

September Newsletter

September 2017



Upcoming Events

- Friday, September 15th-School Uniform Parade 9am
- No classes Monday Sept. 18
Due to Ministry of Education PD
- Sept. 21- Independence Day Holiday

A HUGE thank you to.....

- Alrin Muschamp, Keon Leslie, Chris Lewis, Christian Ferrell & Kanye Leslie for all your hard to get our campus looking great!
- Check out the new beautiful paintings by Omar Sierra. Thank you Omar!
- Gillian and Salva Zabaneh for saving the day by donating the tent for our first grad! Also for donating the manpower to set it up as well as doing the same to haul away yard debris in August.
- Thank you to the Gayot family for lending us your pressure washer!
- Thank you to Mr. David Vernon for speaking to our kids about what Independence Day means to him.
- Thank you to Ms. Keesha for sharing what Independence Day means to her.
- A big thank you to Projects Abroad for their presentation on Manatees.

Peninsula International Academy

We have new staff email addresses.....

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Important Reminders:

RAZ Kids/IXL 1 hour per week

Please charge tablets at home

Send reusable water bottles as
it's important to stay hydrated

Classes end at 2:45 and Study Hall
is 2:45-3:30

S.O.S

- Volunteers for passion projects needed! Do you have a talent or skill you can share with our students? Whether it is an individual session or ongoing we would love to have you. Students expressed interest in learning: boxing, fishing, jewelry making, music & technology. Please contact the office or any teacher if you are interested in contributing to our students' passion projects!
- New Playground Equipment- We had the opportunity to purchase a high quality play structure to add to our campus. With the proceeds from our Friday snack program we were able to raise \$57.00 towards it in the first week. Thank you to Jalima Gold and Ginny Howarth for their donation as well!
We do need help getting it transported from Punta Gorda, if you are able to help with this please contact Miss Vernon in the office. We look forward to our students excitement when we get it all set up!

Classroom News

Sea Turtle Room (Mrs. Knight & Miss Kendra's Room)

- Establish classroom expectations
- Teaching daily routines for washing hands, brushing teeth, snack time, lunch and nap time etc.

- Introducing and reviewing Montessori Works

***** Parents of Early Childhood are asked to contribute healthy snacks such as fruit for our school snack program on Friday, Sept. 22. Snacks should be individually servings to allow for ease of distribution. Some examples are fruit kabobs, granola bars and popcorn in bags. *****

Spotted Eagle Ray Room (Miss Tracy's Advisory)

Language Arts:

- If You Bring a Mouse to School literacy unit
- Establishing routines with RAZ, IXL, Montessori works and literacy centers

Math:

- Review of place value and Montessori works
- Place Value to thousands

Social:

- Belize Unit and Independence Day Unit

Science:

- Plant Unit Begins



Whale Shark Room (Miss Logan's Advisory)

Mathematics:

- Review of the base-10 place-value system 1000's
- solve addition and subtraction problems
- Rounding/estimates to predict and check answers

Science:

- Animal and plants and their habitats
- Factors- including latitude, elevation, climate, land/water features

Language Arts:

- Routines for Reader's and Writer's Workshop
- Belizean/Mayan Folktales

Social Studies:

- Understanding Belizean Cultures
- Geographical distribution and location of each
- Migration History

Miss Shelly's Advisory

Math:

- Introduction unit creating class expectations d
- Developing positive and productive group work skills
- Reviewing math concepts from the previous year
- Base ten number system place value, decimals & rounding

Social Studies: (Standards 1-3)

- Current Events # 1 (there will be three in the school year)
- Read a current news article, summarize their reading, and respond to the article
- Present their topic and facilitate a class discussion

Language Arts:

- Independence Day unit
- Short hand interviewing skill
- Developing effective questioning
- Write short comparative narratives about independence day and our guest speakers point of view
- Student will be creating outlines
- Using sentence openers

Science: (Standards 1-3)

- Animal and plants and their habitats
- Factors- including latitude, elevation, climate, land/water features

Miss Carly's Advisory

Math:

- Introduction unit focusing on class expectations
- Developing positive and productive group work skills
- Reviewing math concepts from the previous year
- Unit One- Constructions and Angles
- Angles (supplementary, complementary, vertical, and adjacent)
- Constructing geometric shapes

Language Arts:

- Independence Day unit
- Class expectations and norms,
- Social and academic goal setting
- Learning styles pre-assessment
- Daily journal writing
- Short hand interview skills
- Effective questioning and summarizing guest speakers speeches
- Create outlines
- Use sentence openers
- Comparative narratives- What does independence mean to you?

Social Studies: (Standards 4-6)

- Current Events # 1(there will be three in the school year)
- Read a current news article, summarize their reading, and respond to the article
- Present their topic and facilitate a class discussion

Science: (Standards 4-6)

- Human body systems
- Presentations on related organs and body system functions.
- Investigation of skeletal, muscular and circulatory systems

MORE BOUQUETS!

Thank you to our parents and businesses who supplied water for the parade!

- Sun and Sand
- Marian & Tuan Titlestad
- Captain Jak's
- Barefoot Bar
- Rotary Club
- Pickled Parrot
- Every Day Supermarket- for saving the day!!!

Thank you to The Placencia & the Caruso family for donating the ideals for PIA and St. John's. Thanks to Jalima Gold for making them all!

Thank you to Topsy Tuna & the Zabaneh family for providing a truck, driver and float for the Early Childhood Students.

Teacher's Wish List

- Volunteers for one on one reading in all classrooms
- Fans
- Paint canvas
- Classroom Board Games
- Playground games/equipment
- Buckets (for agriculture)
- Water dispenser and 5 gallon water
- Office cell phone

PIA Fast Facts

- ✓ Student Enrollment: 65; 52% male, 48% female
- ✓ New/Returning student: 20% new, 80% returning
- ✓ Ethnicity Types: Chines, Mestizo, Creole, Caucasian, East Indian, Garifuna, Mayan, Thai, Asian, South Africa
- ✓ Nationality Types: Belizean, South African, American, Belgian, Indonesian, Germany