

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

# ISC WEEKLY

## NEWSLETTER



**International  
School of  
Curaçao**

**Dates to Remember:**

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

October 7: 12:00  
Dismissal

October 10-14: Regatta  
Break, School Closed

**From The Director**

Good afternoon ISC,

Beginning next week we will start taking school photos for all students and staff. Last year we made the jump over to a digital format rather than going through the process of placing orders and having hard copies delivered. We will use the same system this year and provide all parents with digital photos of their children and their respective class as a group. There is no charge for school photos and once we finish, you will receive them in digital format directly from the school.

Scheduling will be spread out over the course of the next three weeks; we will do our best to make sure the day your child has their photo it will not coincide with the day they have PE, assuring that they have their school polo on for the photograph.

This is the schedule for next week:

Monday, September 12: 5A and 5B

Tuesday, September 13: First Steps and K3

Wednesday, September 14: K4 and K5

Friday, September 16: 3A and 3B

Looking back at our Back-to-School night and the topics covered with those of you who were in attendance, I want to share with you a link regarding [over parenting](#). Similarly to the topic of school attendance, there are endless articles that can easily be found on this topic as well. I found this one to be straight-forward and useful; not only as a school administrator, but as a parent myself.

Kind Regards,

Douglas Vaughan

Director

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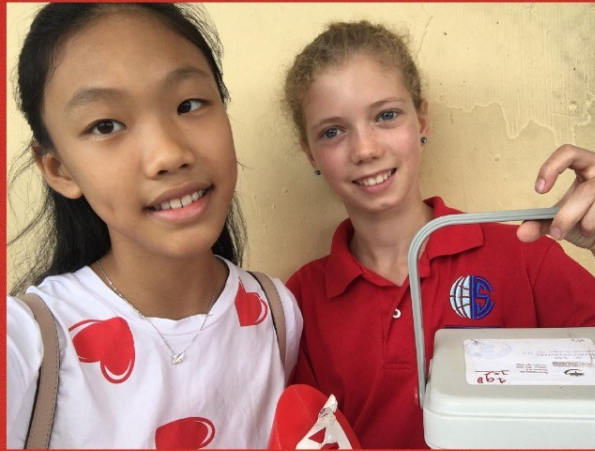
***Our Vision: An  
international  
education  
today for the  
global citizens  
of tomorrow.***



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



## Middle School News: Prinses Wilhelmina Fonds Collection



## Prinses Wilhelmina Fonds



Middle school students have been visiting various supermarkets on the island in their attempt to help raise funds for the Prinses Wilhelmina Cancer drive.





## High School News: Students Receive CNaVT Certificates for Dutch Language

ISC congratulates HS Dutch students for receiving their Dutch CNaVT certificates

In 10<sup>th</sup> grade HS Dutch students have the option of participating in taking the Dutch CNaVT exam in different levels. Last school year in May four students took part in the Informal Exam, language level A2, and six students took the Formal exam, the B2 level. These certificates are internationally recognized ([www.cnavt.org](http://www.cnavt.org)).

For students that will not continue with IB Dutch in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, this is a nice closure of Dutch at ISC.

Following students have successfully passed the exam:

Level A2: Maatschappelijk Informeel: Mei Lin Lam, Alvin Stacie, Ethan Calister, Muskaan Khemani

Level B2: Maatschappelijk Formeel: Shakira Costa, Anthony Glas, Stefano Wever, Eric Jager, Stephanie Baljet, Jaedan Westerborg

Your Dutch teachers are very proud of you and congratulate you with this achievement.

And, Keep Up With The Dutch!!



## High School News: Grade 12 Biology Students' Mesocosms

ISC seniors recently put together their own experiment building a "Mesocosm" in a tightly sealed glass jar. The Mesocosm is made with pebbles, soil, water and plants to test how long this type of ecosystem could survive. Survival times varied. Two of them lasted for three months, a couple others lasted three weeks and others just three days.

-Ms Sini



## Library News: Use of Library After School

Dear Parents,

### **In order to ensure the safety of our elementary students;**

All Preschool to grade 2 students who wish to use the library after school must be accompanied by a parent, and actively supervised, at all times.

Students in grades 3 to 5 may use the library unaccompanied to do their homework or read quietly **as long as** they have been signed up to use the library for study hall. These students must be picked up by 3:25 P.M.

To sign up, simply email me at [dornaikat@isc.cw](mailto:dornaikat@isc.cw) or drop by the library to fill the paper in. Elementary Grade 3 -5 students need to sign in on the list provided to make sure they came in.

Middle and High School students are welcome to use the library at any time. They must sign in and out on the list provided so that we know how many students to account for in an emergency. There is no need for these students to sign up in advance to use the library.

These rules are set to ensure that we provide the best care for your child. If you have any questions, concerns, or special circumstances that you need some extra help with, please do not hesitate to drop me an email or stop into the library to chat.

Have a great year,

Tania Dornaika  
Library Administrator.

### **Library Rules**

Please **no** food, gum, or drinks in the library. Water is permitted at the study tables.

All school rules, dress code, etc... apply to the library.

Excessive socialization, disrespect to others and general misuse of the library resources will result in loss of privileges.

Computers are for schoolwork only—no games or social networking.

Printers may be used only for school purpose.

## From the PTA: Meeting Tomorrow Night in the Library

Dear ISC Community,

We would like to welcome all of you to our “Popping with PTA” meeting tomorrow September 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 on the Elementary Side in the library. The meeting is an introduction to our PTA and what goals we want to accomplish for this year. We are an organization that is committed to making a difference in the education, health and safety of all of our children. We want to partner with our parents, teachers, staff and community on many levels to bring fun and educational programs, events, services and opportunities to our children to enrich their ISC experience.

If you are not able to attend the meeting and would like to help please contact us at [PTA@isc.cw](mailto:PTA@isc.cw).

There will be babysitters if you need to bring your child tomorrow.

Hope to see you there.

PTA



## From the School Nurse: General Health Questions

**What if my child comes home with head lice?** It is important for you to know that lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and they do not transmit disease. If your child contracts lice, there is no cause for embarrassment or undue anxiety. Head lice may pass from child to child as a result of having their heads close together during play. Lice can also be passed on by sharing combs, hair brushes, and hats. Treatment of head lice is required before the child is permitted to return to school.

**How do I know if my child has head lice?** Your child might complain of an itchy scalp or you might observe them scratching their heads particularly at the back of the head around the neck. You may see lice, more commonly you will see the nits or eggs attached to the hair. The nits look like fleck of dandruff but are stuck to the hair when you try to brush them off. The school Nurse can do a lice check if you're not sure what to look for and also recommend best treatment (Hedrin hair treatment) and other recommendations to prevent an infestation.

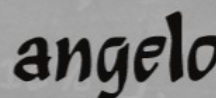
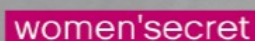
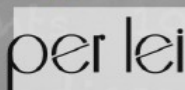
**When can my child return to school after lice treatment?** The following day after treatment your child must be checked by school nurse before returning to class. If treatment is successful, your child may go to their class.



Nathania Da Costa  
Gomez, RN

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