

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



International
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Curaçao

Dates to remember:

November 9: Online progress reports

November 13: No school– staff development day

November 20, 21: School Play *Into The Woods*

November 25: Elementary Holiday Concert (K3-3rd), Early Dismissal

November 26, 27: Thanksgiving Break, No School

December 4: Sinterklaas

December 7: Online progress reports

From The Director

Dear ISC Community,

Congratulations to the PTA for hosting another successful Halloween Carnival. A special thank you to all of the staff, parents, and sponsors who helped make the evening special for our young students. The funds raised will go directly to help support school initiatives and have a positive impact on our student body.

Parent-teacher conferences have wrapped up and I'm hopeful parents were able to take time to talk with the teachers of their children and understand more about what is happening in the classroom. In addition, I hope relationships were strengthened for the benefit of the students; all of us need to be on the same page if we want to see continual growth. Support from home partnered with the teacher in the classroom is the key formula to ensure student success. If you did not have enough time today, I encourage you to make a private appointment with your teacher.

Last week I sent out a notice regarding Thursday morning coffee sessions with the Director. Perhaps I wasn't inviting enough! I want to ensure you that this is meant to be a very casual setting; purely to get to know you better and to share ideas for the school. However, "coffee with the Director" may seem too serious, so from this point on I am officially branding the morning sessions as "Doughnuts with Doug"! I can appreciate a little self deprecating humor and hope softening the mood (combined with free doughnuts!) will entice more parents to come in. Coffee will also still be provided as originally planned. Please sign up directly with Camille in the front office and I hope to meet more of you soon.

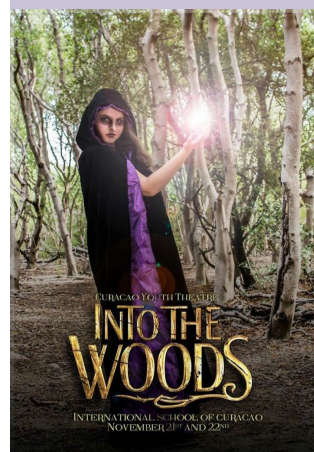
Sincerely,

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.

From the PTA: Thank You!, Movie Afternoon, PTA Meeting

The **ISC Annual Halloween Party** was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** Thank you to all who came and enjoyed our event. We hope everyone had a spooky good time and is looking forward to next year's.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the entire **ISC faculty** that helped with the event as well. We couldn't have done it without your hard work and efforts with organizing and working the different games and activities as well as manning booths and tables. **You guys ROCK!**

Also, a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to all of our **Trunk or Treat parent volunteers!** Masha danki for helping us kick off a new and a very popular activity of the party. We were amazed at the fantastic decorations that all the trunks had. You have definitely helped us start a new tradition for our annual Halloween Party!

And a **GRAND THANK YOU** to all of the **participants** of our many **contests!** We had so many great entries for the pumpkin, witch hat, and witch decorating contests. And a **big round of applause to all the wonderful and creative costumes** we saw this year! Amazing!

This year we tried a different method for the **raffle prizes** - a Chinese Raffle which allows you to choose which prize you'd like to win. Below is the list of the prize winners by ticket number, please claim your prize in the library!

029,079,083,161,214,242,247,291,310,319,330,331,365

We would love to see all your **photos** of the event. If you have some great shots of the event and wouldn't mind sharing with us, we'd greatly appreciate it. Please email them to us at pta@isc.cw.

And one last **IMMENSE THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful **sponsors!** You all helped make this a roaring success and we greatly appreciate all of your support.

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ADM Combat, Gail Johnson
Atabei Spa, Acoya Resort,
Spa 8 the experience, Thea,
Kome restaurant, Kyoto restaurant,
Old Quarry Golf Course, Lapal Group,
Changes & Converse, Gitta Hair Salon,
B Yoga, Zanzibar Beach Tennis

Movie Afternoon!

This Thursday, November 5th – PTA will be showing the movie: Into the Woods. The movie is for students Grade 1 up. During the movie, characters of the upcoming Into the Woods - ISC musical will make a short visit. Popcorn and drinks will be provided and parents are welcome!

When: Thursday, November 5th, 2.30-5 pm

Where: ES side, Iguana room 1.

Tickets are available on the Elementary School side between Monday-Thursday 7.40-8.00 am and 2.00-2.20 pm.

Price: 3 naf. *Funds to be used for MS intramural sports prize (page 4).

PTA - Meeting

Please note: The date of our next meeting was needed to be postponed to the following time:

Date: Thursday, November 12th

Time: 2.15 pm

Location: ES side, Iguana room 1

Feel free to join our meeting!

Kind regards,

PTA

pta@isc.cw

Movie Day

INTO THE WOODS

Date: Thursday, November 5th

Time: 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Location: Iguana Room 1

Price: Naf. 300

Age category: Grade 1 and up



Community Service Announcement: Ronald McDonald House McHappy Hands

This week, students have been given Ronald McDonald House McHappy Hands. Each student received hands to sell for NAfls.1. The funds collected will go towards the play room at Sint Elizabeth hospital to help care for sick children and allow their families to be near them as they undergo treatment.

If students sell the hands assigned and would like to sell more, they can contact Mrs. van Grieken (ES/MS) or Mr. Sever (HS). The funds will be collected on **Monday, November 9th**. Please send the amount sold with the filled out hands to your child's homeroom teacher.

Please click here for more information click here:



Middle School Intramurals: Tchoukball Tournament

Middle School students are currently underway with their Tchoukball intramural tournament. What is Tchoukball? It an exciting game that consists of 7 players on the court for each team, where the goal is to score by throwing a ball into a net, bounce off it and not have it caught by the other team.

For rules and more details, go to <http://www.tchoukball.org.sg/content/how-play-tchoukball>. The winning team will receive a pizza party paid for by the ISC PTA!



Staff Spotlight: Ms. Monique Da Costa Gomez

Monique Da Costa Gomez is from Curaçao and has been associated with ISC for 30 years. Starting off as a grade 5 teacher, she later became ISC's first Learning Resource teacher, a position which she held for over 20 years. While fulfilling her teaching duties, Ms. Da Costa Gomez also held the position of Middle School Coordinator for seven years, before becoming Admissions Coordinator in 2007. For the past five years she has been ISC's Director of Admissions and Student Services. She loves having the possibility to combine her passion for students with special needs with her admissions responsibilities. As Admissions Director, she is proud to be able to showcase the school to prospective parents.

She is very grateful for the opportunity she has had to serve ISC's students and community for so many years. She feels privileged to have seen students enter in K4 and then graduate, and to then see some of them return as colleagues and/or as parents of current ISC students.



MAP TEST REPORTS

MAP Test Reports were sent home to parents on October 26. Please visit the following link: <https://www.nwea.org/resources/parent-toolkit/> regarding the "Parent Toolkit". This Parent Toolkit was created by NWEA as a resource and guide for parents. It includes Frequently Asked Questions, The Lexile Framework for Reading, Tips for Parents, Web Sites for Kids and Parents, and Commonly Used Terms. NWEA hopes you find this toolkit helpful and invites you to have conversations with your school's personnel (Ms. Beatriz Santaella) about NWEA's assessment tools.

Note: CPAA - from K4 to 3rd grade
MAP - from 4th grade to 9th grade

Alumni Announcements: Kashmira Daryanani

After graduating from ISC in 2005, Kashmira went on to study at Stanford University and majored in economics. Upon completion of her undergraduate work, she moved to New York to take a job at BlackRock, a global investment management firm. (www.blackrock.com) Currently Kashmira is working with BlackRock in Hong Kong whilst simultaneously pursuing her MBA at HKUST and London Business School.

"ISC provided me with a solid foundation to face the challenges of today's business world. The school's diversity strengthened my cross-cultural skills and helped me develop an international perspective, useful as I continue to build my global career. Additionally, through the rigorous IB curriculum, I was able to learn early the importance of time management and balance — both skills critical to success in future academic and real world endeavors."

"...through the rigorous IB curriculum, I was able to learn early the importance of time management and balance..." -K. Daryanani '05



Above: Class of 2005's
Kashmira Daryanani

The International School of Curaçao Presents

*A Curaçao Youth
Theater production of:*

INTO THE WOODS

Featuring a talented cast of musicians and
actors from 8 different schools!

November 20 and 21, 2015

ISC Gym Auditorium
at 7:00 pm

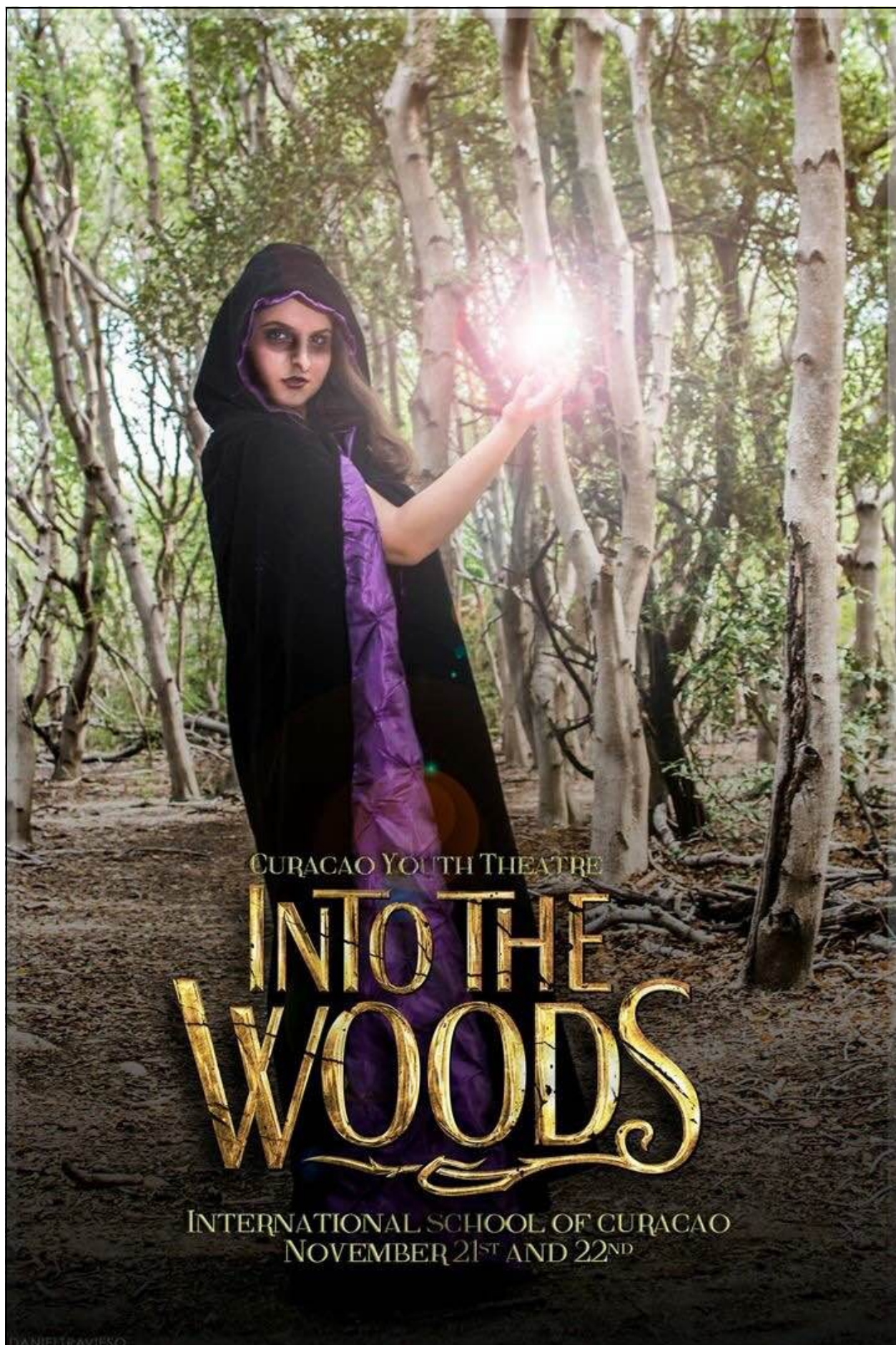
Tickets: NafL 25

Available at:

ISC Office - Lam Yuen Restaurant

THEA: Candles, Teas, & more - FRO Yiu





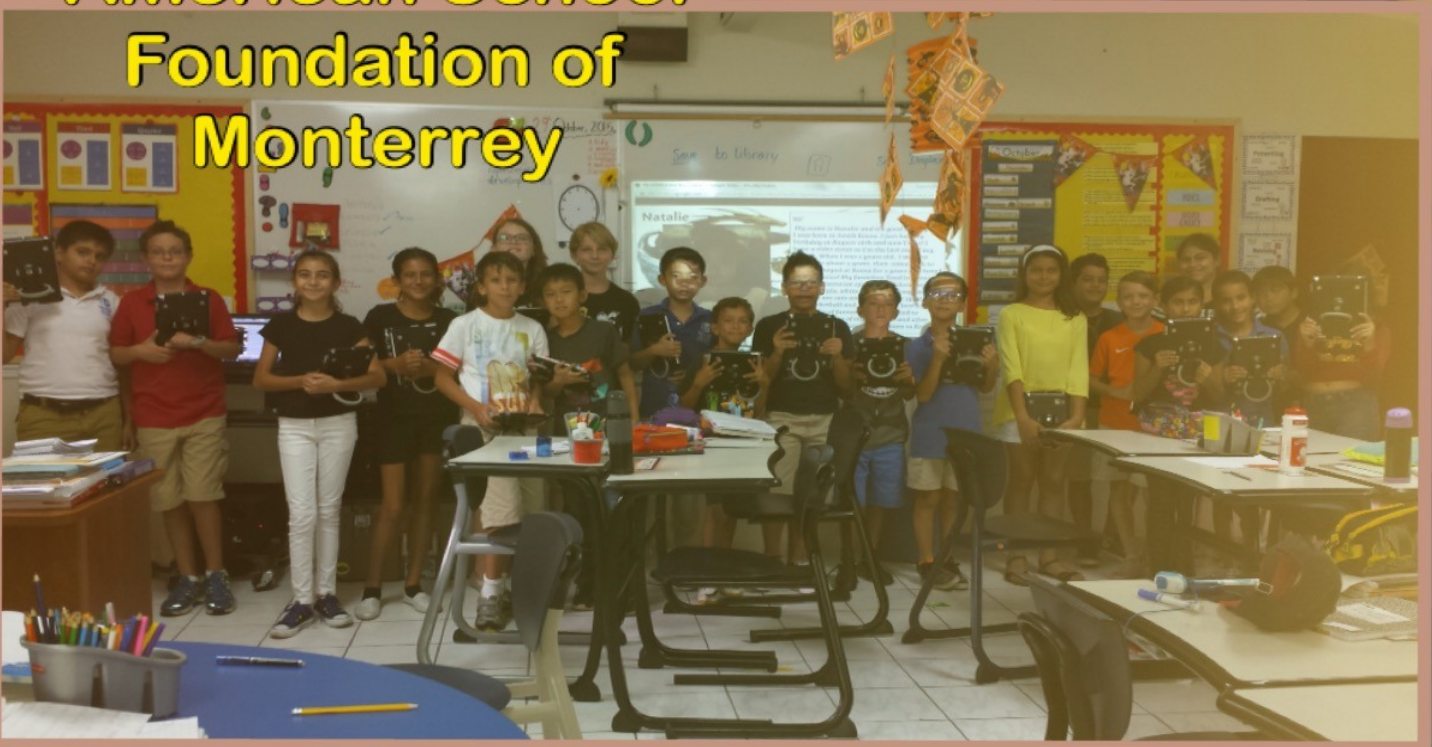
Elementary News: Grade 5 Pen Pals



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**5th grade students
collaborating
digitally in a writing
partnership with
pen-pals in The
American School
Foundation of
Monterrey**



College Counseling

Webster University, Leiden will be visiting us on **Tuesday November 10**. A representative from this university will be giving a presentation at **12:30 pm in room 9**. All interested 10-12 grade students and parents are welcome to attend. ISC has one or two students attend this university every year. For more information please visit the website by clicking here.

The **Study and Career Fair** that happens every year at the WTC will be taking place on November 11 and 12. Ms. Fig and Mr. Polsbroek will be taking any interested 11th and 12th graders during school on **Wednesday November 11**. The time is not yet confirmed. Please note that while there may be 1 or 2 US universities at this fair the majority of universities will be from Holland. This is a really great opportunity for anyone interested in studying in Holland. Interested 11 and 12 grade students should **sign up with Ms. Fig by November 2**. **More Info:**



Hult International Business School will be visiting us on **Thursday November 12**. A representative from this university will be giving a presentation at **11am in room 9**. All interested 10-12 grade students and parents are welcome to attend. Hult International Business School has seven different campuses: Boston, San Francisco, London, Dubai, Shanghai, New York, and Ashridge Estate in the UK. Students are able to study in multiple campuses depending on their business interests. For more information please visit their website: <http://www.hult.edu/>



I AM ISC EXEMPLAR: Cash Bell

I AM CARING: This past Monday, Cash Bell in grade 3, took the time to cleanup a game that he was participating in even though he did not take it out. When break ended, he continued to be caring by collecting all the lunchboxes left behind by his classmates at their lunch table. Keep up the good work, Cash!

-Ms. Alex



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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