

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



**International
School of
Curaçao**

Dates to Remember:

April 25-29: Teacher
Appreciation Week

April 26: Bake Sale

April 27: King's Day—
NO SCHOOL

April 29: Jeans Day

May 2-6: Labor Day,
Ascension Break: NO
SCHOOL

May 10: Evening
Parent-Teacher
Conferences (High
School only)

May 11: Parent-Teacher
Conferences- No
School for Students

May 13: Varsity Sports
Athletic Banquet

***Our Vision: An
international
education
today for the
global citizens
of tomorrow.***

From The Director

Dear ISC,

Copters and Cameras recently finished the ISC promotional video and we posted it online last week. We were happy to have alumni complete the project for us and equally happy to see the final product. Thank you Arnaud Scheper (class of 2012) and Jean Jacques Sperwer (class of 2010)! If you haven't seen it on our website or Face Book page yet, please click on the image below.

Officially, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, but due to the fact we will not be in school that week, our PTA is set to celebrate the event next week. Help show your appreciation for our teachers by contacting the PTA to ask what you can do. Details can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

As a reminder for Child Abuse Prevention Month, there will be a bake sale next Tuesday and a "Jeans Day" next Friday. Proceeds will be donated to Stichting tegen Kindermishandeling and Stichting Kinderbescherming Curaçao. Please send in sweet or savory foods to help support the event. For more details, refer to Dr. Rigaud's email from a couple weeks ago.

Next week's newsletter will go out on Thursday; we are not in session for King's Day on Wednesday. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan

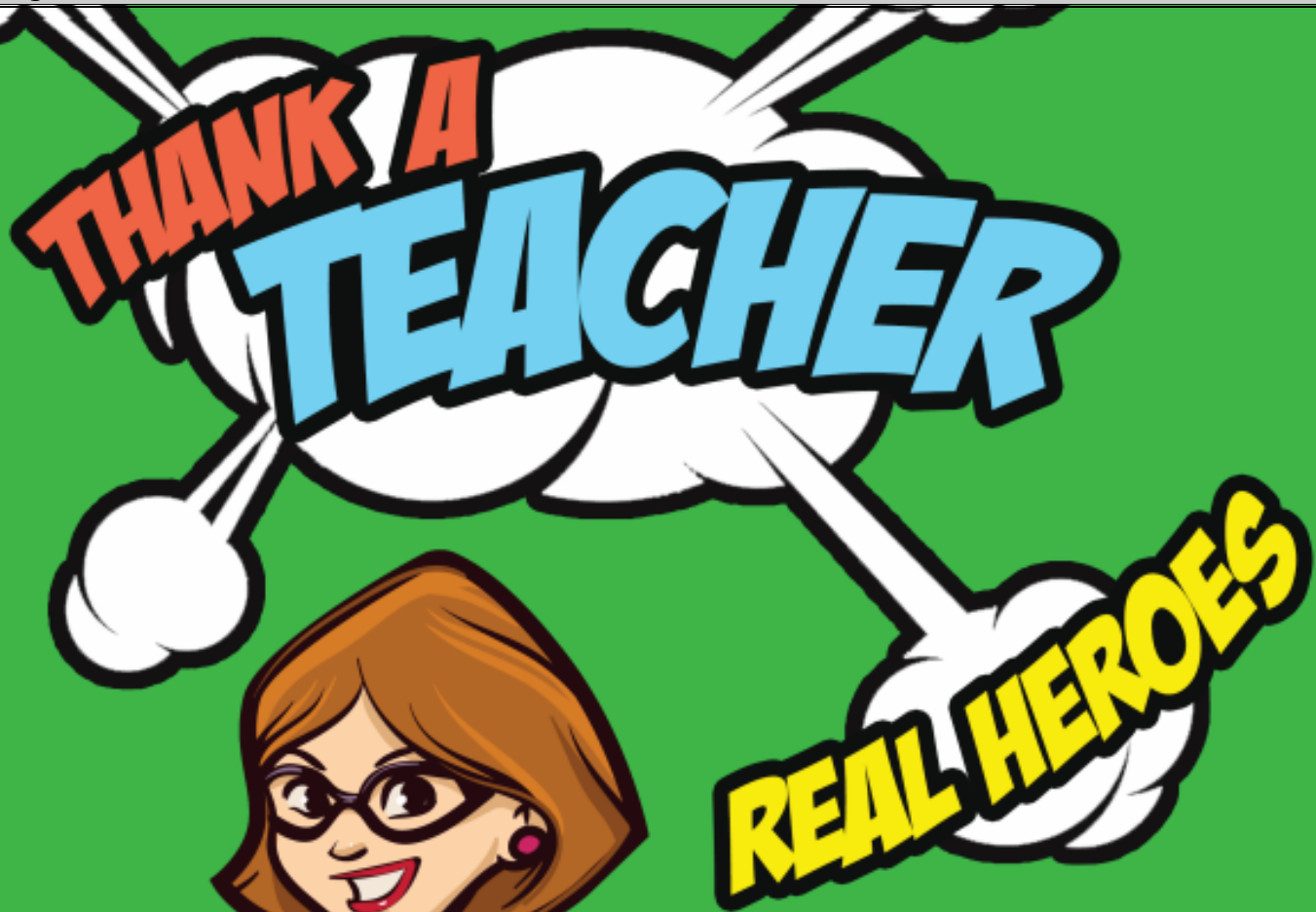
Director

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Our Mission: ISC educates students from diverse cultures to have the skills to think creatively, communicate effectively, reason critically, and act compassionately.



Teacher Appreciation Week

GREAT Things Happen When Families and Teachers **UNITE** for Student Success!

Join the **#ThankATeacher** conversation to raise awareness about the vital role teachers play in the lives of students.

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Varsity Sports News: Lady Shark Attwood Signs with Marywood University

Congratulations to ISC senior Mikayla Attwood! This week she signed her official letter of intent to attend and play volleyball at Marywood University in Pennsylvania. Additionally, Mikayla has been pre-accepted into Marywood's Athletic Training program already, which is quite an honor; typically students can only *apply* to the program in the spring semester of their second year of study.

In ISC's 48 year history, we believe Mikayla is the first student to formally sign with a school to play collegiate sports. We wish her success!

GO SHARKS!!!



Above: Girls' volleyball coach Rigo sits with Lady Shark Mikayla Attwood to sign her letter of intent to Marywood University. Back row left to right: Douglas Vaughan (ISC Director), Nancy Knapman (Mikayla's mother), Gillian Hart (Athletic Director), Coach Ibi, Gustavo Sever (HS Principal)

**Shopping Experience 2 !!!
Coming Soon!!!!**

**You can start looking
into your closets for clothes, toys, and
accessories that
your children have outgrown or are not
using anymore (good condition).
We will start collecting from May 9th.
More details will follow ...**



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Seventh Grade goes to Hofi Cas Cora

Ms. Chugani's 7th grade class went to Hofi Cas Cora on Friday April 15 to celebrate Earth day. At Hofi Cascora, they were engaged in a farm-to-table workshop in which they learned more about creating a sustainable environment, including growing vegetables and cooking with them. This was a fun learning experience. Ms. Muriel Strobos (from Muriel's Kitchen) helped the students cook a wholesome meal using the ingredients grown organically at Hofi Cascora.



Elementary News: K4 Students Visit the Curaçao Sea Aquarium

During the last few weeks K4 has been learning about sea animals. The kids have become experts in sea turtles, jelly fish, octopuses, dolphins and sharks. To end our theme we decided to visit the Curacao Sea Aquarium. The class had a fantastic time and the kids were so excited about sharing their knowledge with others.

- Ms. Nina



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High School News: Saving Curaçao's Reefs ... One Student at a Time

A growing number of high school students are becoming SCUBA certified and are dedicating one Sunday afternoon a month volunteering for the **Coral Restoration Project of Curaçao** whose aim is to replenish the coral reefs around the island with healthy staghorn and elkhorn corals. (We can use all the help we can get – interested SCUBA certified adults are more than welcome to join us.)

They are learning how to break pieces of coral into smaller fragments (in a process known as 'fragging'), how to fix these small pieces to the nursery trees and how to keep them clean and free from parasites and algae as they grow. Ultimately these pieces of coral will reach a size big enough to be cemented out onto the reef where they will then continue to grow and reproduce.

Many of these students plan to work on their Coral Restoration Certification over the May break after which time they will be able to work in groups in the nursery without adult supervision. Several students have already expressed interest in using this work for their required Biology or E. Systems I.A.s as well as for CAS projects or credits.

If your high schooler is interested in joining this project there are several options available from Ocean Encounters at Lion's Dive hotel.

Discover SCUBA diving is a one afternoon class that allows kids to see if in fact they would like to become a certified diver. This is generally offered on a Sunday afternoon for 107.- nafl. The next date for Discover Diving is **April 24th**.

Open Water Certification is a four day course after which time students earn their first level of certification. The next course will be offered on successive Sundays beginning on either **May 8th** or the **15th** depending on interest. The ISC price for this course is 507.-nafl. (or 400.- for students who have taken the Discover Diving class above.)

Coral Restoration Certification is for already certified divers and will be offered for two days over the May break. The ISC cost is 230.- for students who have already volunteered in the nursery or 273.- for those who have not yet participated.

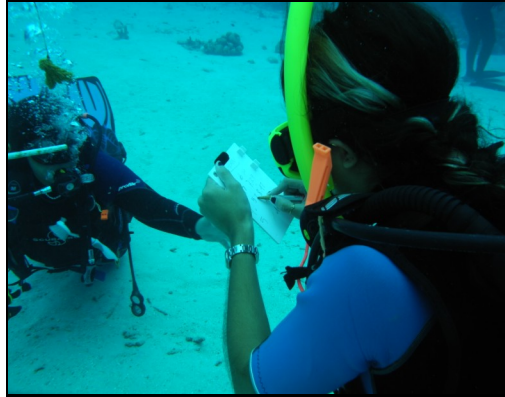
Please note: These greatly reduced prices are for ISC students only. Students taking advantage of this offer are expected to volunteer on the project.

Interested? Please contact Lisa Cook in the high school at cookl@isc.cw

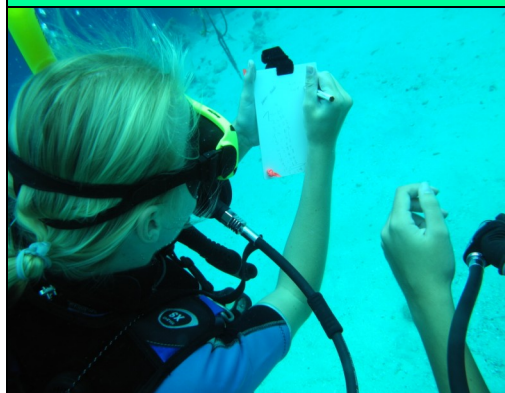


Above: Eric Jager (gr. 10) fixing a flotation device on one of the "trees."

Below: Brandon Schotte (gr. 11) learning how to "frag"



Above: Nakhari Alberto (gr. 10) and Shakira Costa (gr. 10) count baby elkhorn corals. Below: Raymonde Bongers (gr. 10) and Samantha Samander (gr. 10) count baby staghorn corals.





ISC Wine & Bubbles Night

Save the Date

Saturday, May 21st 2016
7:30 PM

The Atrium, Centrale Bank van
Curaçao en Sint Maarten

'Wine & Bubbles' is an annual ISC fundraiser with all
proceeds donated to the Center for the Arts and
other non-profit programs



The Fibonacci Sequence by Gibelle Beaujon (5B)

The Fibonacci sequence essentially revolves around nature. Leonardo Bonacci, known as Fibonacci is given credit for its discovery, when in fact, the sequence was recognized by mathematicians from India years before. Fibonacci introduced the sequence to Europe in 1202, making it more widely known.

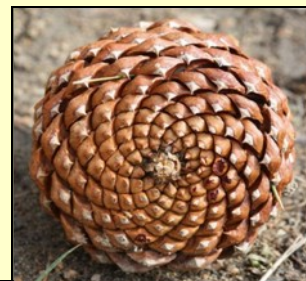
He explained his sequence using the life cycle of bunnies to explain the growth patterns in their populations. However that's not what the sequence is referring to. It's mostly referring to plants, flowers, and other elements of nature. It's a sign of nature and math coming together. The sequence can be found by adding the two previous numbers to find the next either starting with 0,1 or in some cases 1,1. The sequence is 0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89,144, and so on. For example $0+1 = 1$ and $1+1 = 2$.

A part of nature that connects to the Fibonacci sequence is spirals. When you look at the bottom of a pinecone, you will observe the sides gradually get wider, which gives the effect of spirals. The only difference between a normal spiral and the pinecone's spiral is that on a pinecone the spiral doesn't go round in circles. The spirals branch out as if they were fireworks.



I was interested in writing this article because I haven't learned much about the Fibonacci sequence. I thought it would be eye-opening and fun. I was right! I learned many new things about this topic and I'm glad I chose to write about the Fibonacci sequence.

- Gibelle Beaujon, Grade 5B



From the Library: Returning Books

Dear Parents & Students,

I am happy to have you all coming to the library to check out books during this school year. Unfortunately this year is ending and we will need to have all the books in before the summer break. Thank you for such a wonderful year and please remember that you are welcome to pass by the library to check out books if you need to.

High School: Last day for checking out books is on **May 16th**.

The last day for check out books for students & parents is on **June 1st**.

All books checked-out by students or parents should be returned by **June 5th**.

Parents & students, if you want to know which books you have checked out on your account, either come to me or go on the school page: www.isc.cw. Click on **Support Program**...then choose library. Go to web catalog and click on International School of Curaçao and sign in as follows:

username: NameLastname (Name & Lastname)

password: curacao

Choose Bookbag and then go to "My Checkouts". Here you will be able to see everything on your child's or your name.

Sincerely,

-Ms. Tania

PTA News: Teacher Appreciation Week



Dear ISC parents,

This year's **Teacher Appreciation Week** will be the last week of April (**April 25-29**). To recognize and celebrate our wonderful teachers and faculty, ISC PTA has been organizing special surprises for the week.

The annual Teacher Appreciation *Potluck* will be on *Tuesday, April 26th*. Further information about the Potluck will be emailed by the Homeroom parents shortly. If you do not have a Homeroom parent but you would like to contribute towards the Potluck lunch please, contact PTA.

We would like to encourage all students and parents to express your gratitude to our hard working teachers and faculty during the Teacher Appreciation Week either by person, email, video message or a card.

Thank you for your support!

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