INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CURAÇAO

ISC WEEK

NEWSLETTER

January 27: 100th Day

of School February 6: Online

Dates to Remember:

Progress Reports

February 14-15: ISA Tests (Gr. 3-10)

February 16: Open House

February 23: Science Fair

From The Director

Good Afternoon ISC.

It has been a busy two weeks around campus. The Council of International Schools wrapped up their 5-year review visit last week and today, the visit from NTC conclude their visit regarding our Dutch language program. Preliminary results and feedback from both organizations are positive and we look forward to the official written reports within the next month.

ISC strives for continual improvement for the betterment of our student body and staff; accrediting agencies are instrumental in this goal. Apart from their official stamp of approval, which is extremely valuable for our students who pursue higher education, the processes we go through to earn accreditation are equally, if not more important. Steps taken to reach a final accreditation status forces us to look at how we operate, evaluate what we have done, and helps us focus on areas of weakness. At the same time, these same processes help affirm the positives and strengths we have as a school.

I would like to thank the entire staff and community members who were involved directly with committee work and meetings with the accreditation teams. Your commitment to ISC's success -both present and futureis a testament to your support and belief in our educational system.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vaughan Director



Above: Mr. Vaughan with drs. M.H. Uunk, Inspecteur van het Onderwijs



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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.

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Intentions for School Year 2017-2018

Dear Parents,

Our Admissions Office asks your cooperation in informing us of your intentions for the academic school year 2017-2018. Please let us know whether your child(ren) will be returning next school year. It is important for us to receive this information as soon as possible to enable us to plan ahead.

If you wish to enroll your child in our first Steps Program (for 2 year olds), please hand in the application form as soon as possible, since spaces fill quickly.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the Student Intentions Form by clicking on the link below. When finished, click on submit.

Estimados representantes,

Nuestra oficina de admisión le pide su cooperación al informanos de sus intenciones para el año escolar entrante. Por favor informe al colegio si su (s) representado(s) regresara(n) el año escolar 2017-2018. Es importante que recibamos esta información tan pronto como sea possible ya que estamos en proceso de planificación.

Si desea registar a su hijo(a) en en el programa de Primeros Pasos (First Steps) para niños de 2 años, por favor entregue su aplicación tan pronto como sea possible, estos cupos son limitados.

Le agradecemos tome un minuto de su tiempo para completar el formulario siguiendo este hipervínculo. Cuando termine oprima *Submit*.

Sincerely,

STUDENT INTENTIONS SURVEY

Monique Da Costa Gomez

Director of Admissions and Student Services

SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULES



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Blog Spot

In this class, students exercise digital citizenship within a secure classroom blogging space. The tool we will use; Kidblog, gives students' writing a meaningful purpose and an authentic audience. Students will be motivated to write for their peers and engage with a global network.

Grade: 3 - 5 Teacher: Ms. Sarah Time: 2:15 - 3:15 Day: Tuesday Location: ES Computer Lab Cost: Nafl.60

Grade: 6 - 8 Teacher: TBA Time: 2:15 - 3:15 Day: Tuesday Location: Computer Lab Cost: Nafl.60

Teen Crafters

Take Monday's off and join Mrs. Goumana in her Teen Crafter class. You will learn a variety of craft techniques; from pebble art, to jewelry making! Enter the wonderful, creative world of working with different materials to create very beautiful projects.

Grade: 5 - 8 Teacher: Ms. Goumana Time: 2:15 - 3:15 Day: Monday Location: 5A Classroom Cost: Nafl.85

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is an exciting, non-contact team sport. It mixes the best features of sports such as Soccer, Basketball, American Football and Netball into a simple game while using a Frisbee to score at end zones

Grade: 6 - 8 Teacher: Mr. Volkman

Time: 2:15 - 3:15 Day: Tuesday Location: HS Field Cost: Nafl.60

Diembe

During this Djembe class, students will learn some of the traditional West-African rhythms, they will also learn the history and the stories behind them. During the workshops we will also work on; feeling useful, performance experience, being active, dare to express, enhance feelings of self-worth (self-esteem), social awareness (acceptance and cooperation), increase independence, develop responsibility, acquire knowledge, learn new skills, stimulate sensory development, developing creativity and discipline training. First and foremost, of course, have fun in what you

Grade: 3-6 Teacher: Matthijs Spaltman Time: 2:15 - 3:15 Day: Tuesday Cost: Nafl.60 Location: Covered Area

Grade: MS - Adult Teacher: Matthijs Spaltman Time: 3:30 - 4:30 Day: Tuesday Location: Covered Area Cost: Nafl.60

S. T. E. A. M.

Exploring the world of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics through engaging and hands on activities. Students will gain practical, team work and leadership skills as well boost their confidence in the areas of science and math!

Grade: 3 - 5 Teacher: Ms. Keli Time: 2:15 - 3:15 Day: Thursday Location: 3B Classroom Cost: Nafl.75

Registration Information

Who can register

ISC students K3 - 12, Parents, Staff and Community Mem-

How can I register?

Forms can be found at the back of this guide. Additional copies are available at the main office or the PE office. Please follow the following procedure:

- 1.Complete one registration form per child.
- 2.Please complete the personal information. In the event of a schedule change or emergency, it is imperative that we have your telephone number and email address.
- 3. Ensure the name of the activity, time, day, and fee information is completed correctly.

Where do I register and pay?

ONLY in the Main Office.

When will activities start? STARTING WEEK of February 6th 2016.

How much is an activity?

Each Block consists of TEN sessions. Most activities cost 60Nafl. per block. Some activities have a separate fee structure to cover cost of materials. For exact costs on the activity you plan to join, please refer to the Activity Guide.

Are there Refunds?

Once the program has begun, there will be no refunds. If an activity is cancelled, full refunds will be issued.

How many participants in each activity?

As a rule of thumb, activities have a minimum of eight participants. Please note that if there are not enough participants registered, the activity will be cancelled, so please encourage your friends and family from outside ISC to join.

How will my child know where to go?

Students will be led to their respective activities either by the Activity Teacher or Mrs. Hart. Parents are not required to take them.

How will I know when an activity is finished?

An email will be sent home at the end of EACH activity, as all activities do not finish at the same time.

Please be on time to pick up you child / children after their activity. All activities finish at 3:15pm.

High School News: NHS Quiz Bowl A Success

Last week the NHS raised more than 900 guilders in solidarity with HELA, a Model United Nations initiative in Afghanistan. The group is the first of its kind in Afghanistan, and was spearheaded by Robin de Zeeuw, ISC 2016 alum. What started off as a group of 6 boys and 6 girls (with one of its aims to promote gender equality) is now an organization of more than 60 individuals. The funds raised will go directly towards the first MUN conference in Afghanistan later this year.

The money was raised through the 21st Century Quiz Bowl, a night filled with interesting trivia, tasty treats, and prizes! A big thanks to our sponsors Lam Yuen, Gelato Ice Cream, Cafe Barista, and Green House- as well as the ISC PTA- without whom this night wouldn't have been possible. See you at the next quiz bowl!

Sarah Ribeiro Grade 10 NHS Student



Above: Students from HELA send a message of thanks to ISC and the NHS for their support of Afghanistan's first MUN conference.

Elementary News: Stone Soup in K-4

Last week K4 read the storybook STONE SOUP. We were eager and excited to make and try our own. On Friday, we decided to peel our own carrots, potatoes and onions. As we followed the book's recipe, we also added two special stones.

The product was delicious and the kids even had seconds!

-Ms. Nina











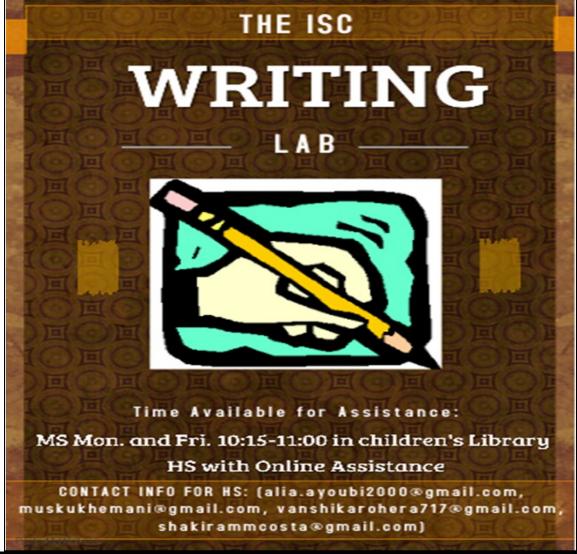
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Standardized Testing Information: ISA, MPG

ISA Tests - Information for Parents

On February 14 and 15 students in Grades $3^{rd} - 10^{th}$ will be taking their <u>ISA Tests</u> – Mathematical Literacy, Reading, and Writing. 8^{th} Grade students will also take the Scientific Literacy Test.

Please, click on the link so you may read the Privacy Statement.

MAP Primary Grades (MPG)

Students in K5 - 2nd grade are currently taking their MAP Primary Grades Tests - Winter Session. Students' Report will go home on February 6th.





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