

# ISC WEEKLY

"AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TODAY FOR THE GLOBAL CITIZENS OF TOMORROW."

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## Dates to Remember:

November 19: Online Progress Reports  
 November 22-23: Thanksgiving Holiday, No School  
 November 29: Elementary Holiday Concert  
 December 4: Sinterklaas  
 December 5-14: Midterm Exams (High School)  
 December 17-January 7: Holiday Break, School Closed

## Message from the Director:

Dear ISC,

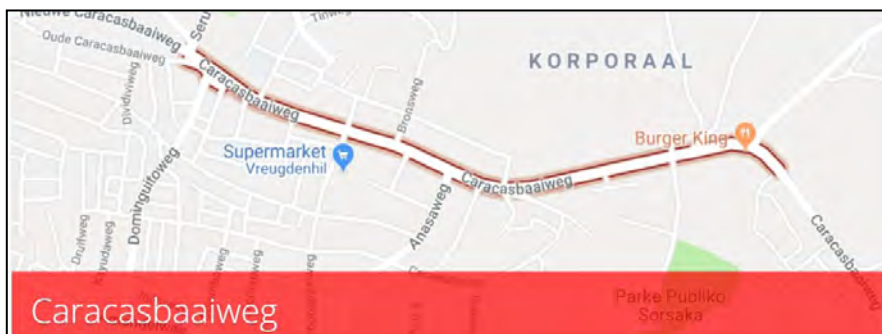
A couple of very important public announcements for our community-

As per the government website, there will be [Construction on Caracasbaaiweg](#) starting on the 18th of this month. Exact details as to how traffic will be re-directed has not been provided. It is stated that the construction is expected to last two weeks. Please be advised as we know this will impact many of our families living on that side of the island.

The second notice regards a local [Pyramid scheme targeting students](#). We received a notice directly from the Central Bank and although we have not heard of any specific case involving our students, parents (of high/middle school students) please discuss this with your child to ensure they have not been targeted and that they understand what a pyramid scheme is.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan  
 Director



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If your family is traveling before December 21st and returning after January 6, you will need a formal travel letter. Please contact Ms. Camille in the main office for details.



## UN Day Booth Contest Winner: Colombia

Congratulations to the Colombia group as their tent was voted 1st place by the UN Day Committee.

Special recognition to **Mexico** for their Frida Khalo's altar and their Aguas Frescas, the **USA** for their Viva Las Vegas theme and their Elvis. **Venezuela** for their Venezuelan words t-shirts and signs, **India** for their matching Indian attires worn by our school parents, and **Canada** for their Canadian flag-color oriented stand.

Thank you!!



## Middle School News: Student-Led Activity to Learn Vocabulary

Good afternoon,

I am Kasem Hamadeh, and as many of you already know, I am a 7th grader. Today I will be talking about my experience of working with my fellow classmates Santino Van Nijen and D'Angelo Nicolina on a project for Dutch.

In Dutch class the teacher asked us for input on how to learn the new vocab on "giving and following directions" in a more fun way. We came up with the idea of designing and executing a scavenger hunt. We had to first make a map of the school and then label the areas of the school using our vocabulary. The vocabulary for this theme contains for instance, landmarks, typical sights and directions, so we can use this in speaking the language.

The clues were hard to make especially since we had to use certain more difficult words. After finishing the clues, we printed the clues and labels, did some cutting and before you knew it, the project was done. We went to school early on Tuesday to set everything up and make sure everything is where it is supposed to be.

This project did not only help us learn about how to follow directions in Dutch, but it also helped us learned how to give directions in Dutch. Working as a group also made the process more enjoyable and took off some of the pressure the project was giving us. I am very happy with how the project turned out and I think so was the rest of the Dutch class.

Kasem Hamadeh





# United Nations Month at ISC



**Weekly Theme Schedule:**  
 Latin America/Caribbean - Nov 1  
 Asia/Middle East - Nov 8  
 North America/Europe - Nov 15  
 Africa - Nov 29



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National Honors Society Presents:

# MOVIE DAY!

Thursday  
**Nov. 15**  
11:45-12:30



North American  
& European  
Movies

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## Faculty PLC In-Service Training Day

Each academic quarter ISC schedules an early dismissal day to accommodate in-service training for faculty. The creation of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) has been an important component for broad professional development opportunities. To balance the high cost of attending workshops only available off-island, PLCs provide the opportunity for our own staff and faculty members to present in areas of their expertise or to share information from a workshop they attended.

In yesterday's PLC, the following workshops were presented:

- Fine and Gross Motor Skills Development in Children
- How to Engage Students in Humanities Using Technology
- Interpreting MAP Results for High School Students
- Apple Classroom
- Thinking Maps
- [Bridge U University](#)



Dear parents, we would like to invite you to join us on this day. Elementary teachers and students can wear jeans with a colorful shirt/or a Sinterklaas shirt if they have one.

A few friendly reminders:

- We do our utmost to avoid single-use plastic and we reuse and recycle as much as possible. We're following the lead of our GIN students in their efforts to use and have less and less plastic on campus. Every day after breaks, I pick up an average of 10 plastic wrappers from CapriSun straws and at least one ziploc/sandwich bag. Please help us keep a clean school by not sending single-use disposable plastic containers and remind your child to clean up after him/herself. Don't forget to send your child with a labeled, reusable water bottle; we no longer sell plastic water bottles and children need to stay hydrated. Thanks to those of you who even send reusable utensils, what a great way to set an example.
- Please send in all donations for the Ronald MacDonald House hearts by tomorrow Thursday.
- Students and teachers are busy preparing some great events, make sure you plan to attend the upcoming concert on the 29th and our end of quarter assembly on the 14th.





# International School of Curaçao

## Holiday Music

K3 through 5th Grade

## Concert

Thursday, November 29th  
From 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
ES Covered Area



## Community Helpers: Elementary Student Bryce Richards

Upon learning about the Ronald McDonald House Charities' fundraiser, helping hands/hearts, 4th Grader Bryce Richards took it upon himself to collect more funds for the organization. Bryce had a close, firsthand experience of how RMHC helps families in Curaçao.

The whole family was involved, from his cute siblings making an appearance in the video to his mom creating a Paypal link for donations. His initial goal was to collect \$50, but so far he has exceeded his target. Because of the high amount of support, he will continue to collect online donations up to this Friday. Stay tuned to next week's Weekly to find out how much Bryce's fundraising efforts paid off!

Please click on the links attached to watch the video, and if you choose to, contribute towards Bryce's campaign.

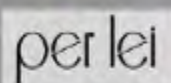
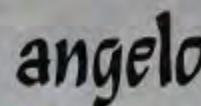
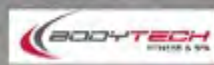
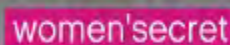
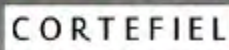
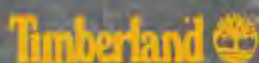
[Richards Family Video](#)

[Paypal Link](#)



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