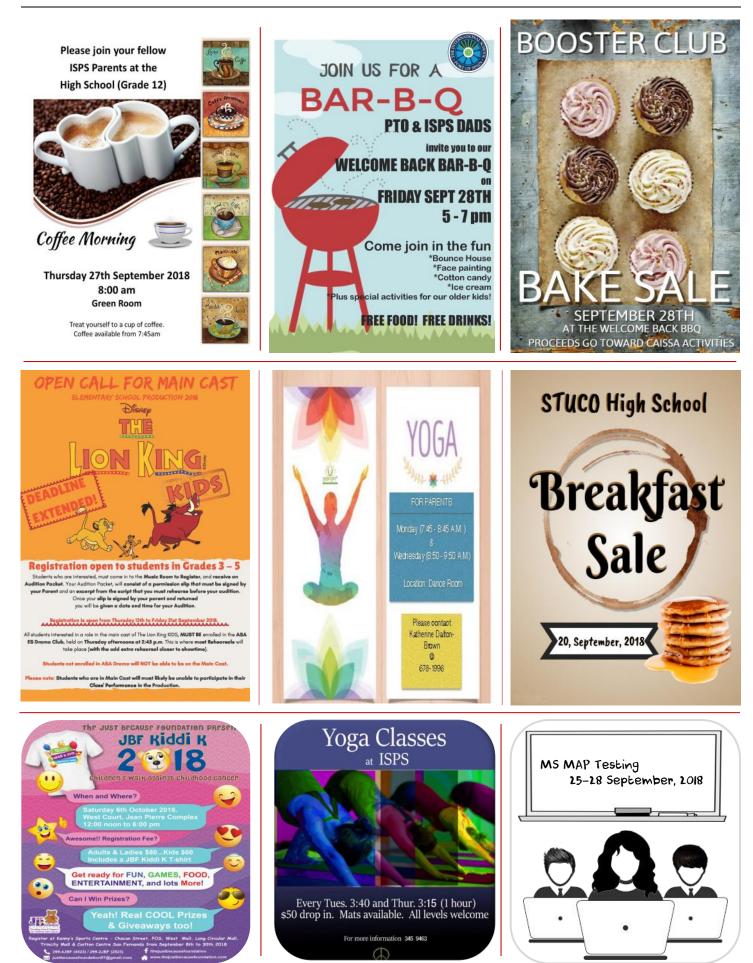
Ms. Joseph 633-4777 ext. 134

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ISPS HEALTH WEEK 2018

Health Week is here from September 25th! Join our Health Week Poster Design Competition for all elementary grades. Choose ONE way to promote a healthy lifestyle. You can be healthy by having a balanced diet, or exercising and keeping fit, or being hygienic and keeping clean. Any other ways you know to lead a healthy lifestyle? Grab your best friend and get creative because Health Week is on its way!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	KG & G1 Coffee	G2 & G3 Coffee	G4 & G5 Coffee			ACTs 7:30-2:00pm
	Morning 7:30-9:00am	Morning 7:30-9:00am	Morning 8:45-10:00am			
	Green Room	Green Room	Green Room			
	After School Activities Begin		Open Forum 7:00-9:00am			
	2:30-4:30pm		Cafeteria			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	G6 - 8 Coffee	G9 & G10 Coffee	G11 Coffee			
	Morning	Morning	Morning			
	7:30-9:00am Green Room	7:30-9:00am Green Room	8:45-10:00am Green Room			
		Vision Screening 7:30am-2:30pm				
		ES Curriculum Night 5:00-7:00pm	MS Curriculum Night 5:00-7:00pm	HS Curriculum Night 6:00-8:00pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ES MAP Testing	ES MAP Testing	ES MAP Testing	ES MAP Testing	ES MAP Testing	
				MYP New Parent Session 7:30-8:30am		
23	<mark>24</mark>	25	26	27	28	29
	Republic Day (National Holiday)	MS MAP Testing	MS MAP Testing	MS MAP Testing	MS MAP Testing	
				PYP New Parent	PTO Welcome	
				Session 7:30-8:30am	Back BBQ - "Dads that Cook"	
					5:00-8:00pm	
			Health & Physical E	ducational Week	<u> </u>	
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2018 a·la·cARTe

Breakfast

	\$15.00			
Three Cheese Omelette (Cheddar, Parmesan, Pepper Jack)				
Garden Omelette (Bell peppers, Tomatoes, Onions)				
oast, Garlic Butter and Roasted Tomatoes				
erved with Sada or Roast Bake	\$14.00			
la or Roast Bake	\$16.00			
Large Pancake with Eggs and Breakfast Sausages, Butter, Maple Syrup				
	\$ 8.00			
	\$10.00			
	\$ 3.00			
Grilled Cheese Melt Sides				
	Onions) bast, Garlic Butter and Roasted Tomatoes erved with Sada or Roast Bake la or Roast Bake sages, Butter, Maple Syrup			

Eggs	\$8.00	Hash Browns	\$13.00	Breakfast Sausage	\$5.00	
Maple Bacon	\$9.00	Turkey bacon	\$7.00	Bagel & Cream Cheese	\$14.00	
Parmesan rolls	\$10.00	Mushrooms	\$10.00	Toast	\$6.00	
Croissants	\$5.00					

Lunch

GCG 4oz Gourmet Burger 3oz fries (Smoked Cheddar, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Garlic Mayo) \$40.					
Crispy Fish Po Boy (Cole Slaw,	\$45.00				
Steak & Cheese Melt Press (Be	ell Pepper, Onions, Chilli Cheddar)	\$45.00			
Linguini Pasta Alfredo		\$50.00			
Add Chicken \$10	Shrimp \$20				
Wings (Cajun, Honey Buttered, Buffalo) Served with French Fries / Waffles \$35.0					



ISPS Lunch Menu

September 17-September 28

SEPTEMBER 2018	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
Proteins		BBQ Chicken Drumsticks	Sweet & Sour Chicken Tenders	Garlic Chicken Breast	Bake and Shark with Accompaniments
Starches		Mac & Cheese Cups	Asian Noodles Salad	Wild Rice Pilaf	(Fried Bake)
Peas/Veggie	Нарру	Roasted Vegetables	Spring Rolls	Sautéed Patchoi	
Vegan	Republic Day	Lentil Loaf	Black Beans	Honey Garlic Tofu	Soya Burgers
Soup of the Day					Chilli

OCTOBER 2018	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5
Proteins	Chicken Kebabs	BBQ Chicken Tenders	Beef & Spinach Meatballs Marinara Sauce	Curry Chicken	Fish Goujons
Starches	Loaded Potato Skins	Potato Wedges	Herb Spaghetti	Dasheen Bush Cook up	Butter Cassava
Peas/Veggie	Crispy Glazed Carrots	Cauliflower Cheese		Dhal	Minted Green Peas
Vegan	Grilled Tofu Kebab	Sweet Potato Croquettes	Soya Meatball	Curry Tofu	Baked Beans
Soup of the Day					Pumpkin Bisque

If you have a special diet or have any allergic reactions to certain foods, please advise our caterers at your earliest



Minutes from the Open Forum held on September 5, 2018

B Latham (BL) began the Forum with some announcements:

Please make sure you have logged into Skyward, as this will be our main way of communicating with you this year. You can check your child's grades and reports will only be sent to parents via Skyward.

Given the recent Earthquake, BL reviewed emergency procedures and alerted parents that drill are conducted regularly for earthquake, fire and Lock In. The Lock in procedure was reviewed and explained. BL also reminded parents that they must sign in when they are going to be on site for more than 30 minutes.

A parent asked about a Tsunami evacuation and BL explained that students would go to the North field and would use the side exit (near Super Pharm) where they would walk along the road, across the bridge, and up the hill.

A parent praised security and Embassy security when BL explained that we have a yearly simulation. BL took the opportunity to encourage parents to participate in the simulation.

A concern was raised about kids going into other parents' cars. BL explained that parents should contact security when this is going to happen.

Parents praised Hazel Walker for contacting teacher and students with pick-up change.

BL informed the parents that the PK-3 pilot will continue this year. It was very successful last year and therefore it will continue this year.

BL explained that the Capstone was introduced this year into Grade 11. There was a concern from a parent that the student numbers have dropped and BL assured the parent that the Capstone class would continue this year. We have made a commitment to these students and even though some student have dropped out, the class will continue.

A parent asked why the School does not offer the IB Diploma? BL explained that the reason ISPS has not decided to do DP is because the AP is successful and IB is costly. Running two parallel programs has been considered too costly, however, the school decided to implement AP CAPSTONE which is also thought to be a rigorous program.

A parent asked if some universities do not take AP as a credit? BL explained that most Universities (yes in Europe as well) do give credit for the AP. Students must score a 3 or above to receive a credit.

A parent asked; Does the School have different options for students going out of USA? BL explained that we have had students go to Europe from ISPS and we have had a good success rate for those that wanted to go to Universities around the world.

A parent asked; Does the School track the success of university of students? BL explained that there was no formal tracking mechanism, but most graduates come back to ISPS during their first year of University and almost all say that they are having success and are happy at school.

How are new teachers adjusting? BL explained that there had been a few teething problems because of late approvals of work permits, but we are doing everything we can to be able to bring them up to speed. All seems to be going well.

There was a comment from a parent that they would like to have the cafeteria provide 100% juice drinks. No added sugar. BL has already suggested this to the new cafeteria providers.

