

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

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NEWSLETTER



**International
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Curaçao**

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Dates to remember:

October 16: End of 1st quarter

October 19: 2nd quarter begins

October 23: United Nations Day

October 26: 1st quarter report cards

October 30: PTA Halloween Carnival

November 3,4: Parent-Teacher Conference

November 13: No school- staff development day

From The Director

Dear ISC,

I hope you all had a restful Regatta Break! It is good to have everyone back, seeing (and hearing!) the campus full of life and energy again is uplifting.

This month we have two large events on campus. Please come out to help us celebrate our school's diversity and rich culture as we recognize United Nations Day on Friday, October 23rd. Our UN Day Committee has been working hard to make sure we have another successful year. Please see page 4 for more details and information as to how you can help contribute.

Our second big event is the PTA's annual Halloween Carnival to be held on Friday, October 30th. This is PTA's one large fund-raising event of the year. Proceeds from the evening are used to help support school initiatives throughout the rest of the school year. The PTA has been hard at work in anticipation of a large turnout and could always use a couple extra pair of hands.

On a different note, the school had a surprise visit today by GGD- The Health Department of Curacao, in advance of the upcoming wet season to ensure our school grounds meet their standards with the goal of suppressing the spread of mosquito borne illnesses. After they toured our campus we have been proven to be in compliance with all of their requirements. Rest assured we will not become complacent and will continue to do our part and try to keep the mosquitoes at bay as best as possible.

See you at school.

Douglas Vaughan

Director



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

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

From the PTA

Dear ISC Community,

We would like to welcome you for our second PTA meeting of the month of October. We will be evaluating our previous events and discussing some new ideas and upcoming events such as UN Day (October 23), Halloween Carnival (October 30). For the full Agenda please visit us online at ISC's website.

Time and Place of our next meeting:

Date: **Thursday, October 15th**

Time: **2.15 p.m.**

Place: **Elementary side, Classroom 5A**

Warm Regards,

P.T.A.

pta@isc.cw

PTA - UN DAY

PTA is starting a new tradition! Free water!

PTA will be providing cold water for everyone at UN Day to cut down on plastic bottles and go green. Every little step helps and this is a great start for our school to go green.

We will NOT be selling plastic water bottles, but we will have jugs of cold water for you to fill up your own water bottle, your newly purchased GIN water bottle, or a cup of water.

HALLOWEEN

TRUNK or TREAT

We still need volunteers for our new tradition of TRUNK or TREAT. Please email us if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. We will have posters up on the bulletin board with more info.

CONTESTS

Are you ready? Get your creativity on and ready for our contests this year!

Costume: Funniest, Scariest, and Most Original costume for many age groups.

Pumpkin Carving: Funniest, Scariest, and Most original pumpkin. We have spotted pumpkins for sale at Centrum and Albert Hein.

Witch Hat: NEW contest! Prize for best witch hat. We will be selling Witch Hats this year at ISC, so you don't have to run around Curacao looking for a hat to decorate. Stay tuned for dates.

Broom: NEW contest for best decorated broom. Decorate a broom and enter it in the Broom Contest.

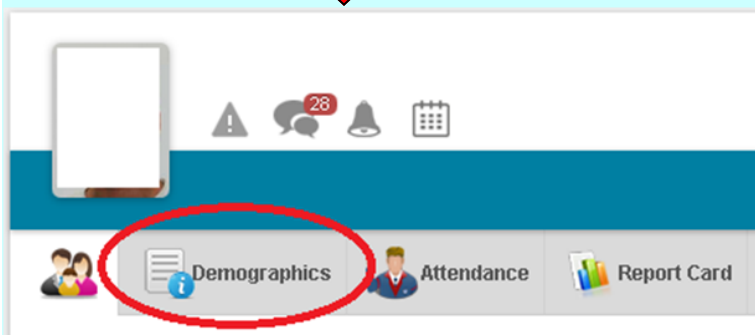
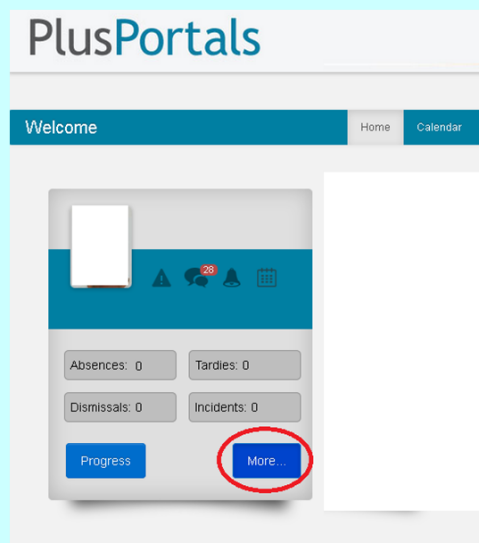
Witch: Make a witch for the Best Witch Decoration Contest! Use your imagination and come up with a fabulous witch!

TECH CORNER: Update your Demographics today!

Now you can update your child's demographic and contact information through the Portal.

Please take few minutes of your time to check and update your child's address, phone numbers, email, emergency contact information and other important fields.

- 1) Login into the Portal using your credentials.
- 2) On the main screen click on MORE...
- 3) Click on DEMOGRAPHICS - EDIT



- 4) Now you can add/edit data.
- 5) Remember to SAVE.



Student Demographics	
Parent/Guardian	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
Street	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
City	Willemstad
Phone	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
Homeroom	10A
Gender	M
Birth Date	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
EMERGENCY PHONE	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
MOBILE PHONE	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
WORK PHONE	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
ALLERGIES	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
PARENT EMAIL	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
NATIONALITY	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
ENTRY DATE 1	08-14-2003
PARENT 2	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
COMPANY	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX



Note: If you have more than one child, the system will transfer the changes to the others automatically.

Data will be uploaded to our main system on Friday, October 23rd at 3:30 pm. Once the process is finished, you will not be able to edit the fields through the site.

For more information please contact Angelica Galicia at galiciaa@isc.cw

United Nations Day

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, and Staff,

The International School of Curaçao will hold its annual United Nations (UN) Day on Friday, October 23th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Gym/Auditorium and then from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. on the High School Campus. Dismissal will be at 2:00 p.m. for all students. This will be a special school-wide event.

The Elementary, Middle and High School students will all come together to participate in our celebrations. We will start with an assembly showcasing the diverse cultures represented at ISC through a variety entertainment program of dances and songs presented by students and community members. The assembly will be followed by our most popular International Food Festival, which will take place on the High School Campus

As always, we count on parents' contributions for food in the different booths. We request each student/parent to bring one to two dozen finger foods representative of his/her country, preferably in a disposable container. Please provide disposable plates, cups and spoons/forks as required for the service of your food item and also ensure that you label your contribution with your complete name and country/region represented. If your food item should be kept refrigerated, either deliver it just before serving time or label it "Keep Refrigerated". **The food should be delivered between 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** to the receiving station which will be set up in the classrooms: Mendeleev Lab or Einstein Lab in the High School.

There will be booths, located on the high school campus, for the following countries/regions of the world (to be confirmed): Curaçao, The Netherlands, USA, Venezuela, India, Lebanon, Colombia, Portugal, Europe, Puerto Rico, Asia, China, Japan and Rest of the World. **IMPORTANT:** there will be a Country Representative Meeting this Thursday, October 1st at 1:15 p.m. in Room 9 (High School Campus). Please attend to receive more information on hosting a booth at our International Food Festival.

We encourage the entire school community to come dressed in their national outfit, or wear the colors of their country's flag. This is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the diversity within the ISC community as well as all the cultures of all our students.

We would also like to encourage students, parents, and teachers to organize a typical dance from the different countries represented at ISC. If interested to perform a typical dance of your country, please contact Ms. Sabina Evertsz - Destrade Mora at evertszs@isc.cw.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at unday@isc.cw

Thank you in advance for your help in making this a rewarding, educational, and memorable event for us all!

Images from 2014 UN Day



Individuality

Collaboration

Involvement

Respect

Responsibility

I AM ISC

UN Day Photography Contest

Are you an ISC High School student who loves photography?

Then submit a digital photograph which displays your interpretation of one of the United Nations International Themes for 2015:

1. Light and Light-based Technologies

2. Soils

Show us your talent and creativity!



1. Eligibility: This Contest is open to all students in **grades 9 to 12** at the International School of Curaçao.

2. To Enter: Participants will be required to read and follow the contest procedures and rules. The Submission must not infringe the copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity or other intellectual property rights of any person or entity. We reserve the right to use your entry in all print and electronic media, and to edit it for brevity and clarity. The photograph must include a snippet of one of the themes of United Nations International Themes for 2015 mentioned above.

3. Judging: The UN Day Committee members will judge all photos that are submitted on time. Any entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered nor exhibited. All entries will be judged based on the following criteria: Originality 50%, use of light and shade 25% and Photo General Quality 25%. Judges' decisions are final. Judges may reject entries that do not meet contest criteria or are deemed offensive.

4. Prize: All approved photographs will be exhibited during our UN Day on October 23rd, 2015. The contest winner will receive a Gift Card for NAfl. 100.

5. Conditions: ISC is not responsible for lost, late, or unintelligible entries, lost connections, miscommunications, failed transmissions, other technical difficulties or failures. By participating, entrants consent that their work may be reproduced in print and online. Students may only submit one photograph. Entries exceeding number allowed will not be considered. (Multiple small photos on one 8.5" x 11" sheet are not allowed.)

Original photos may be cropped for better composition. Minimal manipulation of digital images is acceptable. Small adjustments to brightness, color balance, contrast, and sharpness is acceptable. No other digital manipulation of an image is allowed.

How to do it?

An electronic file of your photo must be submitted by email to unday@isc.cw File Size: **4MB** max. Your digital photo should be High-resolution / 180 - 200dpi / **JPEG** file. Attach the following information with your entry:

-Your Name

-Age

-Grade

-Parent/Guardian Name

-E-mail

-Photo Caption (Title of Photo) (optional)

-The following statement: "I certify that this photograph has been taken by me."

-Short paragraph explaining your interpretation of the chosen theme.

PHOTOS WITHOUT IDENTIFYING INFORMATION CAN NOT BE ENTERED IN THE CONTEST.

Entries should be submitted before 3:30 pm on Monday, October 19th, 2015.

From the Middle School: Helping our Local Animal Shelter

Help to Help the Curacao Animals in Need

This week and next there will be fundraising activities for our local animal shelter, Dierenbescherming Curacao. The animal shelter helps many dogs, puppies, cats and kittens that have no home and that are in need of care. The government has decided to stop its yearly funding, which means the shelter depends completely on private funding. If the animal shelter can't find sufficient funding, it will have to close its doors.

How can ISC help? This week you can help us by buying T-shirts (20 NAFL) and bracelets (5 NAFL) and of course by donating! The collected money will help them buy food and take care of the vaccinations. There are no funds needed for personnel, because they volunteer for their good work.

Did you know that animals are great companions for kids? Pets can help instill a sense of responsibility in kids, and can increase empathy and compassion.

At the animal shelter all animals are healthy, vaccinated and clean. All they need is a safe and loving home. People interested in adopting an animal can also try an animal for a couple of days and see if it works out with the animal. For further information about adopting an animal and how to volunteer/ donate to the shelter check their website www.dierenbeschermingcuracao.com.

Anne, Sarah, Tessa, Inge
8th grade



High School News: *Maverick Youth*

As one of the service projects introduced at the CAS fair last month, *Maverick Youth* is an online platform where students, 15-19 years old, can write about issues that are relevant in their world today. Student writers come from all over the world, and some of them from ISC. Check out the website www.maverickyouth.com to read the thoughtful words of students from every corner of the world. You can specifically check out the stories of some ISC students who have been published to date. These stories include:

"How Overly Restrictive Dress Codes are Perpetuating Rape Culture" by Savannah Schuurbiers

"Gun Politics: When is Enough, Enough?" by Andrea Capriles

"The Fast Track to Acceptance" by Sarah Ribeiro

"The Problems with the Media" by Jacob Fleet

"Not for Queer Eyes Only" by Sarah Ribeiro

As more ISC students get published, I will keep you informed. The site has over 20,000 followers on Facebook and is receiving accolades from prominent journalists and educators regarding its quality of writing and openness of voice.

-K. Ribeiro

GIN Updates

**GIN Soccer Shoe Drive**

Thank you ISC community! Our GIN (Global Issues Network) students were able to collect 23 pairs of soccer shoes from our ISC community (grades 4-8). These shoes were given to less fortunate children from a local boarding school (anonymous). GIN also contributed a sum of Naf 250 which was used to buy shin guards and socks for the same children. They are very excited and grateful for the soccer shoes, new socks, and shin guards.

Giving back never goes out of fashion...

GIN water bottles will be sold at UN DAY

GIN (Global Issues Network) students will be selling their water bottles at UN Day in their ongoing effort to raise funds to buy water fillers for the school. Their goal is to buy new environmentally sustainable water fillers for the school that will -

promote an efficient way to fill one's water bottle and reduce water wastage
 help minimize plastic waste in the environment from single-use plastic water bottles, thereby creating a greener campus
 motivate students to bring their own water bottles to campus
 provide hands free activation which will reduce the transfer of germs and thus provide a hygienic way of filling one's water bottle

GIN students will be selling their water bottles at their booth for only Naf 15. These bottles are BPA free, they do not contain any bisphenol A and phthalates.

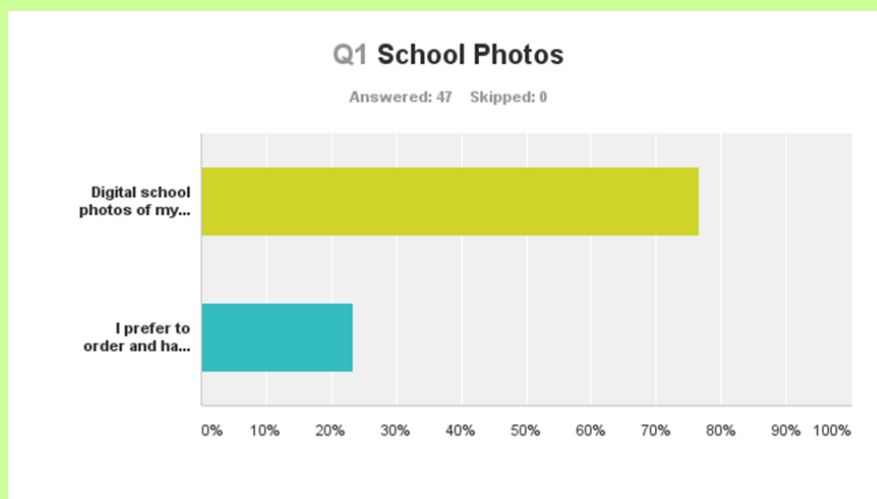


PicCOLLAGE

School Photos

Dear Parents,

As per the results of the survey sent out to you through the newsletter, we will move forward by providing you with school photos through a digital medium. Tentatively we are planning to have school photos taken either the week of October 26th or the first week of November. A detailed schedule will be sent out soon. Once all the photos are taken and processed, each family will receive their child's group class picture, individual pictures, and sibling pictures if applicable. Due to the size of the files, the most effective way to pass them onto you will be via a CD rom. If you have more than one child, all photos will be put onto once disc. There will be no associated cost for you unless you wish to independently make printed copies through various vendors on the island who offer this service.



College Counseling

Flagler College will be visiting us on October 28 at 9:30. All interested 10-12 grade students should come to Kala room. Parents are also welcome. For more information please visit their website: <http://www.flagler.edu/>

Career Fair: ISC is looking for professionals in different fields (banking, accountancy, performing arts, engineering, hospitality, architecture, law, medicine, education, psychology, marketing, entrepreneurship, etc) to volunteer and be part of our Career Fair in January! Parents, uncles, aunts, and friends in any professional field who would like to participate as speakers are encouraged to contact Ms. Fig at figueroam@isc.cw. More information will follow for interested participants.

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