



August 2023 Newsletter

**Welcome!
Bienvenidos!
Shalom!**

Wow - International School for Peace celebrates 20 years of preschool education! We are thrilled that you will be joining us for this anniversary year! We are looking for special ideas on ways to celebrate this milestone so please contact me if you have any suggestions. Thank you in advance!

Our staff has worked hard to prepare for a successful start to the 2023/2024 school year. We appreciate your help to prepare for your child's start to the new school year. Good communication is always key but it's important that we know in advance those events that might impact your child. For example, a visit from a grandparent who lives out state, an extended work trip for a parent, changes to your family structure, family illness, etc. Our staff will show you the same courtesy regarding their schedule or other class events that could potentially impact your child.

I would like to thank all families for attending family conferences and submitting your paperwork! I hope you found your

conference time helpful and informative. 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.

A special thanks to our administrative assistant Laurie McGill for scheduling conferences and coordinating all that paperwork! Thank you, Laurie!

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, health action plan, newsletters, and all classroom and community wide communications.

A recent monsoon storm followed by a microburst several days later resulted in significant damage to both Saint Francis and International School for Peace campus. Both groups will continue to work as quickly as possible to restore the campus.

Thank you for your patience during this process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

International School for Peace has students with significant food allergies. Please do not send peanuts, tree nuts, and sesame seed in any form to school with your child. Thank you.

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

We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on September 21. 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,
FREE SCHOOL**

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



REMINDER

There is
NO SCHOOL
Monday,
September 4th



to...

Thank
you ♥

We have such a huge list of wonderful people to thank from May, June, and July. If you've received this Newsletter, there's a good chance you're on this list. If you're not on this list, we want to thank you, anyway, for being a part of our community. You matter and we're grateful you are here. Thank you!

- Mina Perkin's Mom for donating costumes and toys and bringing in a lovely bunch of homemade cupcakes
- Robin Quarrier for clothing and books
- The Candalaria family for clothing
- Sullivan/ Malek family for tasty treats for the staff, bathroom upgrades, toys and books
- Keller family for a bag of cuties, tons of pastries and treats, rebuilding a closet shelf
- Jodi Gottlieb for construction paper and crafting items
- The Gonzalez Family for treats for the staff
- Jen Fenn—you really rocked the library—we miss you!
- Ihab Ouda for fixing the outdoor table
- Litschi family for treats for the staff
- Parsons family for a box of Amy's Donuts (so good!)
- Sally Aquino for those amazing end of year chocolate chip cookies
- The Campbell family for the pretty sign to add to our "flower shop"
- The Morans for Dunkin Donuts and flowers
- The Swanson Family for that excellent banana bread
- Jorge Pascal for rescuing our road sign and renewing our picnic table
- Lydia Seldner for toys, treats, and books
- Gilman/Chavez family for office supplies and mud boots
- Jay Sagar for providing an end of year breakfast for the staff
- Malek family for wooden counting toys and books
- Fausti family for a train table
- The Clarke family for a donation on behalf of Maya's birthday

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- Cathy and Paola and ISP for our inservice breakfast on August 7th
- Laurie for treats for the staff
- Laura Aldag for continued donations to our scholarship fund
- Nick Thomas for his incredible landscaping services!!
- Susie Vincent for donating a new sign for River Rd. Sadly the brand new sign was destroyed in the microburst that occurred on July 28th.
- The Smith Family for donating a book on 7/3/23
- Steve Barclay for his handman help with the soap dispenser (and so many other things), we appreciate you!
- Patricia Clarke for a donation to our scholarship fund
- David Cross Interiors for rehangng the sails over the grassy playground
- Steve, Melissa, Art Evans and St. Francis for working with us to restore the campus following the devastating microburst
- Flooring Direct for the carpet square donations
- Mathieu Stemmelen for hanging the bulletin board outside room 30/31
- Cathy DeMers for the cleaning supplies
- *If there's anyone we forgot, please accept our apologies and our gratitude.*

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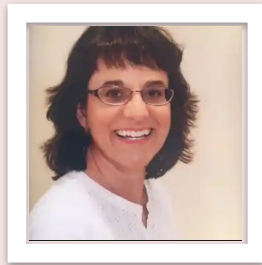
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Ms. Cathy DeMers



Ms. Laurie McGill



Ms. Jodi Gottlieb



Ms. Farzana Mohseni



Our bookkeeper
Laura Aldag



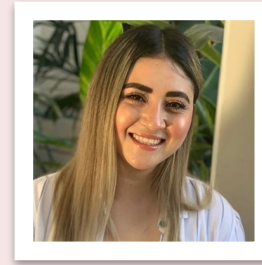
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Ms. Paola Sagar



Ms. Lydia Seldner



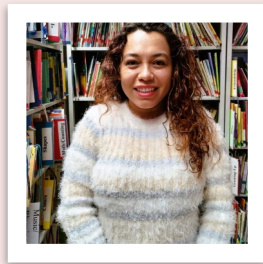
Ms. Damaris Huerta



Ms. Zulma Nunez



Ms. Lulu Torres



Ms. Jennifer Valdes



Ms. Siria Esquivel



Ms. Vanessa Torres



Ms. Vivian Olvera

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

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

Upcoming Events!

Save the Date!

Back to School Night

will be

Thursday, September 21st!

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 18th and 25th.** Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to additional class supplies.

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 tuition 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 2-3's is held in Room 10 under the supervision of Ms. Tiffany. 4-5's are in Room 30/31 under Ms. Vivian. At 4pm weather permitting, both groups will convene on the playground at Room 10. Weather not permitting, both groups will be inside Room 10.

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 wait outside of the gate until it opens at 8:55. The precare classroom opens at 7:30.



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.



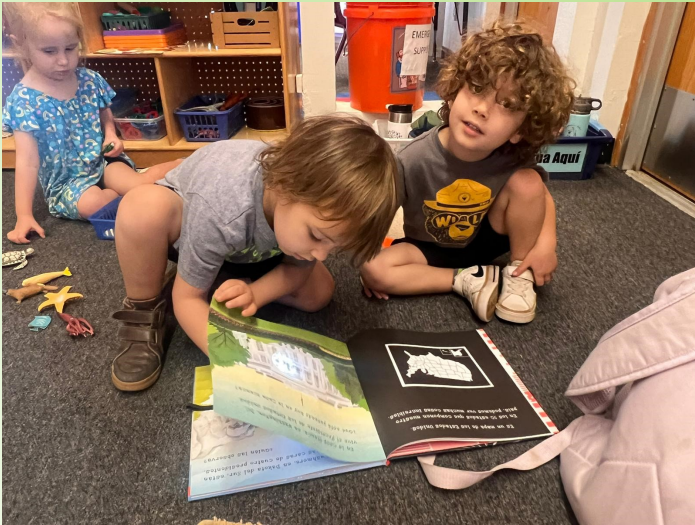
International School for Peace is a smoke-free campus.



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



Attention!



Wish List

- Color Copy Paper
- White Copy Paper
- Organic Garden Soil
- Flower and Vegetable Seeds
- New/gently used sturdy six foot outdoor table
- New/gently used micro-wave oven
- Keurig Coffee Maker

ISP Recommends:





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



FLOORING DIRECT
Visualize New Floors in Your Room!

St Francis

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Irene's Ice Cream & Cones

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

520-429-3946 hello@irenesicecreamcones.com



ISP Board Members:

Need a Notary Public?

Please make an appointment with Laurie in the school office.

Donations to ISP appreciated but not required.

Susie Vincent
 Marissa Basch
 Judy Robinson
 Shannon Lindemer
 Entikhab Alsaraji
 Melissa Landau
 Cathy DeMers

Founder & Board Chair
 Board Member
 Board Member
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 Non-voting Board Member

Health Action Plan

Updated
8-01-2023

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 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/PCHD guidelines and recommendations in regard to a response when close contact or a confirmed case of COVID occurs, which will include reinstating mask wearing, testing, or quarantine. • Establish separate entry and exit points to the school and encourage directional traffic at high traffic times.. • 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, and gloves are available at all times. • Establish a plan should a staff member or student display symptoms of illness during school hours. Plan may include release from school, isolation, Dr. note to return, mask wearing. • Ensure regular changing of air filters in all ISP buildings. • Contact the community when a communicable has been reported. • Share community resources to access assistance and education about vaccines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support children who wear masks. • Disclose to the Director should you have close contact, display symptoms yourself, or test positive. • Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a play-based philosophy. • Invite families to participate in outdoor activities. • 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. • Post lesson plans and class happenings in the windows for family viewing. • Clean and disinfect classroom toys frequently. • Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as much as possible, weather permitting. • Unless essential, discourage nap bedding from home. • Vaccinate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclose to ISP director should your child contract a communicable disease such as COVID19. A plan will be set into place for your child's return to school which may include recommendations of PCHD/CDC. • 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 at school. • Provide the most current copy of your child's emergency information and immunization / exemption forms. If COVID vaccinated, provide updated record. • Monitor your child for the safe use of hand sanitizer. • Commit to staying abreast of school communication. • Keep sick children home and contact preschool office of absence. • Ensure having a backup childcare plan should your child need to stay at home due to illness. • Understand what personal items support a child's sense of security, ability to transition, or self-regulate and are considered essential. Speak with your teacher about having items at school. • Vaccinate.