



August 2022 Newsletter

Welcome!
Bienvenidos!
Shalom!



International School for Peace is happy to return for our 19th year! Our staff has worked hard to prepare for a successful start to the 2022/2023 school year. A special thanks to our administrative assistant Stephanie Griffin for scheduling conferences and coordinating paperwork.

I appreciate all that you do to support our efforts to stay as safe as possible during these times. Our beliefs in language immersion, play based learning, and embracing ways to resolve conflicts in peaceful and meaningful ways will continue to be at the heart of our program. I ask that you continue to do your part by staying current with our website, COVID action plan, newsletters, and all classroom and community wide communications.

I would like to thank all families for attending our virtual conferences and submitting your paperwork! I hope you found your conference time helpful and informative. We appreciate helping us prepare for your child's start to the new school year. We are excited to see old friends, and happy to welcome so many new friends and their families on campus. We look forward to a fun-filled year ahead.

International School for Peace has students with significant food allergies. We request that you do not send the following to school: peanuts, tree nuts, sesame seeds, coconut oil, and mustard seed. Please contact your child's teacher with your questions.

Office hours are posted on the preschool office door. Families will have limited access to inside the buildings so please contact us in advance if you need to meet with the director. In addition, answers to most of your questions can be found in the Parent Handbook on our website.

We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on September 22. More details to follow.

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to all our families for their support and trust in International School for Peace.

En Paz,

Cathy

Mission Statement

International School for Peace promotes peace within the individual, the community, and the world by immersing children in languages and multicultural experiences through play-based, anti-bias curriculum that celebrates diversity.

International School for Peace is a
**PEANUT, TREE NUT, SESAME SEED,
MUSTARD SEED, AND COCONUT OIL FREE
SCHOOL**

Please do not send your child to school with nuts of any kind.



REMINDER

There is
NO SCHOOL
Monday,
September 5
Happy Labor Day!

GRACIAS

thanks

THANK
YOU!

Thank
you

Gracias

to...

Thank
YOU

- The Tadeo, Perkins, Dennes, Bonnono, Gonzalez, Seldner, Keller, and Vincent families for bringing in treats for Staff Appreciation Week!
- The School Board for getting lunch for the staff for Staff Appreciation Week!
- The Parsons, Birmelin, Keller, Brown, Chavez, Kate, Swanson, Litschi, and Clarke families for bringing in treats for the staff!
- Ms. Ashley, Judy Robinson, and Cathy DeMers for bringing in treats for the staff!
- The Keller, Brown, and Fausti families and Judy Robinson for donating books to our library!
- Ihab Mezaal and Fleury Ndayizeye for helping us move our storage closet items to the POD!
- Ms. Tiffany and Marielle & Kingston Cenicerros for taking out our recycling!
- Fadi and Tamara for picking up supplies from PCHD!
- Jane Pesquiera for bringing in lemons!
- Nick Thomas for landscaping and keeping our campus beautiful!
- The Keller family for donating water bottles!
- Gerry DeMers for installing a new sink faucet!
- Justin Keller for refurbishing a tricycle!
- Laura Aldag for her monetary donation!
- The Keller family for donating a table and picking up PPE supplies from PCHD!
- St. Francis for the use of a room for staff in-service meetings!
- Jay and Paola Sagar for bagels and coffee!
- Remy Mackenzie for making our outdoor shed that much safer!
- Cathy DeMers for staff breakfast and coordinating teacher in-service!

We hope we have included everyone! If you have volunteered or donated to ISP and don't see your name on the list, let us know and we will put you in our September newsletter!



Stephanie



Paola



Zulma



Damaris



Ana



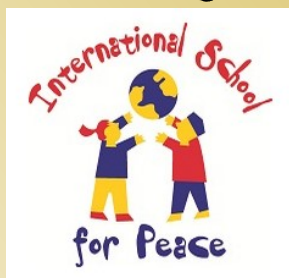
Cathy



Siria



Lydia



Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!

Staff bios can be found on our [website](#).



Jodi



Farzana



Tiffany



Alex



Lourdes



Marianna

Upcoming Events!

Save the Date!

Back to School Night
will be

Thursday, September 22nd!

Be on the lookout for more info.



ISP's multi-language
Virtual and In-Person Usborne
Book Fair will be held the
weeks of

September 19th and 26th.

Proceeds from this fundraiser
will go to additional class
supplies.

IMPORTANT

Important Information!



Tuition

Tuition is due on the 1st of every month and will be assessed a \$35 late fee after the 5th of the month.

Checks may be dropped off in the preschool office or you may pay online with a debit or credit card through our website.

The bookkeeper does not send out invoices unless an account has a credit, additional drop-in fees, or is overdue.*

If you wish to receive an ongoing monthly receipt, please submit your request in writing to Cathy DeMers.

**Invoices will be delivered via email.*

FAQs

What is ISP's Tax ID?

ISP TAX ID # is 86-0388672

How do I request a change in my child's schedule?

You can submit your change in schedule request in writing to the preschool office.

Examples of changes might include adding Aftercare, switching from half days to full days or T/TH to MWF, etc. If the change request involves a reduction or withdrawal from a program, 2 weeks written notice is required.

What is the daily rate if I need to put my child in Precare or Aftercare?

Parents can reserve a spot in Pre-care for \$20 a day or Aftercare for \$30 a day. Both are based on availability. Please call the preschool office ahead of time to schedule drop-ins.

Where are extended day programs held?

Pre-care is held in Room 22 under the supervision of Ms. Siria and Ms. Lulu.

Aftercare is held in Room 10 under the supervision of Alex, Ms. Tiffany, and Ms. Ana.

Gentle Reminders



Please enter the campus through the gate by Room 10. When dropping off between 9 and 9:15 and 2:30 and 2:45, please exit through the gate by Room 30/31.



Our regular school day begins at 9am. Please come through the gate and sign your child in, then take them directly to their classroom.



Your child needs a fresh, clean, and labeled water bottle with a covered or collapsible lid every day.

OFFICE

If you are going to be dropping off your child after 9:15, or picking up your child before 2:25, please check in at the office prior to drop off or pick up.



Please provide two full sets of labeled clothing in a bag to be kept at school for accidents.



International School for Peace is a smoke-free campus.



Please send utensils with your child, if needed. We do not supply spoons, forks, or knives.

Thank you!

Attention!

Check out our
Facebook page
for pictures of
your child's day!



Wish List

- Color Copy Paper
- White Copy Paper
- Organic Garden Soil
- Flower and Vegetable Seeds
- Baby Sunscreen SPF 50+
- New/gently used train table

ISP Recommends:

THOMAS & SONS
Property Care & Maintenance

ELLEN DUPERRÉ
photography

Children's Orthopedic
Specialists

Kent Vincent, M.D.

P: 520.296.KIDS (5437) • F: 520.296.9683
1605 East River Rd., Suite 101 • Tucson, AZ 85718

Irene's Ice Cream & Cones

Ice cream truck available for birthdays, weddings, school events, etc.

520-429-3946 hello@irenesicecreamcones.com



ISP Board Members:

Susie Vincent
Marissa Basch
Jason Ground
Judy Robinson
Shannon Lindemer
Entikhab Alsaraji

Cathy DeMers

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Board Member
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Covid-19 Action Plan

Updated 8-1-2022

At International School for Peace, we understand that families are entrusting us with not only the education and socialization of their children, but also with their health, safety, and well-being. Our administration, teachers, staff, and families are doing our part to ensure the safety of everyone who enters our campus. Below is a list of what we are doing in the best interest of the community as a whole. ISP will continue to monitor the current pandemic situation and make updates to our policies as deemed appropriate or mandated.

What Administration is Doing:	What Staff is Doing:	What Families are Doing:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ Jani King, a professional cleaning service, who will clean our campus each evening M-F. When directed they may utilize a hospital grade method of disinfecting. In the event that a hospital grade method of disinfectant needs to be used, families will be notified. The same team will clean our classrooms each evening. • Follow current CDC and PCHD guidelines and recommendations for fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals as it pertains to domestic and international air travel, isolation following close contact, and quarantine for a confirmed case. • Ensure that anyone entering a classroom will be masked. • Establish separate entry and exit points to the school to encourage directional traffic and decrease crowding. • At this time, daily health checks will be limited to health questions. Temperature checks may be reinstated should ISP see the need to do so. • Apply ground markers to aid in distancing. • Set up hand sanitizer stations around the ISP campus for use by students, families, and staff. • Ensure only staff and essential persons have access to classrooms at this time. • Ensure sufficient supplies of disinfectant, tissues, masks, hand sanitizer, working thermometers, and gloves are available at all times. • Decrease the times in which a student may mix with another class or program. • Establish an emergency plan if a staff member or student display Covid-like symptoms during school hours. Those determined to be ill will isolate from others. • Ensure regular changing of air filters in all ISP buildings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash hands upon arrival and frequently throughout the day. • Promote, demonstrate, and reinforce healthy hygiene habits. • Model and reinforce effective handwashing with soap and water for each child upon entry to the classroom, before/after eating, after using the bathroom, and at other times throughout the school day. • Wear gloves to help children with toileting and while changing diapers. • Wear food service gloves when handling food. • Educate, support, and reinforce all children on wearing a mask indoors, including teaching children to remove and replace masks following eating and nap times. • Keep separate all outer clothing, water bottles, and lunches. • Ensure all children are 6 feet apart at meal times with their masks stored in individual containers. Classroom windows will be open. Eating will take place outdoor when weather permits. • Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a play-based philosophy. • Allow for families to participate in activities outside. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclose to ISP director your child having close contact or a confirmed case of Covid-19. Thereafter, ISP will formulate a plan for your child to return to school. • Notify Director DeMers of your domestic and international travel plans. Current CDC travel guidelines will be followed which may include testing and quarantining. • Practice physical distancing outside classrooms and adhere to ground markers. • Limit your time on the campus during pick up and drop off. • Adhere to established entry and exit points. • Ensure that your child has two spare sets of clothing (appropriate for the season) in their cubby at all times. • Support our commitment to having your child wear a mask while indoors. Provide your child with 2 masks and a labelled container at school. • Provide the most current copy of your child's emergency information and immunization / exemption forms. This will include your child's complete Covid-19 vaccine record. • Monitor your child for the safe use of hand sanitizer. • Commit to staying abreast of school communication. • Contact the preschool office if your child is not attending for any reason.

Covid-19 Action Plan, continued...

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educate our community:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Post signs to demonstrate proper handwashing.◆ Post signs to remind our community members to social distance.◆ Share community resources for assistance during Covid-19.◆ Make available current parent resources for helping children understand this pandemic.◆ Provide information to educate the community on the Covid-19 vaccine.• Contact PCHD to report confirmed cases of Covid-19. Director will notify the ISP community of confirmed cases and contact those who may have had close contact with a confirmed case.• Maintain and respect the confidentiality of those who have reported their confirmed case community at all times.• Reserve the right to make decisions at their own discretion for the health & safety of everyone, which may include temporarily closing of the school, a classroom, or extended day program. Length of closure to be determined by ISP Advisory Board and recommendations of the PCHD & the Arizona Department of Health, Division of Child Care Licensing.• Upon written request and within the allotted timeframe, ISP will grant a credit of 50% of the tuition for missed time due to quarantine, to be credited to the following month's tuition. You will receive a one-time invoice for your tuition. All other refunds are at the discretion of the director.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear a mask while indoors.• Store a spare set of clothing on campus for personal use if needed.• Post lesson plans and class happenings in the windows for family viewing.• Clean and disinfect classroom toys frequently.• Ensure availability of face masks, tissues, soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and family emergency contact information.• Place nap mats 6 feet apart and position students head to toe. Children's bedding will be stored in individually labelled bins. Sheets will be laundered once a week or more often, if needed. Only essential bedding from home will be accepted.• Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as much as possible.• Vaccinate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please keep your child home if they are feeling ill, have a temperature, or are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 which may include but are not limited to:<table><tr><td>Fever or chills</td><td>Cough</td></tr><tr><td>Fatigue</td><td>Headache</td></tr><tr><td>Sore throat</td><td>Diarrhea</td></tr><tr><td>Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Muscle or body aches</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>New loss of taste or smell</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Congestion or runny nose</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Nausea or vomiting</td><td></td></tr></table>• Commit to keeping your child home until they are fever free without the use of a fever reducer and/or symptoms are diminishing. A doctor's note may be required.• Understand personal items that support a child's sense of security, ability to transition, self-regulate, or calm down are considered essential. Please speak with the director about bringing these essential items to school.• Use resources available to you on the preschool campus; we are here to support you in helping your child adjust to new norms.• Ensure having a backup childcare plan in place should ISP need to temporarily close the school, a classroom, or extended day program.• Vaccinate.	Fever or chills	Cough	Fatigue	Headache	Sore throat	Diarrhea	Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing		Muscle or body aches		New loss of taste or smell		Congestion or runny nose		Nausea or vomiting	
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*Effective 8/1/2022 Covid-19 Health and Safety Procedures and Protocols are updated regularly and as necessary.

Please be diligent about keeping abreast of new information.