



February Newsletter 2020

Hello Peaceful Families,

February is always a busy time for us. We will embrace friendships, explore rocks and minerals, love our books, and learn about Tucson's long time tradition of Rodeo. Wow!

I hope to see you at our 14th Annual Friends and Family Fundraiser and Silent Auction event held on Friday, February 7th from 6:15 – 8:15 PM in the Saint Francis Celebration Center. Please plan to join us for an evening of delicious food catered by Risky Business, a fabulous silent auction, face painting, and our ever popular class performances! Our fabulous "Basket Moms" have been working diligently to coordinate an auction basket from each class. If you have not already been contacted please get in touch with them! Their contact information is in this newsletter. Tickets are on sale NOW in the preschool office. ISP relies solely on tuition, donations, and fundraisers such as this to support our preschool programs. Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, January 31 at 3:30PM so don't delay, buy those tickets right away!

As if isn't busy enough, we start 2020/2021 school year registration this month. Registration is on a first come basis and begins for our currently enrolled students and their siblings on Monday, February 10 at 8 AM in the preschool office. On February 3, forms will be placed on your sign in /out sheet, and available in the office and on our website. Please plan to submit your completed registration form and continuing family fee of \$110 at that time. Registration will not be accepted online. It is

not too early to begin making plans for next year.

Registration for Summer Care 2020 begins March 9. More information will be posted to our website later this month.

I would like to remind you that ISP has a family referral program. If you refer a family to us, we are happy to reward \$50. For more information about this program, please refer to your current Family Handbook or our website.

Thank you for keeping your sick children at home when they show signs of illness. Please call the office to report an absence. We continue to do lots of handwashing and have stocked up on tissues with this cold/flu season.

Also, I thank you for remembering to sign your child in each day using your full name and legal signature. This is required by Arizona Child Care Licensing.

Thanks to all of you who continue your family volunteer positions – you are a tremendous support to this school and more importantly, wonderful role models for our children.

In peace and gratitude,

Cathy

"A friend is a gift you give yourself." - Robert Louis Stevenson

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

February 3: School wide classical music concert

February 7: Family and Friends Fundraiser and Silent Auction

February 10: Registration for 2019-2020 opens for return-

ing students and siblings.

February 17: Registration for 2019-2020 opens to the public

February 18: ISP Rodeo Luncheon

February 18: ISP Advisory Board Meeting

February 20-21: No School—Rodeo Break.

2020—2021 Registration

Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Registration for current preschoolers and their siblings begins

February 10, 2020 at 8 am.

Registration for new students begins

February 17, 2020

- * Registration forms will be available online the week of January 21st and will be distributed to parents and available in the pre-school office on February 3rd.
- * Only completed registration forms with accompanying fee (check, cash, credit, debit, ApplePay, Android Pay, or money order) will be accepted during registration.
- * Mailed forms accompanied by payment will be recorded each afternoon.
- * Teachers will not accept forms or fees.
- * Parents should request a partial or a full immersion class.
- * Teacher assignments are made in mid-summer and based on enrollment.
- * Registration packets will be mailed in mid-July.
- * School calendar for the 2020-2021 school year is posted online.





International School for Peace

**Cordially Invites you to our
14th Annual
Family and Friends
Fundraiser and Silent Auction**

**February 7th,
2019**

Tickets are limited and
the last day to purchase
them is
Friday, January 31st!

***Tickets:**

Children under 2 are FREE
Children 2-10 years old: \$10
Adults 11 years+: \$20

**Please join us in St. Francis' beautiful
Celebration Center for an exciting
evening to include a silent auction, a
fabulous dinner with vegetarian op-
tions catered by Risky Business,
Ruby's Face Painting, and
special performances by each class!**

*Money earned at this fundraiser will be used to
support our scholarship fund and to purchase
playground equipment to include musical instru-
ments for our grassy playground!*

**We accept payment in the form of cash or check only*
*No tickets will be available for purchase at the door**

**Please contact your
class's basket
coordinator about
donating to our silent
auction!**

Ms. Maricruz:
"Mom's Day Out"
Dana Princiotta
Bahareh Sollenbarger

Ms. Natalie:
"Date Night"
Sarah Morse
Caitlyn Rios

Ms. Lydia and Ms. Nooshin:
"Bakery Basket"
Christine Gery

Ms. Carmen:
"Picnic Basket"
Ashley VanWinkle

Ms. Paola:
"Game Night"
Jacquelyn Peterson



Iskashitaa is seeking volunteers as well as people to donate produce from their desert trees and gardens.

For more information, contact Valerie at
(520) 440-0100
www.iskashitaa.org

Howdy Partners!

There will be **NO SCHOOL**

February 20-21

Happy Rodeo
Break!



**ISP is excited to welcome new friends
to our school!**

Please add these students to your class directory.



Ms. Maricruz's Class:

Ms. Lydia and Ms. Nooshin's Class:

**Aditya
Thakkar**

**Mateo
Weatherbie**



Wish List

- Baskets and clear cell-phone
- A Gently used 2-seat couch for our office (not fabric please).
- A Horse Saddle and/or tack to borrow for a few days.
- 2 Volunteers to help prepare rodeo lunch on Monday, February 18th.
- Coffee



Tax Time

International School for Peace's Tax I.D. is
86-0388672

Printed tax information is available upon written request to the preschool office beginning
February 1st.

Allow 2 weeks. A \$5.00 fee applies.



ISP would like to say thank you to...

- Ashley VanWinkle for donating paper and envelopes to the preschool office.
- Remi McKenzie for repairing our toy phone.
- The Frank Family for donating books and games.
- Kathleen Styracula for donating carpet squares to our preschool.
- Ryan Preble-Gaitz for cleaning and repairing Ms. Natalie's classroom easel.
- Sharon Liebeskind for organizing our library and supply closet.
- Susie Vincent & Children's Orthopedic Specialists for hosting our holiday board meeting.
- Debbie Kornmiller for donating cellphone and crinkle paper for our auction baskets.
- Southern Arizona Watercolor Association for donating paper to our preschool.
- Emma Shaffer for making a poster for our Friends and Family fundraiser.
- Nathan Thompson-Avelino for working on our garden or ordering a new garden shade.
- Iskashitaa Refugee Network for donating lemons and oranges to our school community.
- Lydia Seldner for donating a play tool bench with tools to ISP.
- St. Michaels School for donating musical tickets to our students.
- Laura and Curt Aldag for their monetary donation to our scholarship fund.
- Angeline Fahey from Tucson Wildlife Center for presenting to our students.
- Khylia and Ms. Paola for donating coffee to the preschool.
- Junghye Park for cutting scrap paper for our writing tables.
- Norm Weber & Grace Calterone for their monetary donation to our preschool.
- Tamara Khachatryan for volunteering her time.
- Ms. Jodi, Ms. Alice, Ms. AnaMaria, Ms. Nooshin, and Librarian Anne for enriching our students each and every week.

International School for
Peace is looking for a
GEOLOGIST
(or rock lover) for the month
of February to speak to our
students about rocks and
minerals.

Please see us in the
preschool
office if you know
someone.



Playing After School?

Everyone loves our grassy playground and mud kitchen! If your child enjoys playing there after school, please remember to put equipment away and return the areas the way they were found and ready for our aftercare students to enjoy. Please be sure to vacate the grassy playground by 3pm.

Also, remember to sign your child out of school at 2:30 or when you arrive on campus.

Thank You!

International School for Peace
Welcomes Violinists

Tamara Khachatryan
&
Fadi Iskandar



For a classical music concert on
February 3rd
At 9:30 AM



**Tuesday,
February 18
12 Noon**



Wear your
western-wear!



**Rodeo
Lunch**

**On the Grassy
Playground**



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Precare

Ms. Jane, Ms. Carmen, & Ms. Holli

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Precare is a service provided to help our parents who need an early drop off. This program is held Monday-Friday. Upon arrival, all students will wash their hands. If you have time, please help us with this task. There are two classrooms for precare. Ms. Natalie's and Ms. Maricruz's classes will meet for precare in Room 10. These students will begin with outdoor play beginning at 8:30 each day. Ms. Lydia's, Ms. Paola's, and Ms. Carmen's classes will meet in Room 22 for precare. Weekly lesson plans and class schedules are posted in each precare class. Precare is a great time to make new friends, eat breakfast, and have fun with a variety of activities. Hoping to see you at the Friends and Family dinner, Friday February 7: a night to mingle with other parents and of course the children are always excited to perform for you!

Jane, Carmen, and Holli

Aftercare

Ms. Lilia & Ms. Nooshin

Already halfway through the school year and everyone seems to be a little more comfortable with the routine.

One of our themes this month will be "Friendship" We will be focusing on friendship by spending time discussing and illustrating learned skills such as listening, caring, sharing, helping, etc. Then they get to put those skills to use when the two classes combine during the final hour.

Some reminders: while we may have the coldest part of winter behind us, it is still fairly cold in the evenings. Please make sure your child has a warm cover-up and that their cubby has cold weather backups available.

One last thing, we would love to encourage parents to volunteer in your child's classroom. You can read a book, share a story or bring in a special family keepsake. The students love hearing from other adults!



Ms Lilia and Ms Nooshin



2's Partial Spanish Immersion

Ms. Maricruz, Ms. Gabby, & Ms. Holli

Hello Families,

I want to start by saying thank for your donations and support of our school wide Friends and Family Fund-raiser and Silent Auction on Friday, February 7 starting at 6:15 PM. A special thanks to Dana Princiotta (Junia) and Baha Sollenbarger (Carter) for coordinating our auction basket. A reminder that the deadline to purchase tickets and donate to the "Moms Day Out" basket is Friday, January 31. The children are giving their best during our classroom practices in preparation for this night and they are delighted with the idea of performing for you. I am also very excited to see everyone!



February will be a very busy month for our ISP community. Besides the silent auction and the dinner, we will also have a classical music concert performed by ISP parents Fadi and Tamara Iskander (Stella's parents), an exploration of rocks and minerals, as well as celebrate our friendships, learn about La Fiesta de los Vaqueros or Rodeo, and focus on developing a love of reading.

We will explore different rocks and stones in the classroom with magnifying glasses and some basic experiments. I will read fact based books about rocks. For this reason, if you have access to an unusual or beautiful rock, please feel free to bring them to our classroom. We will take good care of them, I promise!



It would be very interesting and educational for the kiddos to see and touch different rocks. I expect to be happily surprised by my class this week.

Our class will celebrate friendship! We will do role plays, read books, sing songs, and talk about how to be a good friend. My students have matured a lot in the last few months so I am really looking forward to ap-

proaching this topic.

Following our friendship theme, the rodeo will hit Tucson and I am ready to explore the western tradition of "Los Vaqueros." Since I am an outsider, this is a new tradition for me too and I will be learning a lot about this celebration with my students. If anyone knows any-

one with equestrian talents or has props (saddle, horse shoes, etc) related to rodeo in Tucson, please talk to me or any of my assistants. Children love to explore real life objects.

Love of Reading will be another topic. Once more, I need your help to make the best experience for your children with this topic. First, I need you to let me know the name of your child's favorite book at the beginning of this month. Second, please consider sharing your favorite book with the class. You can "loan" it to us for a few days or arrange a time to read it to the class. My class really loves books and we enjoy reading several times a day. One more thing, okay? I hope to create a special space in our library area. I am looking for comfy pillows, cushions, light curtains, and a small little chair. I would be so grateful if you have any of these items to donate. What about a volunteer with designer talents? I have very high expectations for this project and could use some help! Please don't leave me hanging! Reading books, offering an array of book types and topics, and providing an inviting "reading area" nurtures and supports a love of reading.



Progress reports will be sent home in early March. I am gathering documentation and note taking for my reports so please know that until mid March, your daily home notes might be coming home less frequently. Please let me know if this is a concern at all.

To end this letter, I want to thank you again for your support in advance of the Friends and Family event. Hope you can join us the night of February 7th! for the little ones' first performance. My students get so excited when we sing our songs!



-Maricruz

3's Partial Spanish Immersion

Ms. Natalie

Hola Queridas Familias,

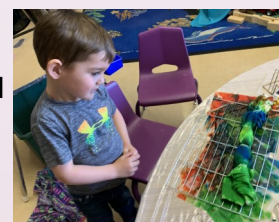
We had quite a busy January learning and practicing our songs for our Friends and Family Fundraiser.



Please join us on February 7th at the St. Francis Celebration Center from 6:15-8:15 for dinner and a special presentation from your child. Deadline to purchase tickets is this Friday January 31. Our songs are "Alouette"(French), "Baby Bumble-bee"(English) and "Shalom Chaverim"(Hebrew). Thank you all for sending in your lovely family pictures, they will be displayed in our classroom.



Big thanks to our Basket Moms Sarah Garcia Morse and Caitlyn Rios for coordinating our "Date Night" themed basket. If you have not already done so, please remember to donate a small item that supports that basket theme. There is a collection box outside our classroom. Gracias!



Our themes for the month of February are Rocks & Minerals, Friendship, and Rodeo. The children will get to pretend to be Geologists as our dramatic area will be turned into a Geology Lab. We will learn all the different textures of rocks and why some of them sparkle. As a science experiment we will be creating our own crystal rocks. Rocks rock!



"The more we get together the happier we'll be!" Friendships are a wonderful way for children to share their interests and communicate. We will be reading books on friendships, acting out what a good friend does and making a Friendship Salad. Most of our classroom activities will be designed for two children to play and develop team-



work.



Yeehaw! Rodeo is here! Our sensory table will be turned into a western desert with rocks and desert animals. The children will be presented with art and activities focusing on cowboys and horses. A brief history and explanation of what Rodeo is will be discussed during our circle time. The school will observe this holiday on **February 20-21**, which means **no school**.



Special thanks to:
RachealAnn (Duke's mom) for helping us tie dye our shirts for our Friends and Family Event.
Emma Shaffer for donating play mats to our classroom.
The Chagaris Family for donating pull-ups to our school.

Best, Natalie

February Spanish Vocabulary

Amistad – Friendship

Rocas – Rocks

Minerales – Minerals

Liso – Smooth

Aspera- Rough

Caballo – Horse

Vaquero- Cowboy

3's Full Spanish Immersion

Ms. Carmen

Queridas familias,

What an amazing beginning of the year we had! Children were excited to return to school, and did a good job of reinstating their routines.

Our themes for February are: Rocks and minerals, friendship and rodeo.

During this month we will talk about friends. The children have made many new friends at school with whom they are learning to take turns, cooperate, work and play. Through this unit the children will become more aware of what a friend is and what activities friends can do together.



Ms. Carmen's class is having a "FRIENDSHIP POPCORN PARTY" on Friday February 14 at 2:15pm. Party hats and popcorn will be provided" You are welcome to come and join us.

I would like to thank

Charlotte's family for donating Ziploc bags to our classroom,

Abby's family for paper rolls and paper.

All donations are well appreciated in our classroom, thank you!

Our class has been hard at work learning songs for the Friends and Family Fundraiser and Silent Auction. I hope that all my families can make to this fun event. Deadline to purchase tickets is this Friday, January 31. Tickets are available through the office.

February vocabulary:

Corazon—Heart,

Caballo—Horse

Rocas—Rocks

Amigo—Friend

Amor—Love

Amable—Kind

Compartir—Sharing

A very special thanks to Abby's Mom, Ashley Van Winkle, for coordinating our Family Picnic themed basket for the silent auction that evening. Please donate a small item that supports the theme such as plastic ware, a tablecloth, candle sticks, games, picnic basket, cloth napkins, etc. For more information, please contact Ashley: ashleymvanwinkle@gmail.com. Gracias

During circle time we will continue working on colors (azul, amarillo, rojo, morado, negro, blanco, verde, rosa, plata, cafe, gris)

Numbers 1-10, shapes: heart = corazon, square = cuadrado, star = estrella, circle = circulo.

Thank you!
Ms. Carmen

To the world you
may be one person;
but to one person
you may be the world.
- Dr. Seuss



3's / 4's Language Enrichment

Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin

Hello Dear Families

Queridos Padres y Familia

سلام بر خانواده های عزیز

Welcome to the second month of 2020!

Our themes for the month include Rocks, Minerals and Gems, Rodeo, and Friendship!

February will also be "Love of Reading Month!" We welcome you to stop by or arrange a time to read a book to the class. This book could be a family favorite or a book from our class library. We know our students would really enjoy guest readers. Please contact one of us!

We will be reading books about friendship and sharing ideas about what makes a good friend. We will be "catching" our students being a good friend. We will improve our fine motor skills while creating a friendship bracelet with yarn.

One of our fun activities for this month will be digging the sandy part of the playground to look for rocks and other "gems."

In Farsi class, children will learn about gold and jewelry in Iranian culture and they will listen to one of the oldest and funniest stories for children. The story is called "A Ladybug and Mr. Mouse."

During the mornings, we will learn two new songs about Friendship. We will continue to recognize the letters J, K, and L and their sounds.

The math table will focus on counting by 5's to 25.

Welcome Callan Johnston and Mateo Weatherbie to our classroom.

Save the Date: February 7th at 6:15 pm for our 14th Annual Friends and Family Dinner Fundraiser/ Silent Auction. It will be a great evening! Our class can't wait to sing special songs for you! Don't forget to buy your tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is this Friday January 31.

A special thanks to Caellum's mom, Christine Gery for coordinating our Baker's Basket for the Friends and Family Fundraiser and Silent Auction. Please plan to contribute a small item that supports a baking theme! For more information, please contact Christine: mcdgery@gmail.com. Thanks to the parents who already donated something for our Basket. Thank you!!!!

Thank you and Happy February!
Lydia and Nooshin



4's Full Spanish Immersion

Ms. Paola

Dear Parents and Families,

Is it February already!? Time is flying too fast... I feel May is around the corner. This month we will be busy as always, we will have so much fun and you will too!

Our class will celebrate "Love of Reading" and you are all invited to be part of this celebration. I have something called "The Mystery Reader" where you or any family member can participate. You bring a book to read to the class and they will have to guess who is the Mystery Reader!

We will also celebrate "Friendship." We will have picnics on the grassy playground and we will make cards and friendship bracelets. Children are very interested in writing and recognizing their friends' names, so this is a great opportunity to practice!

Our class will explore Rocks and Minerals. We will do lots of hands-on activities and science projects to learn more about this theme. We might also talk about dinosaurs (in case we find fossils while digging for rocks). We will set up a Rocks and Minerals exhibit in our class and we will invite other classes to come and look at it. I will ask my students to bring a rock or crystal from home and we will label it to make sure it goes back home. I personally love crystals, so I will bring some to show to my class. We will use a lot of vocabulary in Spanish to describe them.

Yeehaw! It's Rodeo time! We will learn about horses and other animals that are



part of the Rodeo. We will also learn about cowboys' and cowgirls' lives and their responsibilities. Our Dramatic Area will be set up with horses, clothes, and other items related to this theme so the children can explore and immerse themselves in this environment.



I would like to thank:

Ms. Zulma, Ms. Jane, Ms. Lilia and Ms. Lydia for taking good care of my class while I was in Chile visiting my family.

Amanda (Leif's mom), Shannon (Mateo's mom), Jacquelyn (London's mom) and Rosanita (Savannah's mom) for helping us making our tie dye shirts.

Jacquelyn for being our amazing Basket Mom.

For all the families who made donations to our Game Night Basket



"The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart" - Elizabeth Foley

Love,
Ms. Paola

