

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



**International
School of
Curaçao**

Dates to Remember:

January 16-18: CIS 5-Year Review Visit

January 16-27: MPG Testing (Grade K5-2)

January 19: NHS Quiz Bowl

January 27: 100th Day of School

February 6: Online Progress Reports

February 14-15: ISA Tests (Gr. 3-10)

February 16: Open House

February 23: Science Fair

From John Heard, CIS

The Council of International Schools' (CIS) main focus is to support its members.

We accredit 700 schools around the world including ISC. We are proud of our Dutch "connection" as our main office is located in Leiden. My home is in Florida so I consider myself a neighbor to Curaçao.

This week Catherine Hollingsworth (Bermuda High School for Girls) and I have been here to conduct the Five Year Review visit – part of the ten year accreditation cycle. We look at the school's guiding statements, its commitment to quality teaching and its ability to promote internationalism. Accreditation is a powerful tool for school improvement.

At ISC we have seen evidence of progress. The school now has a series of academic policies to guide decision making. The school uses data analysis to identify areas for improvement. The **I AM ISC** campaign is a great way to convey the school's values. The Board has sensible strategies in place to increase enrollment. The iPad initiative is very exciting!

Most importantly there is a powerful sense of community with everyone working together to make ISC a safe and exciting learning environment. Thank you for your hospitality.

John Heard

Council of International Schools



Above: John Heard, Douglas Vaughan, and Catherine Hollingsworth

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***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.

High School News: Presentation by FMA (Fundashon pa Maneho di Adikshon)

On Thursday, January 12, ISC organized a presentation on drug awareness and prevention for all students of grades 7 through 12. Peer educator Evelynne Kirchner of the FMA, the local organization for drug awareness and addiction, addressed the following topics:

- What is addiction?
- Different types of addiction (social media, gambling, sugar, food, etc)
- Phases of addiction
- Types of drugs
- Effects of drugs
- Mental, physical and social consequences
- Student questions



The purpose of these presentations was to create awareness and inform about the dangers of substance abuse. We hope this encourages families to talk about this topic with the students at home in discussions regarding their life goals.



NJHS Chill Stand

We all
Scream
for ice cream

27th of January (Friday)

All lunch breaks!

Traffic: Drop-off and Pick-up Routines

Editor's note: notice originally posted in 1st issue. Re-posting as a friendly reminder to help with the flow of traffic.

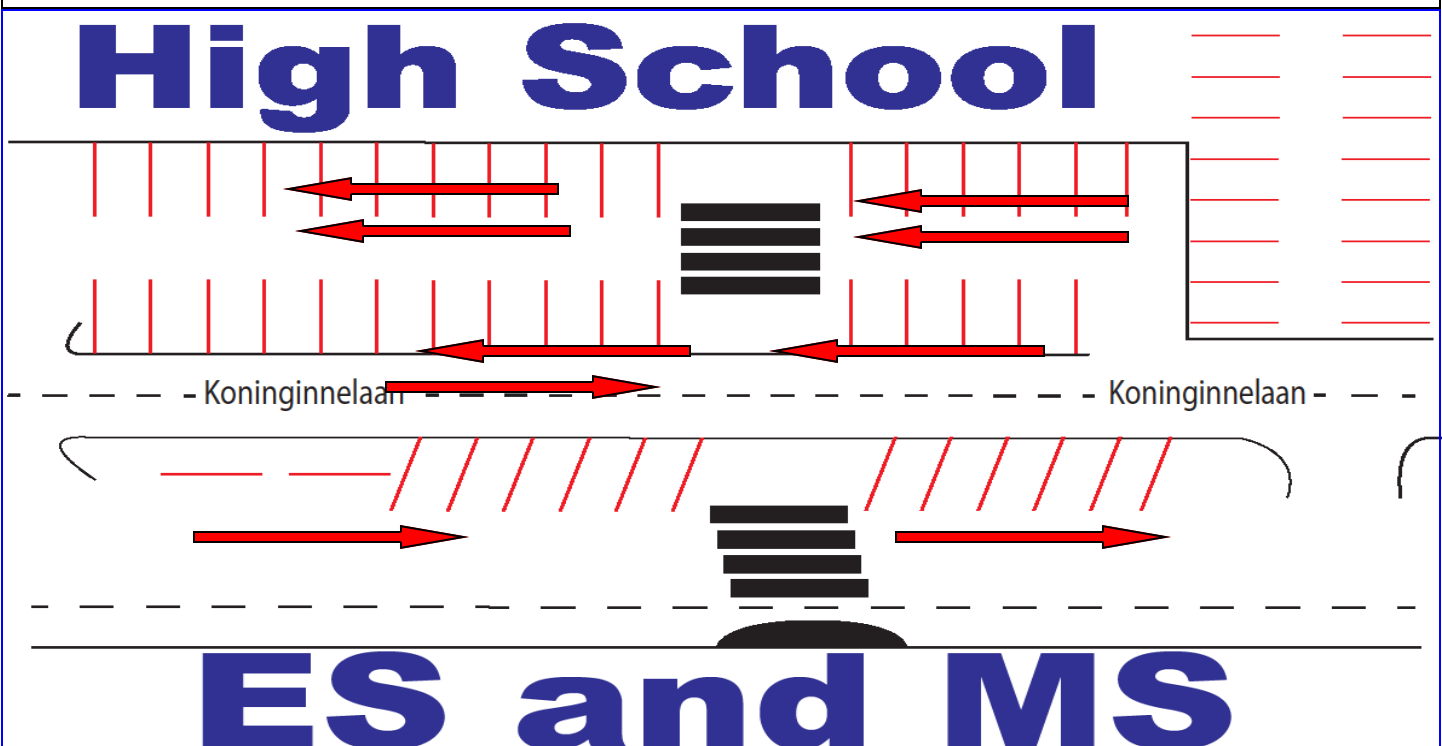
Dear Parents,

To help us assure safety for your children, please follow the guidelines below when dropping off and picking up. If everyone works together, the flow of traffic will undoubtedly be more efficient and safe.

- If you are driving through to drop off, please move as far forward as empty space allows; it is nice to drop your child at the gate, but cars begin to back up onto the road quickly. This includes both the elementary and high school sides. On the high school side, please be aware and try not to block open parking spaces where other parents may be trying to park.
- Please do not park in the drive-thru spaces at the right (elementary side) and leave your car unattended. This area is specifically meant for swift drop-off and pick-up only. Parking in these areas clogs the flow of traffic coming off of Koninginnelaan.
- Please refrain from parking on Koninginnelaan or dropping off your child directly from the road; both are major safety concerns.
- The security guards do their best to direct traffic to keep the flow going smoothly. Please be respectful at all times; they are working not only to direct traffic, but also to keep your children safe from accidents.
- During pick-up, help us out! Have a conversation with your child to help us get them to the gate and your car faster. We call students by name over the intercom system (elementary/middle school side) when we see your car coming; if they don't head to the gate immediately, it will undoubtedly have an impact on the line of cars backing up.
- Be patient. We have all been in a hurry to get somewhere, particularly in the mornings, but please be patient with the process and we will do our best to keep cars moving to get you on your way.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan

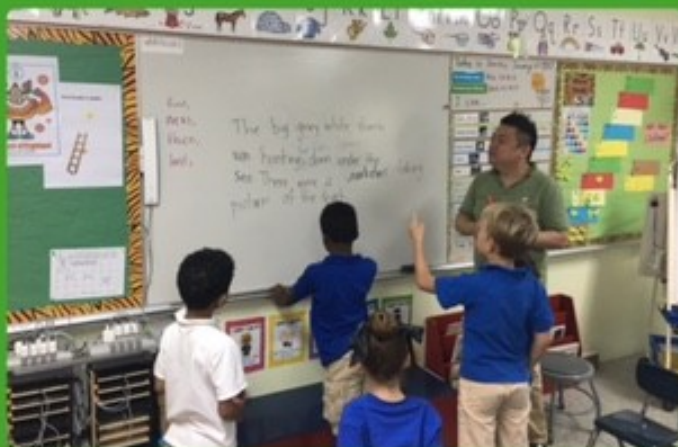
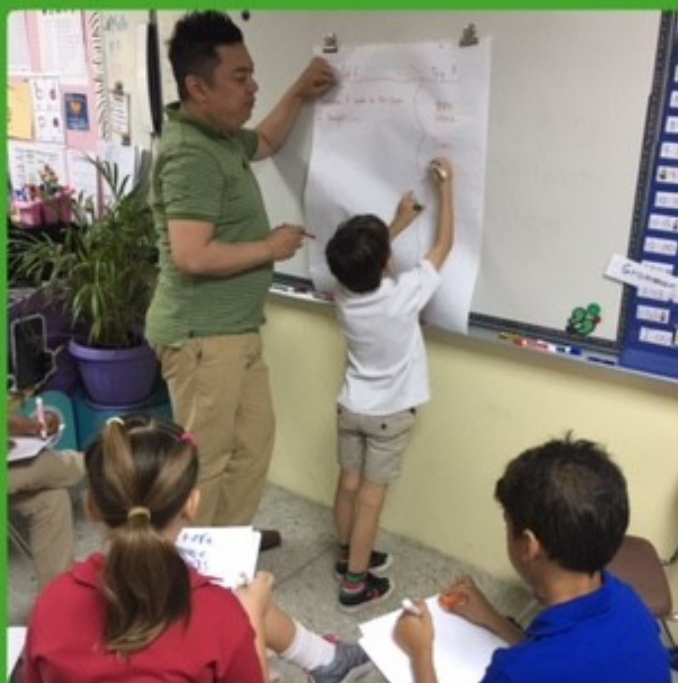
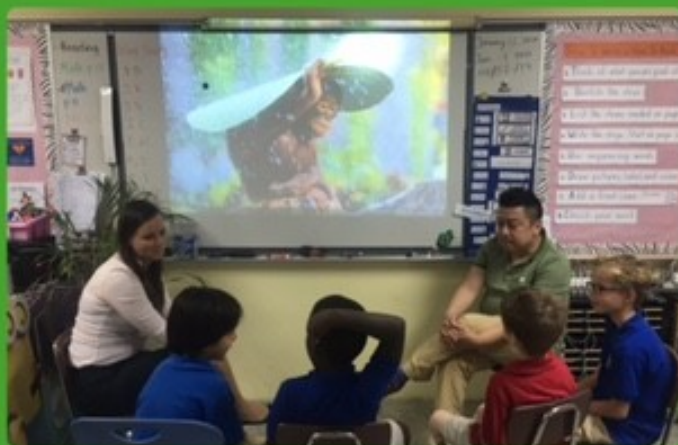


Elementary News: Literacy Consultant Visits ISC

My name is Vincent Ventura and I am an international literacy consultant and Director of LitLife Latin America. I work with international administrators, teachers, parents and students to hear their voice, and use their voice to continue creating positive change in the world.

I have been involved with ISC since 2013. I enjoy working with ISC teachers and students to continue enhancing reading, writing, speaking and listening practices.

Based out of Monterrey, Mexico, I consult with schools throughout the world, including such countries as: Colombia, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru and Suriname. More recently, I have expanded my reach to Austria and Côte D'Ivoire but always enjoy coming back to work in Curaçao.



SAVE THE DATE



Date

**May
6 and 7**

Different age categories

**More information and registration
details will follow.**

**For more information please contact
Mrs. Sabina at: evertszs@isc.cw**



TEEN PARADE HELPING HANDS NEEDED

Work starts on January 16th
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday
From 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
at the ES Art Room
Cas hours available
More info: Ms Evertsz / Ms Beaujon



Community Service Announcement: "Ride for the Roses"

On January 29th, the annual "Ride for the Roses" will take place. ISC encourages students and families to participate in the number of activities that will help raise funds for Prinses Wilhelmina Fonds, supporting the fight against cancer. Middle School and High School students can earn Community service/CAS hours for their participation.

For more information on the events and links to registration, please visit:

<http://www.ridefortheroses.net/>

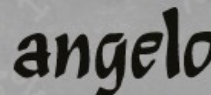
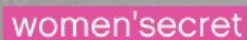
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