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An international education
today for the global
citizens of tomorrow

VISION

The International School of Curaçao
educates students from diverse
cultures to have the skills to **think**
creatively, **communicate** effectively,
reason critically, and
act compassionately.



Dates to Remember:

Nov. 30-Dec. 3: AASSA
Recruiting Fair
Dec. 1: ES Holiday Concert
Dec. 5: Sinterklaas
Dec. 10: ISC Walk
Dec. 6-15: Midterm Exams
(High School Students)
Dec. 15: Early Dismissal
Dec. 18-Jan. 8: Holiday
Break, School Closed

Message from the Director

Dear ISC,

We wrapped up the short week with a great Thanksgiving lunch for all the students, staff and support personnel. The level principals proposed a change this year in order to bring the students closer together. Instead of serving food in different locations on campus, all efforts were pulled together and tables and chairs were set up in the gym.

With the help of the PTA, students from NHS, NJHS, and the Student Councils, the luncheon was a great success. Although it was necessary to serve the food in different shifts, roughly 400 people enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal. A very special thank you to all the parents who brought in food!! Without your support, the lunch would not have taken place.

From our PTA: The ISC PTA is a member of the Amazon Associates program, which means that we get a financial benefit from every purchase made at Amazon.com but at no additional cost to the purchaser! The most important thing is that you have to start your shopping by clicking through the Amazon Associates "button" **at the top right** of the ISC website for your order to be recognized. This will take you direct to the Amazon.com website where you just shop as usual. We even get money back for new Amazon subscriptions, such as Prime Video and Fire TV options. Black Friday offers are already available, so please remember to support the PTA when shopping for a bargain!



International School of Curaçao 50 Years Strong

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5/10 K
Walk

Sunday, December 10

Starts at 6:45 am

Santa Barbara Beach & Golf Resort

Registration forms available at the
ISC Main Office

All proceeds will go to ULC



NJHS: Holiday Drive in Collaboration with Dolfijn FM

Dear ISC parents,

Once again it is that time of year when we begin to think of all the things for which we are thankful. As Thanksgiving approaches we know that the holiday season cannot be far off. And the holiday season means the annual Holiday Food Drive is getting underway. This year we've decided to collaborate with Dolfijn FM. They run the annual "Ieder Kind Een Kerstcadeau" ("A Christmas Gift for Every Child") and are also starting this year with a food drive.

As you may know, NJHS stands for National Junior Honor Society. The Kayena Chapter at the International School of Curacao was founded in 1988. The purpose of this chapter is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to set an example for leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of the International School of Curacao.

Our goal this year is for everyone to donate as much as possible so that each classroom's box can be entirely donated to a family. We will still be collecting the same items we have in the past: canned and non-perishable foods, basic household supplies, and toiletries. Below, please find examples of items that can be donated. Please make sure that the food you donate has not expired!

The deadline for receiving donations in the classrooms is:
Friday, December 8th 2017

As members of the ISC community we are fortunate to have an abundance of good in our lives. We have good food to eat and good clothes to wear. Let's take this time to share that abundance with those less fortunate.

NJHS would like to thank you for all your support and we wish you a very Happy Holiday Season!

Non-Perishable Foods/ Alimentos no perecederos:

Canned Vegetables- **Vegetales enlatados**

Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Spam etc.)- **Carnes enlatados**

Canned Soups- **Sopas enlatados** Fruit juices (in non-breakable containers)- **Jugos de frutas (en recipientes irrompibles)**

Rice- **Arroz** & Pasta- **Pasta**

Powdered/evaporated milk- **Leche en polvo / evaporada**

Boxes of crackers- **Cajas de galletas**

Boxes of cookies- **Cajas de galletas (dulce)**

Cooking oil (canola, olive, vegetable etc.)- **Aceite de cocina**

Cleaning Supplies/ Artículos de limpieza:

Laundry detergent- **Detergente para ropa**

Paper towel- **Toalla de papel**

Toiletries and Personal Items/Artículos de tocador y artículos personales:

Deodorant- **Desodorante**

Body soap- **Jabón de cuerpo**

Shampoo- **Champú**

Toilet paper- **Papel higiénico**

Toothpaste- **Pasta de dientes** & Toothbrushes- **Cepillos de dientes**



We are unable to accept: expired foods, glass jars and baked or used products.

Students in the Spotlight: Muskaan Khemani, JJ Ayati

ISC students Muskaan Khemani and J.J. Ayati recently made their mark in the Curaçao community. Muskaan, a grade 12 IB Art student responded to an ad on Facebook (below) in September and was one of the artist selected to paint murals at the Curaçao Airport Hotel. She recently completed her work. Congratulations Muskaan!

Last week, J.J. Ayati had a chance to work with Walk for the Roses and gave presentation to an audience at their sponsored movie premiere of *Wonder*. J.J. is an avid reader who also shared his insight into the book and the message it promotes. Way to go, J.J.!



Introduce yourself.

My name is JJ Ayati, I am 12 years old, a 6th grader at the International School of Curaçao. I am a lover of books and once I am captivated by a book, I don't put it down till completing it. I am also a book collector and I still enjoy having the paper version in my hand. I am working on creating my own library at home. When we moved to Curacao, I gave a lot of books to charity.

I want to start with giving; my compliment to Miss Palacio, the author of this book for an awesome book. I really enjoyed reading it, it is on my top list and I have read it for over 20 times since I got it as a present from my big sister in December of 2013.



Why I like this book?

The book *Wonder* touched me because of his realness and humanity and I could identify myself with the protagonist.

How I identify myself with to protagonist?

Even though I don't face the same challenges as the main character, I can relate with feeling like a fish out of water and a little insecure. We all have experienced that feeling to some extent or other. I try to put myself in his shoes, his difficult shoes and I became his friend.

Bullying: Bullying is terrible, and it's something that I think people do when they feel really insecure about themselves. Everyone you meet is battling something but there is still goodness in them. I strongly believe that when people are hurt they hurt others. If we are able to dig deep and show compassion we can help both parties involved.

What message do you hope people will take away after reading *Wonder*?

I hope that readers will feel inspired to really be kind to one another, to remember that we're in this world together.

From the Counselor: Elementary Students Work on Kelso's Campaign

Dear Parents:

Conflict or disagreement is normal and often happens when children get together. However, hurtful words, gestures, or physical attack are unacceptable ways to deal with conflict and disagreement at school.

Last year, we introduced the Kelso's Choice conflict management program in which our goal is to teach students several positive ways to deal with these difficult situations. To do this, we are asking students who experience minor problems to try at least two of the following ideas:

1. Go to another game or activity.
2. Share and take turns.
3. Respectfully talk it over and listen to each other.
4. Walk away from the problem.
5. Ignore the problem behavior.
6. Tell the person to stop the problem behavior.
7. Apologize.
8. Make a deal or compromise.
9. Wait to cool off.

This process can be done before asking for adult help. When a request for adult help is made, it will include the two ideas tried: "Ms Alex, John is teasing me about my glasses. I tried ignoring him, and I've told him it hurts my feelings when he makes fun of me. He's still calling me names." Of course, the teachers will immediately handle any serious conflicts that cause a child to feel threatened or frightened.

By using this plan, we believe that our students will develop effective problem-solving skills that they can use again and again. It will help them to deal with conflict in a positive manner and to make appropriate decisions. Knowing what to do will help students reduce the stress and number of conflicts they have at school and in their neighborhood.

We encourage you to become familiar with this program and use it in your home. By working together, we can develop a healthy life skill for young people to use at home and at school.

Here are helpful links where you can learn more about the program:

<https://kelsoschoice.com/free-resources/for-parents/>

<https://youtu.be/yBRWZef6oks>

Kind Regards,

Evelyn Restrepo
School Counselor



International School of Curaçao Holiday Music Concert



Friday, December 1st

From 1:00pm - 2:00pm

ISC Auditorium

K3 through 5th Grade

#iscelementary

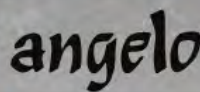
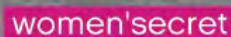


Thanksgiving Lunch at ISC



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