



# Peninsula International Academy

Newsletter



October 2017



## What's happening?

### International Family Feast

Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> 11:45-  
12:30pm

### Beach Clean Up

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 1:45pm  
With the CRC

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### Interactive Croc Talk

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:45pm

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## Office Reminders:

- PE uniforms are still available in the office for those who need to purchase them
- Please inform the office when students are absent and the reason for the absence so we can record it
- New this year – Ministry of Education requires the school to report absences over 6 days a month and can request a physician note

### Thank You to...

- All parents who so quickly dropped everything to help assemble our new playground equipment
- All of the students & parents who participated in the SEA beach clean up
- Malcolm Young for teaching our fisher folk fly-fishing, they are loving it!
- Jalima Gold for allowing PIA to use her greenhouse for our agriculture program

## Sea Turtles Class

Mrs. Knight & Miss Kendra

- Sign up information has been sent to parents for logging on to Montessori Compass
- Use it to access and view your student's personal activity reports, teacher observations notes, the school calendar and contact information for all the families in sea turtles
- All students have been signed onto the online Headsprout reading program
- Headsprout allows students to practice phonics awareness and read stories online at home or anywhere
- All students are ready to begin at the first episode. Take time to work with your child giving them support and showing interest in their "homework" for at least 15 minutes daily
- If you wish your child to go home with you on Friday after the Feast please inform us.
- We will have P.E as usual @ 9am  
P.E. uniform is required

## Spotted Eagle Ray Class

Ms. Tracy

- Students have been working on writing in all subjects areas
- Please remember to send in the take home reading book bags daily, we have a goal of reading 200 books
- Students have really enjoyed the BFG novel by Roald Dahl and it has inspired their creative writing
- In science we are learning all about plants & seeds
- Social Studies is focusing on symbols of Belize
- Math is Montessori based on place value, addition & multiplication

## Whale Shark Class

Miss Logan

- Science – Completing seed exploration and discussion
- Observing & understanding leaves
- Standards 1-3 Exploring Belizean Ethnic groups, migration patterns, location, diversity, food, folklore, traditions
- Each groups historical contributions
- Numbers & Operations – Addition & Subtraction (2-5 digits)
- Spanish – Identifying classroom objects

## So what is Study Hall??

Monday – Thursday 2:45-3:30

- For students who need extra support
- Students who have not completed assignments and are expected to use study hall to complete them
- Assignments that have not met standards can be improved during this time
- Students who do not have access to technology have priority in the computer lab to ensure they can complete the expectations for RAZ, Headsprout & IXL
- Students who have unexcused late arrivals use this time to make lost class time



## Boa Constrictor Class

Miss Shelly

- Completing Independence Day unit
- New unit – Animal defenses and the research process
- Reading for main ideas and vocabulary development
- IXL focus on common errors in writing and homophones
- Standards 4-6 Explore Maya civilization
- Spanish impact on the region
- Discover facts about the Baymen, slavery & sugar
- Spanish – Practice basic dialogue with a partner
- Math – Base ten number system unit proving they have perseverance when tackling number theory

## Jaguar Class

Miss Carly

- New unit – Development of the Adolescent Brain & technology in both science & language arts
- Identifying main & supporting details
- Comparing text to multimedia
- IXL focus on common errors in writing and homophones
- Standard 4-6 – Completed their first current events presentations for the year in social studies
- Early Belize history
- Math – Construction & angles unit
- Demonstrating impressive critical thinking & teamwork skills

## Classroom Reminders

- **Please encourage your children to get a minimum of 1 hour a week in RAZ or Headsprout**
- **Technology should come charged and ready for use**
- **All students need to have a fork or spoon for lunch as we want to reduce our use of plastics**
- **We recommend students bring an old shirt or smock that they can use on art days to minimize stains on uniform shirts**
- **Due to the outbreak of pink eye we ask parents to send hand sanitizer in to help prevent infection rates**
- **Fishing Group- if your child has chosen fishing for their passion project they must have equipment and bait, this can be a hand line but due to damaged equipment we do not want sharing. If you are unable to provide supplies we can reassign them to their next choice**



## Wish List

### ART

- Lids from used clean Styrofoam containers for print making unit
- Cardboard for the 3D building unit (ex: egg cartons, paper towel rolls etc.)
- Water color paints
- Fabric scraps for sewing unit
- Any extra art materials available

### General Classroom

- Gently used Board games
- Lego
- Beach toys (ex: shovels, buckets)
- Metal forks
- Old magazines

### Volunteers Needed

If you have a talent or skill that you are willing to teach our students we would love to have you share your knowledge!

If you have time to spare we welcome you to come in and listen to our students read or read to them.