



ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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3	End of Term II (Elementary School)
6-10	MS MAP Testing
10	ES Reports
11	SATs
13	PD Day (11:30 am Student Dismissal)
16	ES Student-led Conferences (11:30 am dismissal for ES ONLY)
20-24	ES MAP Testing

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

Dear Parents,

As we lead into Carnival, please remember that we will be having the school's "Jump Up" next Friday, the 24th. There are various activities scheduled for Friday yet the "highlight" of the day will be the Carnival Parade, which will start at 10:30am. All of our students are involved and we invite our parents to join us. For those families new to ISPS this year, the parade is based on a theme and students dress up and "parade" around, Trini Carnival style. The event will be held on the North Field and will be the last event of the day, with **students being dismissed at 11:30am**. Please join us if you are able to.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we are hopeful that our under 16 Girls & Boys and Under 20 Boys volleyball teams will have been crowned National Champions in Trinidad and Tobago. However, we await the results and wish all of our teams luck in their games today.

Over the weekend, we had the pleasure of hosting students from Alaska for a "pan workshop". This "exchange" has been happening for several years and is an opportunity for ISPS students (those involved in the exchange) to share the love of playing the pan with students from out of the country. Part of the activities arranged was a hands on demonstration on making a steel pan. All students had very positive comments about the exchange. Many thanks to Kendra Sylvester, our Music teacher and Head of Department, for organizing the exchange.

A big thank you to our PTO for organizing a very successful ZUMBA fitness event on 15 February. Students from all schools, parents and teachers were on the green court for an afternoon of "dance and movement" to lively music. Many participants asked if this could become a monthly event, and the PTO will be considering this as they make plans for ISPS activities to the end of the school year.

Our MS and HS students had the opportunity today to attend an assembly hosted by the IAMovement. This group is a non-profit organisation that aims to effect positive social and environmental change in Trinidad and Tobago, and for the past 3 years has been leading activities and events to raise awareness about climate change impact on Trinidad & Tobago and other small islands like us, including special focus on many social and economic benefits which can come from "green projects" like recycling and renewable energies. Our students viewed the Documentary *Small Change*, which takes the climate conversation forward in an entirely local context. It has been shown only twice publicly last year in the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival (TTFF) and the Green Screen Film Festival and we were lucky to have the opportunity to have this aired here in our Theatre today. Thank you to our alumni, Madeleine Chapman for facilitating this.

Enjoy the pre- Carnival festivities this week.

J. Barney Latham
Interim Director



FEBRUARY FAMILIES
Felipe & Rafael & Stella

Elementary Notes



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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our parents who assisted with supervision and accompanying your child to the Milo Games last week. We are proud of our students for demonstrating good sportsmanship. The competition continues and Ms. Joseph, physical education teacher, will keep you informed of dates and times of the events.

We are preparing for the band: *Out of the Land of Egypt*, and we are looking forward to the transformation of the costumes used in the holiday concert. The school wide newsletter will keep you abreast of all the upcoming events. Any student who is participating in local bands can share his/her costumes during our town meeting on February 24 at 7:30 am. Please contact Ms. Bally (jbally@isps.edu.tt) for more information. We are proud to announce that Mathilde Beneventi, grade 3, is the winner of the t-shirt competition. The t-shirts are on sale for \$60 dollars at the front office.

Grades 3-5 students will take the second WordMasters challenge on Monday 20th. With all the social media, students are creating their own language for words, their chats allow for short fragmented words and symbols, and vocabulary in schools will probably be a thing of the past....this concerns me as an educator. Technology is taking over our world, and some may say that is innovation and progress. I shared this video with my teachers this week:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpEFjWbXog0>

We continue to encourage our students to use their challenge words in their writing. If you are planning on heading out to the beaches or going out of the city for the Carnival, please take all pre-cautionary measures.

Marrielle Myers, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education, Kennesaw University, joined us this week. She is here to work with our student teachers who are in their final year at Kennesaw University. She will conduct a math workshop on Monday 20th for PK-5 class teachers.

We wish you a safe and happy Carnival 2017.

Suzette Julien
Elementary Principal

Primary Years Program (PYP)

Our teachers remain committed to reviewing and revising their units of inquiry. One observation from our IBO PYP visit was that we needed to integrate our science and social studies curriculum within our units. As a result, at our weekly grade level meetings teachers are discussing and collaborating with each other to integrate the standards and ensure that there are no gaps. This month we are celebrating creativity and thinkers. In our Tuesday meeting this week, teachers read the article: [Connecting Creativity to Understanding](#), and discussed how creativity can be used in the class to prepare students to become productive citizens.

Angela Shahien
PYP Coordinator

Caught in the Act....



Scott, grade 4 finds any moment to get a read on his Kindle.



Parents and students "burn out" to the big songs of Soca during the PTO Soca Zumba Sweat.



Students showing their Zumba skills.



All children are to be collected at the front of the school at 2:15 p.m. dismissal time and not to be on the Green court without parent supervision. If your child has an after-school activity, teaching assistants escort students to their activity. We have noticed that

several students are in the library without permission and the librarian is unable to supervise the increased number of students waiting until 4 p.m. to be picked up. Parents you are welcome to be in library with your children until 4 p.m. We suggest that you enroll your child into an after-school activity if you are not going to be with them in the library. Also, on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays we offer homework pod for students in grades 2-5 from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR

February 24	Carnival Parade (early dismissal) 11:30 a.m.
March 3	End of Term 2
March 16	ES Student-Led conferences (11:30 a.m. dismissal)
March 20-24	MAP testing
March 27-31	ERB Writing

SOCA ZUMBA SWEAT!

For those who missed it we had a great turn out for our Soca Zumba Sweat. As always, we are grateful for your continued support. Rachel, Kwasi and Teleshia had the crowd grooving. A special thank you to our resident DJ Mr. Sprott.

WE READY FOR THE ROAD!!!

Rosie Ramsingh
PTO President

Click [here](#) for pictures on our ISPS Facebook page.



ISPS PHOTO LATE ORDERS/ RETAKES...

Note:

- 1 **Print** order form
- 2 **Forms** are available online.
- 3 **Complete** form, using the image numbers found in the online gallery.
- 4 **Return** form and payment to ISPS by the deadline date.
- 5 **One** form must be used per child.

**Order
School
Portraits
today**

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*** please note that failure to follow instructions may result in your order being returned or delivery delayed ***

Private Online Gallery: <http://tinyurl.com/gtpd6>

Password: Students2016



...ES Counselor's Corner...



KINDNESS TREE



Noah	5J	Even though the teacher was a long way off, remained and held open the door for her.
Isabella	5J	On her way to Spanish class, with full hands, she cleared the walkway of papers that had fallen from a Middle School cubby.
Julieta	PK	Kindly welcomed a new student to the class by making a welcome card for her
Rodney	1 Bell	Helped clear empty water bottles after the Zumba session on Wednesday.



Nurse's Notes

VANDA GIBBINGS-GOMES
School Nurse, R.N. R.M.



Hello Everyone,

Students are still having stomach ache. Some have nausea and diarrhea. It seems that we may have this circulating until carnival.

The weather is very hot these

days so please take precautions to prevent sunburn. Drink water and keep hydrated.

There are many activities taking place in the run up to carnival.

Be careful and observe your surroundings. Go out

in groups and look out for each other.



Preferably wear costume jewelry to reduce your chances of being a victim.

Take care and have a great weekend.



Books by Top TED Writers



Library Corner

By Debbie Jacob

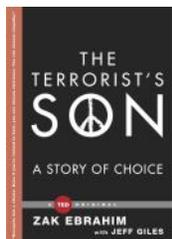
One of my favourite sections in the ISPS library is the place where we keep TED Books, which are books that tie into some of the most popular TED talks that feature 20-minute presentations on technology, entertainment and design.

These books serve a wide variety of reading audiences. Adults and students will relate to the exciting stories that TED writers tell. English teachers will appreciate the structure of the stories and how they can serve as models for writing.

Here are some of my favourite TED books:

1. **The Terrorist's Son**
by **Zak Ebrahim**

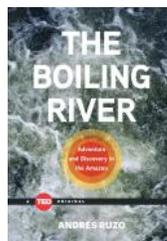
It will take a very special book to ever knock this TED book off the top of my list of TED Books.



Ebrahim's story of how he came to grips with the fact his father was a terrorist responsible for

assassinating a Jewish rabbi and the first bombing of the World Trade Centre will appeal to even the most reluctant reader.

2. **The Boiling River**
by **Andres Ruzo**
Part science and part mystery, Ruzo, a geoscientist from Peru, investigates a boiling river in the Amazon.

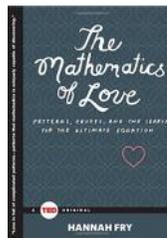


Using scientific evidence, Ruzo creates a compelling explanation for why this river exists.

Every science student should read this book.

3. **The Mathematics of Love: Patterns, Proofs, and the Search for the Ultimate Equation**
by **Hannah Fry**

Love does not seem very mathematical, but the author argues that there are measurable patterns of love.



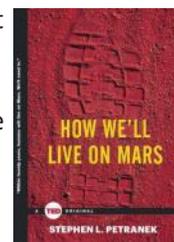
She looks at the chances of finding love and statistics about how long it will last. She even explores online dating and all the measurables in that experience.

This is a light-hearted, new guide to

exploring love, and a fun way to connect mathematics to a theme that fascinates all teens.

4. **How We'll Live on Mars**
by **Stephen L. Petranek**

Part science and part speculation, this fascinating book presents some of the steps that are being taken to start a colony on Mars.

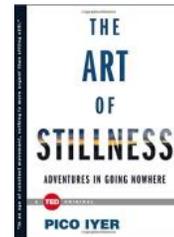


Readers will learn that it is not only NASA, the American space company.

Individuals who head major companies – like Jeff Bezos of [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)--are exploring the possibilities of going to Mars.

5. **The Art of Stillness: Adventures in Going Nowhere**
by **Pico Iyer**

This lesson in meditation by a travel writer presents a way to find the meaning of life by experiencing stillness rather than plunging into action. Iyer argues that our reflections on travelling experiences are what make a trip meaningful.

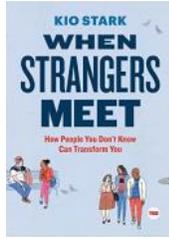


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6. **When Strangers Meet: How People You Don't Know Can Transform You**
by **Kio Stark**

This quirky, fun and yet profound book documents the author's own journey through uncharted territory as the author reveals some thoughts and feelings she discovered while talking to strangers.

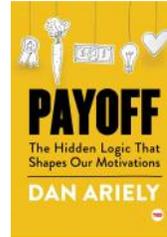


We've all been taught about the

pitfalls of speaking to strangers. This is the flipside of that coin.

7. **Payoff: The Hidden Logic that Shapes Our Motivations**
by **Dan Ariely**

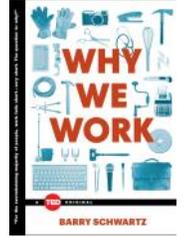
Motivation can make the difference between success and failure, but motivation is also the basis of happiness.



The author looks at the meaning of motivation: what it is and how it shapes our lives without being overly ponderous.

8. **Why We Work**
by **Barry Schwartz**

We all work for a paycheck, right? Not so says Schwartz.



He argues that work gives us a certain feeling of fulfillment – hopefully. He looks at just how work places can create a feeling of comfort and happiness.

TED books are the perfect read for people on the go who want to read, but don't have much time. They also resonate with teenagers in your life who are reluctant readers.



Tech Tips

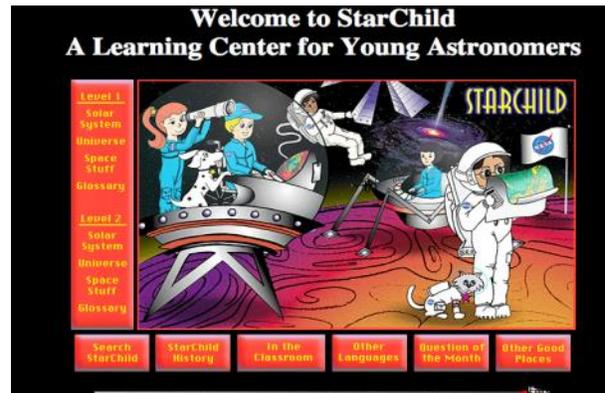
by *Adrienne DeBoucher, Ed. Tech. Coordinator*

Science Exploration Online

[Kids Page, CIA](#)
(K-12th grade)



[NASA Kids' Club](#) ((K-5th grade)



[StarChild: a Learning Center for Young As-](#)



MUN Students Rise to Challenge

Topics ranging from genetically modified foods, prevention of communicable diseases, the state of 'nuclear Iran', aftermath of the Islamic State, use of drones in armed conflicts, homegrown terrorism, piracy, and several other current day issues, challenged 12 eager high school students this past week.

The group alongside their teacher advisors, Mrs. Sharpe and Mr. Broughton attended the John Hopkins University Model United Nations Conference in Baltimore and experienced an incredible international relations simulation. The students engaged in heated debates with peers from many different countries and left with a deeper understanding of the complexities of international relations and the challenges faced by the United Nations. They came to appreciate the difficulty of compromising and making decisions on a global scale as they forged to make alliances with other delegates. The group then visited Washington DC and enjoyed the historical and educational activities of this city.

Exposure to Model United Nations Conferences takes students out of their comfort zone, deepens their terminology, sharpens their debating techniques and builds their problem solving and critical thinking skills. It is truly an enriching educational experience.

Submitted by: Judy Sharpe & Matthew Broughton



ON SALE NOW!



Congratulations to Mathilde Beneventi (3K) on winning the ISPS Carnival T-shirt competition!



Students can wear their shirts to school on Thursday, February 23rd and Friday the 24th!

ISPS CARNIVAL T-SHIRTS \$60

Shirts will be on sale: Wednesday February 15th at 3:00PM on the Green Court Each morning from 7:00 - 7:30AM in front at pick-up. Each afternoon from 2:15 - 3:00PM in front at pick up.

Carnival Events 2017

MS & HS LIP SYNC BATTLE

Wednesday 22nd February, 2017
1:30pm in the ISPS Theatre

PRE K-2 SOCA SPORTS

Thursday 23rd February, 2017
1:00pm - 1:25pm in the ISPS Gym
ES Students wear Carnival T-Shirt and P.E. Pants

GR 3-5 SOCA BURN OUT

Thursday 23rd February, 2017
1:30pm - 2:00pm in the ISPS Gym
ES Student wear Carnival T-Shirt and P.E. Pants

ES CARNIVAL TOWN MEETING

Friday 24th February, 2017
7:30am in the ISPS Theatre

CARNIVAL JUMP UP

Friday 24th February, 2017
10:30am - 11:30 am on the North Field
Wear your 2017 Carnival T-shirt!!

THE SHACK

Movie Premiere
07.03.17 • 7:30 pm
MovieTowne, Port of Spain
\$125.00

DOOR PRIZES TO BE WON

Beneficiary:
The Shelter for Battered Women and Children

For further information, please contact
Ria 628-0861 or Liz 684-3396.

Matura Beach Cleanup 2017
Nature is Everyone's Responsibility

**Craft and food on sale
Prizes to be won**

**Matura Bay, Orosco Road,
Matura
7am - 1pm**

Bring gloves, sunscreen and LOTS OF ENERGY!

NATURE SEEKERS
 naturaseekers@gmail.com
 +1 (868) 668-7337

Sunday March 05th

Online registration is now open. See link in description

SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

PRIVATE EVENT
 AT DIGICEL IMAX
THE PREMIERE OF

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22ND | 5 P.M.
 TICKET PRICE \$150.

Presented by **Wings of Hope**

A NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
 ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS HELPING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN THROUGHOUT TRINIDAD.

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BEACH CLEAN UP INFORMATION

- **Registration is free and now open:** <https://naturaseekers.webform.com/form/14801>
- Trinidad’s beaches are globally important nesting sites for critically endangered leatherback sea turtles (Dermochelys coriacea); as part of our tourism and conservation initiative, Nature Seekers annually cleans the Matura Beach.
- During the rainy season large quantities of debris and drift wood flow down the rivers and gather along the shoreline. Recognizing that the nesting process is hampered by debris on the beach, sometimes resulting in the turtles returning to sea without depositing their eggs, Nature Seekers has been championing the clean-up of a portion of the beach used as a nesting habitat, to eliminate this problem. This project involves the collection and removal of glass, plastic, metal and degradable materials from the 8 km shoreline, to facilitate successful nesting.
- It also provides a safe environment for the seasonal turtle viewing program while supporting a sustainable community enterprise of repurposing litter into crafts. The waste glass collected on the beach will be converted into crafts by community members.
- For the past 20 years Nature Seekers Annual Beach Cleanup has created an opportunity for citizens of Trinidad & Tobago to assist in conservation efforts, to protect endangered sea turtles. Over the years the number of participating volunteers has increased, as more corporate groups, organizations, community groups and families become more aware of the importance of turtle conservation.
- Volunteer groups register early in the year as they get prepared for this environmental event. Some participating groups include: Caribbean Bottlers, UWI Bio Society, NGC Eco Phoenix Club, ISPS Middle & High School, St Joseph Convent, Curepe Presbyterian Church, TTTGA, President’s Award Association, Forestry Division and many others!
- A permit is required to participate in the annual beach clean-up since it is being held within the prohibition time (March to August). Thus all groups must Register in order for us to acquire permits on your behalf.
- On the day of the event, volunteers are divided into teams led by Nature Seekers’ staff members. Debris and litter are collected and sorted: glass for repurposing, wood for burning, and everything else for disposal. With support from the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation the garbage is usually removed by the next day.
- At the end of the clean-up we close off with the popular Sand Turtle Competition where groups with more than 10 volunteers registered in their teams. The sand turtle building activity is done in 20 minutes at which time volunteers will be asked to make a leatherback turtle in the sand. The competition is full of fun and excitement but most importantly it is done to raise awareness of our endangered species – the leatherback turtles. Trophies and prizes are given to deserving groups (largest/earliest/most kids) and winners of the competition.

Submitted by Maeve O’Donovan



After School Activities

Thank you for supporting our After School Activity Program.

No After School Activities on Friday 24th February.

CAISSA News

Season 3 CAISSA (Boys’ Soccer and Girls’ Basketball) from 29th March to 2nd April, takes place in the Dominican Republic and will be hosted by the Carol Morgan School. Our teams have been selected and are hard at work to give a good showing. Our girls are the defending champions. The Caimans Boys’ Soccer is one of the best we have ever produced. The Boys’ Soccer Champion is the only one in CAISSA that has eluded ISPS. This year may be different. The Caimans will come up against the CMS Sharks, the AC Cougars, the ECA Cougars and the CIS Blue Iguanas.

ISPS CAIMANS TRAINING SCHEDULE — SEASON 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Boys’ Soccer 3:30-5:30PM	Boys’ Soccer 3:30-5:30PM		Boys’ Soccer 3:30-5:30PM	
Girls’ Basketball 3:30-5:30PM		Girls’ Basketball 3:30-5:30PM		Girls’ Basketball 2:30-4:30PM

ISPS Girls Claim Spot in Volleyball Finals

On Tuesday, our U 16 Girls faced their biggest challenge in the tournament and prevailed.

They played St Georges College in the quarterfinals and narrowly won 15-11 and 15-13.

Our girls were very nervous and were not playing their usual composed, clinical game. In the semi-finals they came up against, a very unassuming team, Iere High School.

Our girls looked stronger and fitter, but looks can be deceiving.

We lost the first set to IHS 16-

18. The girls were confused and giving up easy points.

The Caimans clawed their way back to take the second set 15-13. The third was extremely close.

IHS took the lead early and ISPS had to regroup and come from behind to claim their spot in the finals with a 15-12 victory. Definitely not a game for senior citizens (like me).

ISPS is in three of the six finals that will take place on Friday 17th February: Girls’ U 16, Boys’ U 16 and Boys’ U 20.



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27	National Carnival (No School)	10	ES Reports	24	Grade 7 Sense if Time (Showcase, 1:00pm)
28	National Carnival (No School)	11	SATs	24	End of Q3, MS & HS
	March	13	PD Day (11:30 am Student Dismissal)		



Menu: February 20th to February 24th, 2017

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

Monday 20th	Breakfast:	Toasted Bread, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Jam.
	Lunch:	Grilled Quesadillas Or Chicken Tacos, Three Bean Salad, Sautéed Vegetables. Fresh Salad.
Tuesday 21st	Breakfast:	Sada, Salt fish, Bacon, Tomato Choka, Eggs
	Lunch:	Fluffy Potatoes, Pink Beans, Grilled Lamb Or Grilled Chicken, Steamed Cauliflower & Carrots, Fresh Salad.
Wednesday 22nd	Breakfast:	Hot Dogs, Cheese Paste, Tuna Paste.
	Lunch:	Vegetable Rice, Lentils, Rosemary Lamb, Garden Salad.
Thursday 23rd	Breakfast:	Sada with Pumpkin Or Dasheen Leaves.
	Lunch:	Mac & Cheese, Pineapple Chicken, Bhagi Rice with Pigtail.
Friday 24th	Breakfast:	Eggs, Sausages, Pancakes, Waffles.
	Lunch:	School Dismissal at 11:30 am

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.