



October 2022 Newsletter

Hello Peaceful Families,

My sincere appreciation to our families who helped to make our Spruce Up Day on September 17th such a huge success! Many tasks were accomplished with your hand work and donations. Thank you to Ihab Oudah and Jade Terry for doing a wonderful job coordinating the event. Didn't make it our Fall Spruce Up Day? No worries, our Spring Spruce Up is planned for March 2023!

I hope you enjoyed Back to School Night! It was wonderful to see you in our classrooms! Our staff worked hard to prepare for the evening which hopefully you found helpful and informative. If you did not have a chance to log into our Mask Survey, please take a moment to do so. An email was sent to you on September 23, and the information was available at Back to School Night. Your input on this survey is very important to me!

As we inch closer to cold & flu season, I am grateful to our families for keeping their sick children at home. Please remember to contact the office at 520 299-8908 or admin@internationalschoolforpeace.com when keeping your child home for any reason. I am mandated by ADHS to post information on communicable diseases and keep track of illnesses. Those postings can be found in the glass case above the sign-in tables. Families will be notified via email of confirmed COVID cases or potential exposures among staff or students. For more information, please refer to our 2022/2023 Family Handbook and COVID 19 Action Response Plan on our website. I am always here to answer your questions.

I'll be submitting my annual immunization report to PCHD on November 1. Please be sure that the preschool office has a copy of your child's

most correct immunization record, including COVID 19 vaccinations, or exemption form. Currently, about 25% of our students have documentation on file indicating they have had at least one COVID shot. Thank you.

October will be a busy month! Our class themes will include Fall and pumpkins, bats, owls and spiders, farm animals and production, and introduction of helping jobs in our classrooms. We will begin outdoor gardening while always looking to increase our outdoor play time.

SAVE THE DATE! ISP Fall Festival is back! Saturday, October 22 3-6PM. More information can be found in this newsletter.

Photographer and ISP friend Ellen Duperret will be on campus October 27 and 28 in the morning for our annual School Picture Days. Individual student pictures and class pictures will be taken on both Thursday and Friday. Class pictures will be taken outdoors. Order forms will be sent home with your child. Please return your order form and payment to the office by Monday, October 24th. A portion of the proceeds will go to ISP's fundraising fund. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you for being a part of ISP!

Cathy

As soon as I saw you, I knew an adventure was going to happen.
– Pooh

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.

Tuition is due on the first of the month

There is a 5 day grace period. If the 5th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, tuition is due on the Friday before. You may pay through our [website](#), mail a check to 4625 E River Road, or drop off exact cash / check at the office door.



Marianna



Cathy



Stephanie



Ana



Damaris



Paola



Lydia

Say Hi to our Wonderful Staff!



Siria



Zulma



Anya

Staff bios

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



Jodi



Lulu



Farzana



Tiffany

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 22nd
3:00-6:00 PM



Join us for...

Games and Prizes!



Food Trucks!

Amazing Music!



Face Painting!

Bouncy House!



...And Much More!

Interested in volunteering,
donating, or sponsoring?
Check out our online signup
at
[Fall Festival Volunteers](#)

Tickets on Sale Oct. 3rd in
the preschool office, cash or
check only.

\$5/adult, \$10/child

Children under two are free.



ELLEN DUPERRET
photography

WWW.ELLENDUPERRETPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

will be on campus

October 27 & 28

to take individual and class pictures.

Picture order forms will
be handed out
October 7th.

The deadline for picture
orders is
Monday October 24th.

Cash or Check only.
Checks can be made out
to Ellen Duperret.



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photography



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Costumes & ISP

Halloween is in the air, however, wearing costumes to school presents many issues such as costumes being lost, damaged, or forgotten at school. Most importantly, many costumes present safety hazards as well as distractions for our students.



For the safety of the children, we ask that costumes, props, and candy be left at home.

Thank You

Wish List



- Pumpkins and gourds of all sizes
- Small haystacks
- Scarecrows
- Shaving cream
- Organic garden soil

Thank You!

Updated class directories will be emailed out on October 3rd. Please look over your info and email

admin@internationalschoolforpeace.com

if you need any changes made!

ISP Recommends

THOMAS & SONS

Property Care & Maintenance

KITTLE
DESIGN CONSTRUCTION

ELLEN DUPERRET
photography



PIMA COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Children's Orthopedic Specialists

Kent Vincent, M.D.

P: 520.296.KIDS (5437) • F: 520.296.9683

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First Smiles
(really do)
Matter!



Thank you ISP Room Parents!

Sara Shayan

Melanie Radovic

Katie Noboa

Elizabeth Toscano

Regina Salaz

Gwenn Santoro

Mandi Gilman

Rachel Thomas

Nejla AL-Rashid

Bethany Vana

James Parsons

Interested in Spanish home resources?

Check out the following link:

<https://cedarhillkids.com/>

Have you filled out our mask survey?
[Click here](#) to answer a couple questions
about masking at ISP.

Cultural Holidays

Navaratri: September 26-October 5

Yom Kippur: October 4-5

Mawlid: October 7-8

Sukkot: October 9-16

World Mental Health Day: October 10

Canadian Thanksgiving: October 10

National Coming Out Day: October 11

National Indigenous People's Day:

October 11

Welcome to:

Ryder Erickson, Abigail Shiver, Vera
Moreno, and Camila Bonnono!

Adios to:

ISP Board member Jason Ground.
Thank you for eleven years on the
Board!

ISP Board Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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Thank you!

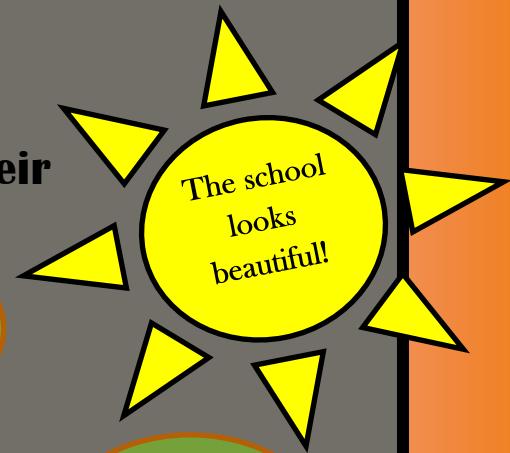
Thank you!



- Ms. Jodi for bringing in treats for the staff!
- Ms. Lydia for bringing in treats for the staff!
- Meredith Keller for donating children’s clothes!
- The Parsons family for donating coffee for the office!
- The Perry family for bringing in pan dulce treats for the staff!
- Thank you to Scott Zehner and Kittle Construction for your renovations!
- Karen Bliss for the cloth masks!
- The Canto family for taking out the recycling!
- Cathy for bringing in pie for the staff!
- Jorge Pascal for painting the ISP sign at River and Swan!
- Pima County First Smiles Matter for their dental screening!
- The Lyapustin family for garden soil!
- The Clarke family for bringing in prizes!
- The Keller family for bringing in treats for the staff!
- Evan Douglas and Estelle Smith for buying books from the Book Fair for the school library!
- St. Francis for all their support!

A Huge Thank You...

... to the following people for volunteering their time on Spruce-Up Day!



Moawya
Yagob

Jade Terry

Ihab
Mezaal

Angelo
Fausti

Paula
Garcia

Serenity
Wu

Dona
Ravinius

Kelsey
Ann
Moran

Paul
Swanson

Oscar
Bueno

Justin
Keller

Jorge
Pascal

Nick
Thomas

Oskar
Allende

Fleury
Ndayizeye

Paola
Sagar

Chelsea
Ford

Elizabeth
Toscano

Cathy
DeMers

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies!

Elizabeth Toscano-Cleaning Supplies

Regina Salaz-Bottled Water

Regina Salaz & Gwenn Santoro-Sponges

Jim Noboa-Sandpaper and Paper Towels

Bonnono Family-Red Concrete Paint



And a special thank you to Spruce-Up Day coordinators, Jade Terry and Ihab Mezaal!

Language Immersion Preschool

➔ WHAT IS LANGUAGE IMMERSION?

Language immersion is a term used in education in which two languages are used for instruction. At International School for Peace, the languages used for instruction are Spanish and English.

➔ ISN'T IT HARD FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN TWO LANGUAGES AT THE SAME TIME?

Actually, the brain is more flexible between birth and age three. Children exposed to bilingual learning can learn their second language as easily as they learned their primary language.

➔ FOUR BENEFITS OF LANGUAGE IMMERSION PRESCHOOL

Nurtures Cultural Sensitivity: Students show a more positive attitude toward the cultures associated with the languages they are learning.

Boosts Academic Achievement: Studies have shown students who are bilingual have improved reading, writing, and math skills.

Improves Brain Functions: Students who learn an additional language at a young age show improved memory and concentration.

Creates a More Flexible Brain: Children proficient in a second language show enhanced problem-solving skills and critical-thinking skills.

➔ LONG-TERM LANGUAGE IMMERSION ←

Learning a new language at a young age may seem daunting for the child, but research has shown that this is not the case. Children use the same part of their brain to learn a secondary language as they use to acquire their primary language. Young children are also less self-conscious about making mistakes, something that can be a struggle with older learners.

Studies have shown that children who start learning a secondary language at a young age, and continue learning that language for many years, have improved cognitive development. As young learners grow, they create a deeper connection to the language and culture they are learning.

Precare



Hello Parents!

In precare children have the opportunity to socialize with children from other classes. There are always plenty of activities which include art, prewriting tasks, story time, building, and dramatic play.



I appreciate your hard work encouraging your child to wear a mask to school, and thank you for helping me to keep your child's backpack outside the precare classroom.

One of the first tasks at arrival is to wash hands. Children are all into that routine and handwashing well. Don't forget to send an extra face mask if needed for your child.

Thank you all!

Ms. Siria and Ms. Lulu

Aftercare

Hello families!

If we have not met yet, my name is Anya and I am the new aftercare teacher! I have loved getting to know all of the students and their families.

Our weekly lesson plans are still posted on our class window every Monday around 2:15. We have been doing fun activities with the children such as playing with play dough, doing art projects, and outdoor play!

During the month of October we will be continuing to practice our classroom routines and learning about each other. We have also been focused on our self-help skills. Our themes that we will be focusing on for this month will be pumpkins, bats and spiders, Fall, and responsibility.

As always, thank you for signing your children out when you pick them up!

The Aftercare Team

Ms. Anya

Ms. Ana

Ms. Tiffany



Reminders!

- We play outdoors a lot! Please be sure your child has a light sweater or jacket for the cooler, late afternoon temperatures.
- Please remember to pack and label enough food for an afternoon snack. Pack a utensil, if needed. We will help your child to wash and refill their water bottles, if needed.
- Please remember to check your child's cubby outside their classroom each day.

Young 2's Partial Spanish Immersion

Hola familias

We are so happy to welcome the month of October! Fall is almost here, and the weather will be turning a little cooler. We will be learning about the Fall Season (leaves falling and fall colors), Pumpkins (size, shape, and color. We will cut one and see what is inside, like texture and smell, and we will also count seeds), Spiders (number of legs, spider webs) and Farms (animals names and the sounds they make, who is a farmer and what food they plant and grow on the farm). During this month we will be planting seeds in our garden, watering them, and watching them as they grow every day.

We will create some art activities like:

Handprint tree with fall colors (red, orange, and yellow)

Pinecone painting

Torn paper and yarn acorn

Pumpkin paper plate

Spider paper plate

Cow face paper plate

With love,

Ms. Ana, Ms. Tiffany



<u>Vocabulary</u>	
Fall- Otono	Cow-Vaca
Leaves- Hojas	Cat-Gato
Pumpkin-Calabaza	Sheep-Oveja
Seed-Semilla	Pig-Cerdo
Spider-Arana	Horse-Caballo
Farm-Granja	Chicken-Gallina
Farmer-Granjero	Duck-Pato



<u>Songs of the month:</u>
“La Arana Pequenita”
“La Vaca Lola”
“B-I-N-G-O”
“Five Little Ducks”
“Baa Baa Black Sheep”

Older 2's Partial Spanish Immersion



Dear ISP Families!

Thank you so much to the parents who volunteered at Spruce Up Day. My classroom sparkled!!

It was a pleasure meeting so many families on Back-to-School Night. I hope you enjoyed the evening!

Our first 8 weeks in class were a great success! The boys and girls have done a great job adjusting to our daily routines. We will continue to review classroom rules and procedures during the year. I will be sending a daily report for each child every day. I will use that to communicate supply needs such as extra clothes, diapers, etc. as well as sharing the happenings of the day.

Thank you, parents, for encouraging your children to wear their face mask to school. The boys and girls are doing a great job wearing their masks indoors. Please make sure your child has a mask available and a label container for storage. Please remember to include a spoon or fork in their lunch boxes, if needed. Thank you for sending food in easy to open containers. The children are so proud when they can do it all "on their own." The kids are doing very well at nap time! If it is essential that you send a blanket from home, please be prepared to take it home to wash nightly. The blanket will be left in your children's cubby along with their art. I would like to ask you to keep working at home on potty time. The boys and girls are doing a fantastic job going potty at school. I appreciate all your support with this task.



Our first October theme is Fall. We will be reading books about this season, and exploring leaves. We will create leaf prints.

Our second theme is Pumpkins. We will sing songs and decorate small pumpkins from home. We hope to have a parent carve a pumpkin with us so we can explore and discover what is found inside this big orange vegetable!

Our third theme is Bats and Spiders. We will be exploring spiders with a magnifying glass and read fun facts about bats and spiders. We will be using this theme to create lots of wonderful art!

Our fourth theme is Farm. We will be learning the names of common farm animals in Spanish and English and discuss why they are important to life on a farm.



Please send in a small pumpkin next week. Your child will have the opportunity to decorate it. Also, I am looking for a parent to donate a large pumpkin and carve it with our class during an outside time. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this fun outside activity in late October.

If you have any questions feel free to send me an email siriaesq@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Ms. Siria

October Vocabulary

Fall - otoño

Bat- murciélago

Spider-araña

Pumpkin-calabaza

Cow-vaca

Song of the month:

La vaca Lola

3's Full Spanish Immersion

¡Feliz Octubre a todos!



I'm so happy to report our Back to School Night was a success and I would like to thank all the parents who had a chance to make it.

We are thrilled to have Ms. Farzana, our Farsi teacher, and Ms. Jodi, our Hebrew teacher! Students are enjoying these two classes and demonstrating a high level of engagement and participation during both classes.

During this month we will be exploring Pumpkins, Bats/Spiders, Farm Animals, and Responsibilities. Our themes will be reinforced through activities, arts, books, and songs. We will also start our gardening outdoor activities.

We will focus on the life cycle of pumpkins, and will be making art with pumpkin seeds and tasting them too! We will be investigating pumpkins and ask that all students bring in a small pumpkin no later than October 24. I am also looking for a donation of 4 small pumpkins to explore in class and 1 big pumpkin for a parent to carve. If you would like to come in and carve a pumpkin in front of us, please let me know.



For our Farm theme the kids will be able to recognize and identify common farm animals. The kids will know what kinds of products we get from farm animals, and we will also explore what these animals eat and their sounds.

Responsibilities that make a child feel special can come in all shapes and sizes, including setting the table for snack or lunch (unpack and pack their own lunchbox), learning responsibility by putting away their toys after they use them, and the responsibility of planting a garden. Gardening also helps give kids the opportunity to get outside and play in the dirt, which can be a helpful part of balancing their responsibilities with the need for play.

Please feel free to contact me at damarisnallelyr@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for your trust and support!

Kindly,
Ms. Damaris



October Spanish Vocabulary:

Spider - Araña

Bat - Murciélago

Fall - Otoño

October - Octubre

Pumpkin - Calabaza

Farm - Granja

Responsibility - Responsabilidad



Kind Reminders:

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

- Please send food in easy to open containers. The children are so proud when they can do it all "on their own."

3's Partial Spanish Immersion

Dear Parents,

September was a great success! Thank you to those parents who attended Spruce Up Day and Back to School night. I appreciate you!



The children have done a great job adjusting to our daily routine.

We continue to review classroom rules and procedures as well as centers rules and proper indoor voice level.

As the temperature gets colder, it's the perfect time to introduce our next unit "Fall " Oton. By participating in the experiences provided through this unit, children will become more aware of changes that take place in the fall and do common fall activities.

This upcoming month of October our themes will be Oton (Fall), Farm (Granja), Pumpkins (Calabazas), Spiders (Aranas), Bats (Mucilages). I'm excited to introduce more Spanish vocabulary words to our program.

Welcome to Ms. Jodi, our Hebrew teacher! We are very excited to start a new school year with Hebrew classes each Wednesday, learning about beautiful traditions and delicious recipes.

Also Ms. Farzana Bienvenu! She will bring her Farsi program to us each Thursday.

Kind Reminder: Please have two labeled full sets of clothing inside your child's cubby.

Please bring labeled morning and aftercare snacks, lunch, water bottle and lunch boxes and a spoon or fork as needed.

Due to safety and health concerns please have your child enjoy their Halloween costumes, props, and candy at home- thank you!

Ms. Zulma's Wish List

Please provide a small pumpkin to decorate the last week of October.

Thank You! Until next time,

Ms. Zulma.



October Spanish Vocabulary

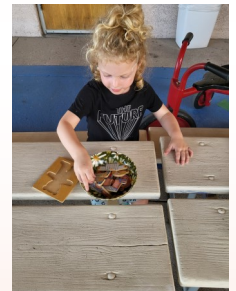
Fall-Oton

Farm-Granja

Pumkin-Calabaza

Spider-Arana

Bat-Mucilage



3's/4's Partial Spanish Immersion

Hello Dear Families

Queridos Padres y Familia



October is here!!! During this month, we will explore the themes: Farm, pumpkins, bats/spiders, and the concept of sharing – compartir.

We will explore these topics through books, songs, open-ended art and more!

We will continue focusing on self help skills such as hand washing, using tissues as needed, unpacking and packing up our food, independence with toileting, physical distancing, and participating in clean up time in our efforts to continue to adjust to school life! Our students are working hard on learning and doing so well.

My students are excited to participate in classroom jobs and learning to be responsible for their belongings and classroom materials. It's coming along!

During this month, we will practice sharing, taking turns, and trading toys or activities as a friendly way of working and playing together.

Farm life will be a big theme this month! We will learn about farm animals, the importance of farm production, and the interesting life cycle of chickens.

We will be investigating pumpkins and ask that all students bring in a small pumpkin no later than 10/21.

To start gardening, we planted pumpkin seeds in a container with potting soil. And we also will be looking and taking care of Rosie, our sweet potato plant, inside our classroom.

In this month, we are going to keep counting, categorizing, and learning fun facts about spiders and bats. During the morning class, we will sing new songs "la Araña Pequeñita," and "Mariposa," and continue to add more colors to our daily song "Los Colores."

For those children who show interest in pre-emerging reading and writing skills, we will offer new letters through different activities that reinforce letter recognition and their associated sounds. This month we will focus on the name and sounds for : C, D and E.

Also, we will continue recognizing our first name in print and spelling the letters aloud, and then move on to our last name.



Finally, the kids love to jump, run, and climb so thank you for supporting their gross motor development by having them wear socks and sport shoes.

One last request is to please keep your child's Halloween costume and props at home! We will be acknowledging the day in other ways.

I also want to thank all the parents and families that helped us at Spruce Up Day, cleaning our classrooms, and for all your support at the Book Fair. Thank you for your donations and books for our classroom. A special thanks to Azucena, Antonio's and Sean's mom, for the delicious bread she brought for us to celebrate the Mexican Independence Day.

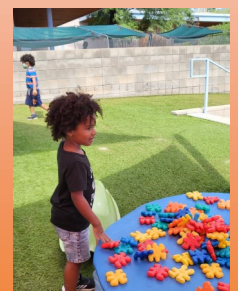
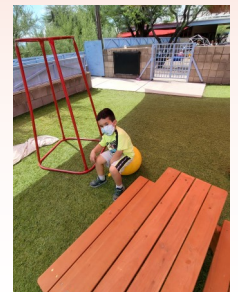
Please feel free to contact me at laldner@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Thanks for your generosity and support!

With love,
Ms. Lydia

October Spanish Vocabulary

Farm-Granja
Spider-Arana
Bat-Murcielago
Pumpkin-Calabaza
Sharing- Compartir



4's/5's Full Spanish Immersion

Dear Parents and Families,

We welcome Octubre! This month provides us with so many learning opportunities and we will definitely seize them!



First of all, Autumn/Otono is here, and even though differences are not that obvious, we will still discuss those subtle changes we've been noticing, like cooler mornings and evenings, some trees changing colors, etc. If you happened to visit Mount Lemmon, please go on a leaf and pine cones hunt with your

child and collect some for our class. Those are great items for making art and also for our sensory and science tables.

We'll learn all about Farms/Granjas. We'll talk about the responsibilities a farmer has (taking care of animals, planting and taking care of the vegetables and trees, etc.). Children will discuss what animal products we consume at home and which animals produce them. I will read "La Semilla de Zanahoria/ The Carrot Seed" by Ruth Ida Krauss. We'll explore the process of growing seeds using chronological visual cards and then we'll plant carrot seeds in our garden!



Raise your hand if you love Calabazas/Pumpkins! If you do, I am going to ask you to join me on Calabaza Day (another of Ms. Paola's Class Traditions). On Calabaza Day we do activities related to

Pumpkins and they will be held on the Bike Path, right outside our classroom. I set up 4 centers: Science, Math, Reading and Art. I divide the class into 4 groups and rotate every 10 min for each center. So, I will need 4-6 volunteers to help me with this project. I will plan all the activities. The volunteers will be in charge of a center, and Ms. Lulu and I will assist you and keep track of the time. This activity will be on Friday, October 29 from 9:15-10 am. I will give you more details as the day approaches.

Responsibility is an important trait we are constantly working on and acknowledging when I see that my friends are practicing it. During the day I make sure I

have plenty of opportunities for me to model responsibility. And when encountering problems, we find responsible solutions as a group.

Last themes for the month of October will be Owls/Buhos and Bats/Murcielagos. We will research their eating habits, hunting strategies, and why they are called Nocturnal Animals. We'll practice some Nocturnal Animal Yoga Poses during our Physical Empower and Relaxation times. We'll also learn a few fascinating facts about Spiders/ Aranas.

Pre-Math Skills: Children will measure items inside and outside the classroom. We will use different tools, manipulatives and objects for these activities. Children will also estimate by looking at manipulatives inside a jar and picking up handfuls of foam leaves.

Pre-Reading and Pre-Writing Skills: Children will keep practicing and working on recognizing, tracing and writing their names, friends' names, family members' names, and numbers. Children will start learning the names and sounds of the ABC's in Spanish.

I will keep reinforcing the skills we worked on last month so children have a better foundation for the new skills I will be introducing for the rest of this school year. Also, I respect and always take into consideration your child's learning style.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to:

-All the families who attended the Back to School Night

-All the families who participated in Spruce Up Day. Our School looks amazing thanks to all your hard work.

Play is the highest form of research. -Albert Einstein

Sending Love and Kindness,
Ms. Paola

October Spanish Vocabulary

- Octubre: October
- Granja: Farm
- Granjero: Farmer
- Manzanas: Apples
- Gallina: Hen
- Vaca: Cow
- Cerdo: Pig
- Calabaza: Pumpkin
- Murcielago: Bat
- Buho: Owl
- Arana: Spider

