

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



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Attention!

Office hours for our Account Manager has changed this year. Mrs. van Rosberg is available during the following times:

Monday - Thursday
7:30-3:00

Dates to Remember:

September 5: Progress Reports

September 5-16: MPG Testing (Grades K5-2)

September 12-30: MAP Testing (Grades 3-8)

September 24: Curaçao Clean-Up

September 26: Progress Reports

September 30: 12:00 Dismissal due to local elections

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

From The Director

Dear ISC,

The first calendar month of the school year quickly came and passed and the students are gaining confidence in their respective new grade level and teachers. Bring on September!

Working together with the PTA, we have been figuring out the details of the Amazon Associates program which is aimed at helping non-profit organizations raise funds to support their mission. Some of you may have noticed the logo at the top right of our webpage— we've been doing some test runs. The program offers two ways to receive proceeds: through direct advertising of products for Amazon, which we will not do, or by a referral system, which is what we opted for

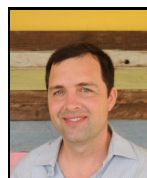
The referral system is passive, straight forward, and simple. Whenever someone makes a purchase through Amazon, if they access the site through the link in our website by clicking on their logo, a small percentage of the total purchase cost is credited to ISC's PTA. Each month Amazon generates a report for the revenue earned and once the total amount reaches a minimum of \$500, they send a check directly to the school to be deposited into the PTA's account. There is no cost to the individual making the purchase.

If you, or anyone you know use Amazon a lot, please encourage them to access it through our website; it is the only way Amazon can link the proceeds to our school. All funds raised will directly help the PTA's mission of supporting ISC initiatives. The potential to raise funds, at no cost to the user, is great, so please get the message out! The PTA will keep the community informed regularly as to the amounts raised once the reports start coming in. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask (pta@isc.cw).

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan

Director



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



PlusPortal is our communication tool between parent, student and teacher. This system is an interactive web portal that integrates seamlessly with our student information database. PortalPlus provides a unified interface for teachers, parents and students to communicate and access grade and attendance information. Teachers are able to instantly share student data as they enter it and interact with parents all in a secure environment.

Account set-up and information was emailed to all new families the second week of August. If you did not receive an activation email, please contact Ms. Galicia at galiciaa@isc.cw. Existing families and students will continue to use their previous login information.

Once you have activated your account, you can use this portal to:

- > Check your child's latest grades (3 to 12) > Receive email alerts when new grades are posted
- > Receive emails with school or class information > View schedules with detailed information
- > See what homework is not turned in and read notes from your child's teachers > Verify attendance
- > View your 'Combined Calendar' to see all the events from the school calendar and your child's own classes and activities automatically collected and personalized.
- > Read daily announcements, lunch menus, school policies, and classroom news.

The following link has interactive guides on what to expect in the portal: <http://www.rediker.com/support/parent-plus-help>.

Mobile App

An iOS and android mobile app is available for the parent and student plus portal. With the mobile app you are able to view the following:

> grades > attendance > announcements/alerts/news > combined calendars

Download the Parent Plus iOS app on iTunes:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/parentplus/id648334615?mt=8>

Download the Student Plus iOS app on iTunes:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/studentplus/id648335015?mt=8>

Download the Parent Plus Android app on GooglePlay:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rediker.parentplusv2>

Download the Student Plus Android app on Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rediker.studentplusv2>

**School name
to register:
ISC**

Goals 4 Kids: ISC's Women's Soccer Takes Silver, Volleyball Eliminated in Semis

Congratulations to our staff (and alumna) who competed over the weekend in the Goals 4 Kids charity tournament. Braving the heat and facing tough opponents, ISC's staff represented the school well for our first time competing in the tournament. The volleyball team reached day two of the tournament, but were defeated in the semi-final match to the eventual champion. The soccer team lost just one match in the qualifying round and advanced in the knockout stage on Sunday to the finals, where they faced the same opponent (ACU) who gave them their only loss. After regulation and the score tied 2-2, ISC came up just short in penalty kicks and took home 2nd place. Thanks to all the supporters!



Left: ISC's women's volleyball team. From left to right (standing)- Sabina Evertsz, Goumana El Hage, Elizabeth McGeough, Kelli Volkman, Luelle Wilson, Jennifer Lenz, (sitting) Gillian Hart, Gillisa Hart



Upper-right: ISC's women's soccer team. From left to right (sitting) Evelyn Restrepo, Sarah Volders, Sabina Evertsz, Allison Grubb, (standing) Saskia van de Mars, Sandra Guerrero, Angelica Galicia, Gillisa Hart



Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Sarah Volders

In 2006, Ms. Volders received her Bachelor of Education (B. Ed) in the Netherlands, and in 2008 started working at ISC. Always looking for new challenges and opportunities to develop her skills and knowledge, she continued taking online courses.

Two years ago she decided to enroll in an online master's degree program at Walden University with a major in Instructional Design and Technology (IDT). This program focuses on building quality education courses and training experiences, and using technology tools to develop cutting-edge curricula in educational institutions and corporate training classrooms.

Challenging herself over the past two years, Ms. Volders worked concurrently in her full-time teaching job while completing the online courses necessary to complete the degree. Luckily, her experience in education and the practical assignments for Walden were well aligned, and she was able to apply many new skills and knowledge into practice. For example, she designed several (online) training courses (e.g. Genius Hour, Goodnotes) for the teachers at ISC, and created an evaluation plan for the iPad program.

Last week she completed her final course! This means that besides being a teacher, she can now also call herself an 'instructional designer' (M.S. in IDT). In the future she plans to continue to develop her IDT skills, and hopefully help ISC by developing meaningful learning experiences for the teachers, students, and parents of our community. Ms. Volders also plans to develop more courses and training experiences for our local community (e.g. animal shelter) so Curaçao will become an even better place to live.



Student Spotlight: Christopher Lechner, Grade 4

Congratulations to grade 4 student, Christopher Lechner, who won the summer reading competition for students! Christopher's prize was an iTunes gift card.



Middle School News: 2016-17 Student Council Selected

Introducing our Middle School Student Council 2016-2017:

Officers

Dylan Russel- President
 Amira Hamadeh- Vice President
 Athina Neuman- Secretary
 Laysen Li- Treasurer
 Luna Dornaika- Public Relations

Representatives

8th grade- Sofia Hart, Jaycey Benita, Sahil Mirchandani, Noah van der Meulen

7th grade- Adrian Lionarons, Isaac van Uytrecht, Elana Smeets

6th grade- Kenny Rong, Gigi Ayoubi, Berrenda Zhuang



Back row, standing: Noah van der Meulen, Sahil Mirchandani, Sofia Hart, Mrs. Mathoera (adviser), Dylan Russel, Gigi Ayoubi, Luna Dornaika, Athena Neuman. Middle row: Laysen Li, Amirah Hamadeh, Jaycey Benita. Front row: Adrian Lionarons, Kenny Rong, Berrenda Zhuang, Isaac van Uytrecht. Not in photograph: Elana Smeets

Library News: How to Use the Library Web Catalogue– Students and Parents

Dear Parents,

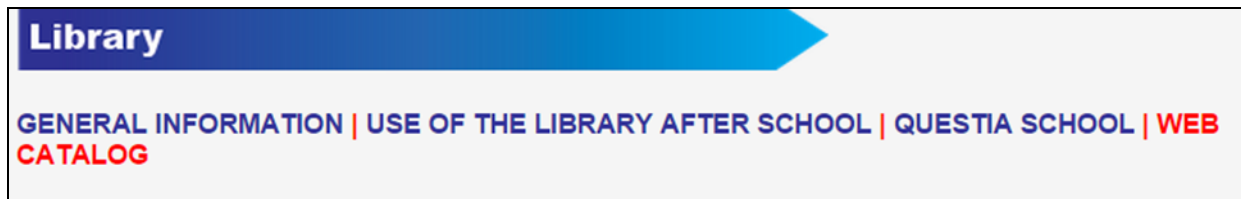
The school year is already underway and building up momentum, so there is no better time than now to reacquaint you with the ISC library and our services. We would like to remind you that it is not just your children who are invited to use our services, parents are welcome too. All you need to do is to come by the library and we'll set up an account for you!

Also, we would like to announce that our school catalogue is online. Once you have set up an account with us, not only can you view items and put them on hold, but you can also access the system to see what you currently have checked out on your account. Below are instructions for how to access your child's account.

Keeping pace with green initiatives, the library will no longer be printing student account information prior to report cards. Instead, parents can now check online through their child's account to see if they have any overdue materials.

Please follow these five easy steps to access and use the system:

1. Using the ISC website (www.isc.cw) choose "support program" – "Library" and then click on "Web Catalog"



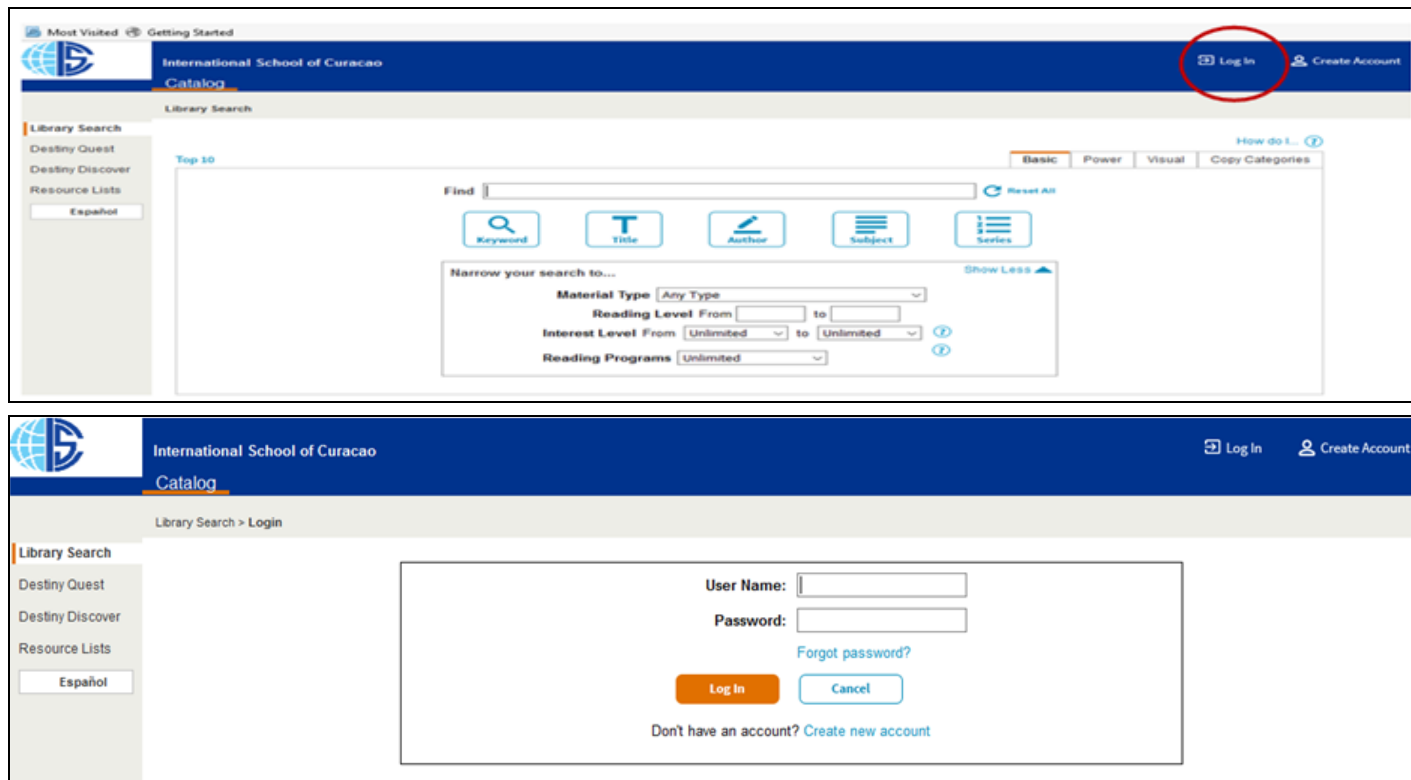
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2. Click on “International School of Curaçao”



3. You can search our collection from this page. However, if you would like to access your account, click the login link, indicated in the following picture by a red circle, at the upper right hand corner of this new page.



4. Login information as follows, neither is case sensitive.

Username: firstlast

Password: curacao

EXAMPLE 

Username	Password
johndoe	curacao

5. From here you can check your account, you child’s account, and browse our collection. Remember to check out our ebooks as well! I hope you have found this information helpful; if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

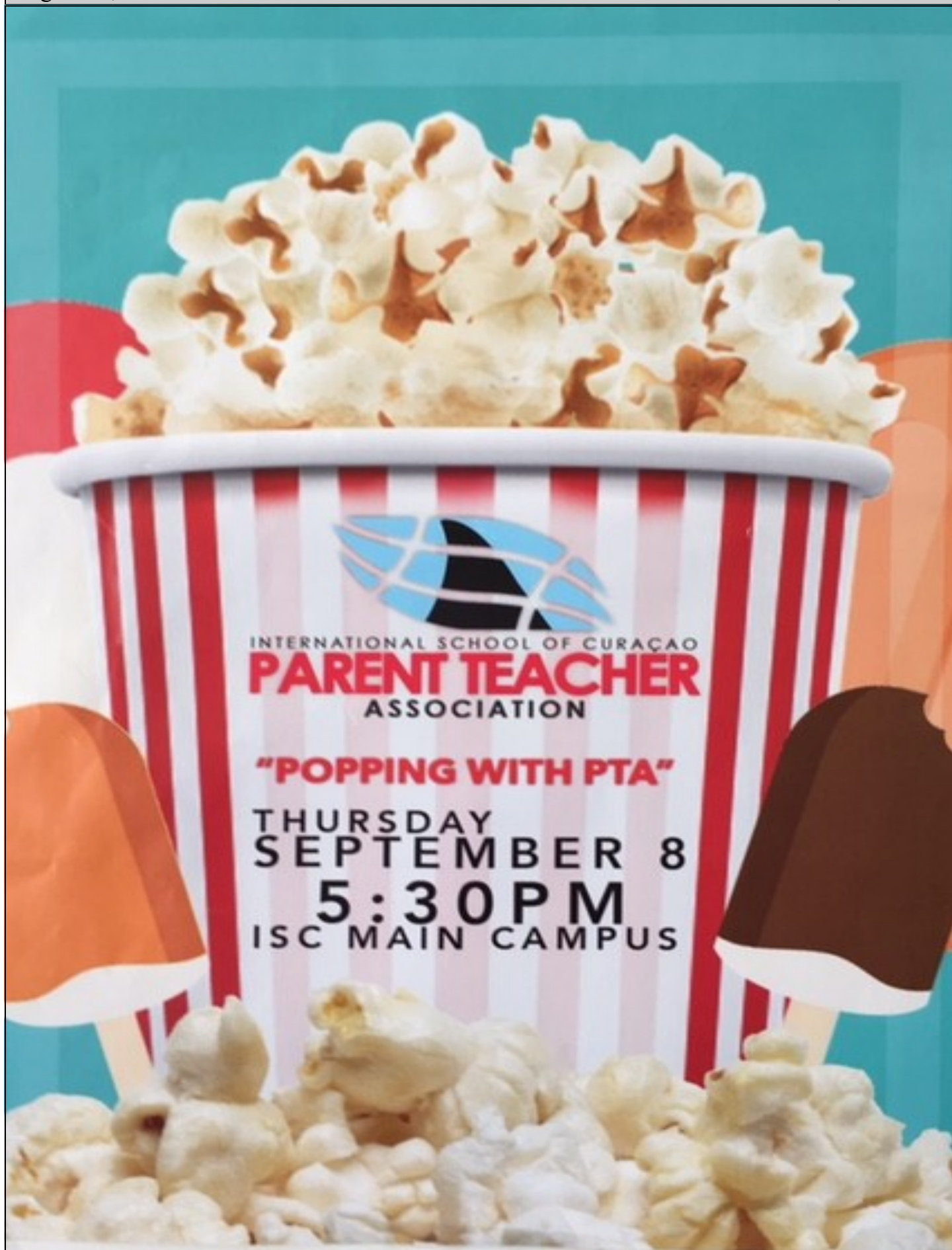
Sincerely,

Tania Dornaika

Library Administrator

dornaikat@isc.cw






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ASSOCIATION

"POPPING WITH PTA"

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 8

5:30 PM
ISC MAIN CAMPUS

K4 & K5 Suzuki Violin Parent's Introduction

K4

Date: Wednesday, August 31st

Time: 7:15-8:00 p.m.

Location: Band Room

K5

Date: Wednesday, September 7th

Time: 7:15-8:00 p.m.

Location: Band Room



Teacher: Mario Sosa | Email: sosam@isc.cw

From the School Nurse: General Health Questions

How do illnesses spread among school children?

Colds and flu are typically spread from person to person from respiratory droplets. Viruses enter the body through the eyes, mouth, or nose. If children don't cover their mouths and spray other children or an object, such as doorknob, and other children touch it and wipe their noses or mouths, they're more likely to get sick. Hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent illness as well as covering their mouths with a tissue when they cough and sneeze.

How can I tell if my child has a cold or flu?

A cold often begins with a sore throat that lasts for a day or two and is accompanied by sneezing, sniffing, and in some cases, an elevated temperature. It usually lasts for no more than a week, but symptoms can linger longer.

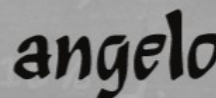
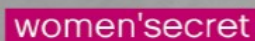
The flu usually comes on fast and includes more intense symptoms such as body aches and soreness, fever, headache, sore throat, and congestion that can last about a week. Kids with the flu don't want to get up and play. Flu can cause gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea and vomiting.



Nathania Da Costa
Gomez, RN

ISC Partners

*Discounts from Local Businesses
for ISC Employees*



The International School of Curaçao (ISC) is a preK-12, accredited, private, nonprofit, coeducational day school recognized by the local government of Curaçao that provides instruction in English. ISC was founded in 1968 and offers a rigorous academic program in order to prepare students who plan to pursue higher learning at colleges and universities around the world.

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