



March 2020 Newsletter

Greetings ISP Families,

I would like to extend a big thanks to all our families and friends who attended and supported our 14th Annual Friends and Family Fundraiser and Silent Auction on February 7. Kudos to our students and their teachers for the magnificent performances! A shout out to the families who contributed to their class auction baskets and our wonderful 2020 Basket Moms Dana Princiotta, Bahareh Sollenbarger, Ashley Van Winkle, Christine Gery, Sarah Garcia-Morse, Caitlyn Rios, and Jacqueline Peterson who put it all together! Thank you to Mariel Perkins for her spontaneous hair bow fundraiser. These fabulous fashion bows are available for sale in the preschool office. Of course, the auction would not be possible without the kindness of the many local businesses who gave so generously to the cause. Our Silent Auction raised over \$3400 this year!

My appreciation to Risky Business Restaurant for catering the event, classical guitarist Jay Sager for his wonderful music, face painter artist Staci Gustafson for her creative work, our decorating committee Jane and Ana Maria, shopper Entekhab Alsaraji, our entire staff, our event helpers, the Thompson Avelino, Liebskind and Niccum families. Many thanks to Judy Robinson and School Advisory Board for supporting the event, Saint Francis staff Scott, Steve, Ian, and Melissa for their help with setup/take down and the slide show, and Saint Francis for the use of their beautiful Center. Last, but not least, my heartfelt gratitude Khylia Marshall for her dedication to making this event a huge success. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the evening.

I would also like to thank Tamara Khachatryan and Fadi Iskandar with the Tucson Music and Dance Academy for their wonderful school wide violin performance on February 3.

Can you believe it is already March? International School for Peace continues with 2020/2021 preschool registration. Thanks to all who have already submitted their fall registration form and fee. Summer Care registration forms will

be accepted starting Monday, March 10. Registration forms for the 2020-2021 school year and Summer Care 2020 can be found at www.internationalschoolforpeace.com or at the registration table outside the preschool office. It's not too early to start making your plans for the summer or the next school year!

We welcome family participation on campus! Please arrange classroom participation in advance with your child's teacher and remember that all visitors and volunteers need to stop by the office to sign in first. With warm weather approaching, we ask that you please remember that a water bottle, a morning application of sunscreen, and hats are everyday necessities for your child at school. If you have not already done so, please speak with your child's teacher about giving your written permission for our staff to apply sunscreen for your child. We are happy to supply the sunscreen!

We know it is getting to be "sandal-weather" but for your child's safety, we ask that only closed-toed shoes be worn on campus. Feel free to browse the "Shoe Swap" box located outside the preschool office to trade for a gently worn pair of shoes.

Will you be attending the Tucson Festival of Books on March 14 -15? If so, we hope you can stop by Booth 308 and say hi!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Cathy

"A person's a person, no matter how small."
— Dr. Seuss, [Horton Hears a Who!](#)

On a personal note, I would like to offer my gratitude to this community. Our family was deeply moved by your gestures, words, concerns and acts of kindness for our Laura. She has begun her recovery and determined to run the Pittsburgh Marathon in May! Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers - I know it helps!

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.



**Spring Break is
March 23-27
There will be
No School!**

Summer 2020 Registration

We will begin accepting Summer Care registration forms on March 9th!

Starting Monday, March 2nd, registration forms will be available in the office and online.

- Summer Care runs on a week by week basis (with full and half day options) along with pre-care and after-care.
 - Exciting weekly themes
 - Partial and Full Spanish Immersion Classes
 - Water Play & Multicultural Music Enrichment
 - **Tuition starts at \$140 per week**

* Please contact the office with any questions *



2020—2021 Registration

Registration is ongoing!

- * Registration forms are available online and in the preschool office
- * Only completed registration forms with accompanying fee (check, cash, credit, debit, 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.
- * The deadline to make changes to your child's schedule is July 18th.
- * You will be contacted at the end of July to schedule your preconference. Preconferences will be held August 4th and 5th. School starts August 6th.

Do you love your preschool?

Please consider ...



**Liking us on
Facebook,**

**writing a Google
Review for us,**



and rating us on Great Schools!

ISP would like to thank...

- Fadi and Tamara for giving a classical music violin concert for our entire school.
- Laura Aldag for her monetary donation to our refugee scholarship fund.
- Ashley VanWinkle for her donation of cellophane.
- Debbie Kornmiller for donating 12 bottles of washable paint to our school.
- Lydia Seldner for donating doctor kit toys.
- Catherine Pskowski for donating cards to our school.
- Jane Pesqueira for her donation of lemons to our community.
- Entekhab Alsaraji for rolling plasticware for our Family and Friends Fundraiser.
- Nathan Thompson-Avelino for installing new shades over our garden plots!
- The Burrola family for their monetary donation to our school.
- Remi Mckenzie for repairing our toy fire truck and wheelchair!
- The Brightons for donating clothing and tins to our school.
- Gabby Grijalva for donating chalk to our students.
- The mystery donor from St. Francis for the office supplies.
- Cavina, Luria, and the Molina Family for their monetary donation to our school.
- Tamara Khachatryan for bringing in treats for our staff.
- Lauren Rosenthal for organizing our library.
- Tamara Khachatryan for volunteering her time and helping out in our office.
- John Kupper, Ryan Preble-Gaitz, and John Gutierrez for cooking lunch for our ISP Community's Rodeo Lunch!
- Entekhab and Bassam for shopping for our Rodeo Lunch.
- Dalton at St. Francis for hanging our enrollment sign.
- Dalton from St. Francis for hanging our 2020-2021 banner.
- Tamara Khatchatryan for her donation of clothes.
- The Shaffer family for lending us their saddle, lasso, and brush to explore during our rodeo unit
- Taylor Saltzgaver for donating a beautiful book to our school.
- Joohyun for volunteering his time to re-hang our sign, childproof our corners, and stabilize our table in the mud kitchen.



And thank you to anyone who we may have failed to mention.

Tax Receipts

If you need a 2019 tuition receipt for tax purposes please email your request to cathy@internationalschoolforpeace.com
Process may take up to 2 weeks and there is a \$5 fee.
Many thanks!



Welcome new friend!
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Save the Date!

March 9: Summer Care
Registration Opens

March 14-15: Tucson Festival of Books

March 23-27: Spring Break

Snake & Bee Season

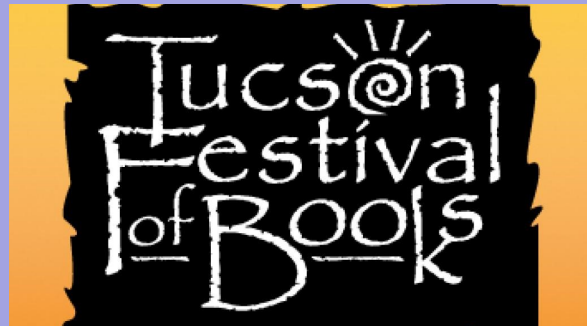
It's that time of year, so please take caution when allowing your child to play outside the preschool gated areas on the St. Francis grounds. We encourage you to use the sidewalks and beware of our desert surroundings.



Wish List

- Color Copy Paper
- Scrap paper
- Shelf-stable coffee creamer
- Volunteers for our booth at the Festival of Books
- Volunteers for our Spruce-Up day on April 4th

ISP Recommends:



March 14 & 15 University of Arizona



8-10am

4th Saturday of
each month
through May

St Francis Parking lot

Produce and More!



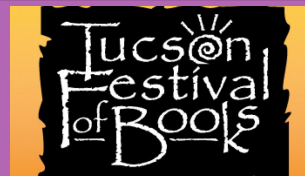
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Firefighters are coming to ISP on March 20th to reinforce our learning unit on fire safety. If your child does not attend school that day, they are free to attend under the supervision of an adult family member. Please stop in the office to sign in before heading to the west parking lot. Please be sure to stay with your child at all times. We look forward to this exciting learning experience!

Friendly Reminder!

Our teachers work very hard to prepare for the school day. Please remember ISP's full and half day classes begin at 9am. Teachers will open their doors to welcome students at 9am. If you need to have your child attend earlier than 9, please consider enrolling him/her in pre-care. Thank you.



Did you know that Tucson's Festival of Books is the largest book festival in the country?

ISP will be at Booth 308! If you'd like to volunteer some time to represent our preschool, please speak to Cathy or Khylia in the preschool office.

Attention Returning Families!

If you have not paid your registration fee for the 2020-2021 school year, your child's spot is not guaranteed. A registration form accompanied by a registration fee is required to secure your child's enrollment.



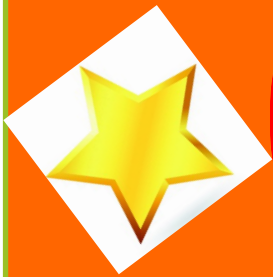


Spring Spruce-Up Day



Join us on
Saturday, April 4th
8:00 to 12:00

Let's get together
to make our school more beautiful!



*Bring a shovel, a rake, a
broom, a wheelbarrow,
and a friend!*



Contact ISP Parent

Marissa Basch at 347-776-6875 to find out how you can help!!

****If you are unavailable to help that day, we are also accepting donations of water bottles, snacks, and cleaning supplies****

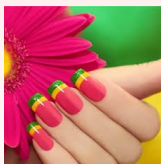
Our Family & Friends Dinner and Fundraiser was a huge success! We would like to thank the following donors for supporting our event!

Classical Guitarist:

Jay Sagar



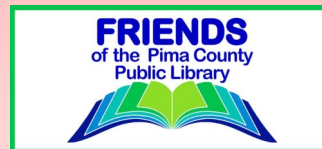
Roadrunner Bicycles



Body Gallery Studio



Caring Touch Massage



Tom Moore



MAMA LUNA ORGANICS



TRADER JOE'S



Thank you to the wonderful moms, Christine, Dana, Bahareh, Ashley, Caitlyn, Sara, and Jacquelyn who coordinated class baskets, and to everyone who donated to the silent auction!

Family & Friends 2020



Pre-Care

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

Pre-Care

Ms. Jane, Ms. Carmen, and Ms. Holli

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 enjoy 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. A reminder of our spring break from March 23—March 27.

Happy Spring!

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



Aftercare

with Ms. Nooshin & Ms. Sharon

Hello dear parents and students,

First of all, a warm welcome and lots of good wishes for Ms. Sharon for joining our after-care team. Thank you so much Ms. Lilia for everything you've done. We have enjoyed working with you. Take care, and we wish you all the best.

March is already here!

The temperature continues to rise, and with it comes spring. The best season of the year!!!

In March, we can expect a lot of outside activities and games, and we will be encouraging children to drink lots of water during outdoor play as the temperatures increase. Dr. Seuss' Birthday anniversary is on March 2nd. We have a special week set aside for reading Dr. Seuss' books.

Our aftercare classes have started combining for the last few hours of the day after 4 PM. This has been applied since the second week of February. Depending on the age and the number of students, the entire group can be found either on the Room 10 playground or the grassy playground.

Snack time is an important part of our day. Please provide your child with a healthy snack for the Aftercare program. Make sure to label the snack to help your child learn to identify it independently.

Once again, let us give warm thanks to our aftercare students for their performance at our Family and Friends Dinner. They did an amazing job singing the songs together! We are so proud of them!!

Thanks to Kayla's mom for visiting our classroom, reading a book to the students, and showing the children how to make a stringed bead necklace. We loved it!! Like always, our door is always open for any parent who would like to come in and participate during our circle time or group projects.

We are very grateful to all of you for the many ways you show your support. Thank you!!!

"Don't give up! I believe in you all. A person's a person, no matter how small." -Dr. Seuss

Love from your aftercare team



2's Partial Spanish Immersion

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

It is already March moms and dads! Do not forget to check your child's cubbies to make sure they have enough fresh t-shirts, socks, shorts, and/or dresses. All February, children have been asking for more water activities and they will have them as soon as the weather changes, which means some of them will need extra clothes.



Please help us start this last part of the school year on the right foot. We are kicking our hand washing into high gear. Please keep washing your child's hands upon arrival and encourage them to scrub for 20 seconds with soapy water before washing. We are also asking that all lunches that are brought be prepared and divided into easy to open containers. This helps children to become more independent and prevent food from flying away when opened. We are still working on shaking

shoes after recess, you can help by practicing with your children at home with taking off and putting on their shoes. This is important to guarantee they all can walk and sleep comfortably (and to avoid messy car seats, lol!)

Thank you to all for your support and participation at the Family and Friends Night. It was a success because of you. I really enjoyed having some time to share and talk with my families!



This month we will start celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, we will read his books and do some activities in his honor. We will also be exploring nature; children will learn about desert and spring with some sensory and on-hands activities. Because of the weather changes, fire safety and care for nature will be part of the topics our toddlers will learn, too. We will be exploring our surroundings looking for interesting things to discover and share. So, be ready for questions and comments on those topics!

This will be a quick month because of the Spring break, please make sure you empty your child's cubby on the 19th and 20th, we do not want to be responsible for any priceless art lost. We want to wish all our families a wonderful break in advance. We will resume our activities on the 30th

Regards,
Ms. Maricruz, Ms. Gaby, and Ms. Holli



3's Partial Spanish Immersion

With Ms. Natalie

Feliz Marzo!/ Happy March!

Thank you to everyone for joining us in our Friends and Family Event. It was a great success and the children had lots of fun singing for you all!

For the month of March our themes include Fire Safety, Dr. Seuss, Responsibility, and Spring in the Desert. Themes will be explored through books, role play, art, activities, and songs.

Stop! Drop! and Roll! Our dramatic play area will be turned into a Fire Station which will be divided into a house "on fire" and a fire house. We will review our Fire Drill expectations and the items in our emergency bucket.

Oh, the places you'll go... We will be dedicating our first week of March to Dr. Seuss in honor of his birthday. We will have some fun days to get us in the Dr. Seuss spirit.

Monday: My Many Colored Days (Wear as many colors as you can)

Wednesday: The Hair Book (Crazy hair day)

Friday: Fox in Socks (Wear fun, silly, or mismatched socks)

What is a responsibility? Cleaning up our toys. Yes. Washing our hands after using the bathroom. Yes. Self-care is also a responsibility. Our main focus will be on sharing our emotions as well as knowing when we need to de-stress.

The weather is warming up and Spring is just around the corner. What a great opportunity to bring back joy into our garden; look out for our Sunflowers in the coming months. The children will learn about other deserts around the world and what spring looks like in those places. We will also discuss desert plants and flowers.

Progress Reports!!

I will be sending out progress reports by **Thursday, March 5th and Friday, March 6th**. If you would like to schedule a conference please speak with me directly. Conferences will be held between March 10th and 20th (with the exception of Thursday mornings) at 8:15AM or 8:30AM. Reminders for your conference will be sent out a week prior to our meeting.

With Love,

Ms. Natalie



3's/4's Language Enrichment

with Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin

Hello Dear Families,

Queridos Padres y Familia

سلام پر خانواده های عزیز

We welcome Spring this month!

Our learning themes in March will include Spring, Desert, Fire Safety, Responsibility and of course Dr. Seuss. A person that makes children smile through his books is Dr. Seuss. March 2nd is the celebration of his birthday. Dr. Seuss's simple word repetition and rhyming words help a child to easily begin to hear it, learn it, and read. During this month, we will be focusing on teaching the children to think up simple words that rhyme together.



In Math, most of our children can now successfully count to 25. We will introduce counting by 10's to 50.

New words to learn in Spanish: Primavera, Bombero and Desierto. New letters to learn this month: M, N, O and P.

Persian New Year begins on the first day of spring (Nowruz). During Farsi, Ms. Nooshin will show and discuss with students a traditional New Year table setting and vocabulary related to the Iranian New Year. In this month, the students will listen to an ancient Persian story for spring called "The Lady of Winter and Uncle Nowruz".

To support our Fire Safety theme, we will read and discuss fire drill procedures including the calling 911, practicing STOP, DROP, AND ROLL, and welcoming real fire fighters at our school this month.

We continue to enjoy music and movement with Ms. Alice, Hebrew with Ms. Jodi, and Art class with Ms. Ana Maria.

We wanted to thank all the wonderful families for attending our Family Night. Children were so excited to come together and sing. We are very proud of the students. They sang in different languages. A special thanks to Ms. Christine Gery (Caellum's mom) for putting together our class auction basket and to everyone else who participated in helping out too. We also want to thank all the parents who came to read a book or make a project in the month of February: we enjoy your presence in our classroom.

A small reminder: please label your child's water bottle and lunch box with their first and last name, and remember that healthy snacks are always the best, they help us reinforce our monthly dental lesson plan!



Wishing you a wonderful spring season full of happiness and good times! Happy Spring!

Today is gone. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one.
Every day, from here to there, funny things are everywhere.
-Dr. Seuss

Love, Lydia and Nooshin



3's Full Spanish Immersion

with Ms. Carmen

Queridas familias:

I would like to thank all the families who attended our Friends and Family Dinner, muchas gracias for your donations and support. Children did an amazing job on their performance! Ms. Carmen is very proud of them :) Thank you also for sharing cards and supporting Ms. Carmen's activities with your donations.

Gracias Abby for paper rolls and playdoh, gracias Fleeta for neon tempera, gracias Emily for sharing the amazing volcano to our class.

Bienvenido MARZO! March is a fun month full of amazing activities for the children.

Our monthly themes are: desert, fire safety, Dr.Seuss and self care.

To support these themes we will have the visit from the Tucson Fire Department. We will read amazing Dr. Seuss books like: Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham and many other favorites! wWE will learn about the desert, our sensory table will turn into a desert wonderland! We will practice some self care activities such practice using zippers and buttons, put on shoes (it's helpful to avoid laces), pouring a glass of water from a pitcher, wipe up own spills, hand washing, nose blowing etc.

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. rectangulo= rectangle. diamante= diamond

Important information:

Student progress report will be sent home on March 5 or 6. Parent teacher conferences will be held March 9-20, 2020. Parent conferences are optional. If you would like to schedule a conference, please see me. Families of students enrolling January 6 to March 15 will receive report by April 10. You may schedule a conference week of April 15.

March Vocabulary

arena=sand

sol=sun

desierto=desert

cactus=cactus

tengo calor!= I am hot!

Tengo sed!=I am thirsty!



I feel grateful to work in a wonderful school with amazing children! Thank you for your support, kindness and trust! You are a group of amazing families. Muchas gracias!
Ms. Carmen

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out"?



4's/5's Full Spanish Immersion

with Ms. Paola

Dear Parents and Families,

Let's Welcome another month, March! During the first week we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading his books, learning a few facts about this author and creating our own silly, fun, and funny characters. Whoever would like to join us in this celebration is more than welcome to come during the week of 3/2 to 3/6 and read us a Dr. Seuss book or make some art related to this topic.

During this month we will also talk about "Fire Safety" and everything related to this theme, like firefighters, fire drills, and what to do in case of an emergency.



The Sonoran Desert is such a beautiful place, with so much to learn and explore about its flora and fauna, and that's exactly what we will do! We will also make predictions about what's going to happen when Springs arrives - we will compare Spring with Winter and make conclusions. We will also clean our garden and plant new seeds.

We will also dedicate some time this month to review and talk about "Self Care." What does it mean? How do you take care of yourself? Why is it so important? I will present different scenarios from what we do to take care of our personal

hygiene to setting limits with friends and others.

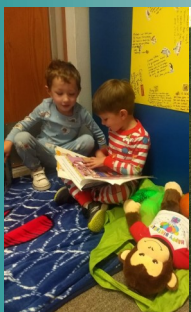
The end of a fun year is approaching and just like during December, we will notice some changes in our children's emotions and behaviors. Some children will start showing some signs of anxiety about going to kindergarten or just any changes they are going through. Ms. Zulma and I will consider all of this when planning our daily activities and routines. And please, don't hesitate to reach us if you need guidance. Our class has created a strong bond, a beautiful and kind community!

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank all the families who helped in any way to make our Family and Friends Dinner event possible. I was overwhelmed to see the response from my class, the baskets, the families who attended that night, our class performance! Thanks to Rosanita, Shannon, Amanda and Jacquelyn for helping us to tie dye shirts for the event. Many thanks to Jacquelyn for being such an enthusiastic and positive basket mon. We all appreciate your commitment to our class!

And thanks to our amazing Mystery Readers! The children had so much fun solving the clues.

"Play is our brain's favorite way of learning" -Diane Ackerman

Love,
Ms Paola



A large collage of 30 photographs showing various activities of children and adults at a school. The photos depict children in costumes (cowboys, chefs), playing musical instruments (drum, violin), participating in art projects, and interacting with adults. The settings include classrooms, outdoor play areas, and a library.