



# May Newsletter 2020

Hello Peaceful Families,

International School for Peace's school year is officially coming to a close like no other before. We have had to make difficult decisions under constantly changing conditions and adjust our lives physically, mentally, and financially for the greater good of our community. We have shown our children what strength, resiliency, and hope looks like and that is an invaluable lesson for them. Let's all hope that this time will pass soon and we will emerge better humans having a greater appreciation for one another.

Virtual learning will continue through May 21st. Thank you to all of those who have supported this program. I hope you've enjoyed it as much as I have! A big thanks to our staff for their hard work and commitment to this endeavor.

I want to thank all of the parents, extended family members, friends, alumni, community outreach, volunteers, and substitute teachers for their support, generosity, and spreading the word about International School for Peace.

I would like to thank our Advisory Board Members: Chair Susie Vincent and members Jason Ground, Dana Princiotta, Judy Robinson, Shannon Lindemer, Entekhab Alsaraji, recording secretary Marissa Basch, and teacher liaison Nooshin Salek for their commitment and guidance throughout the year.

A special thanks to our wonderful staff: Jane, Paola, Nooshin, Lydia, Gabby, Maricruz, Natalie, Sharon, Zulma, Jodi, Carmen, Holli and Alice for their dedication, hard work, and always putting the needs of our students and their families first. A special thanks to administrative assistant Khylia

Marshall for her hard work and support in bringing this program to a new level.

My heart felt appreciation to bookkeeper Laura Aldag for her endless volunteer hours, generosity, and commitment to our bookkeeping needs and support of our mission.

My gratitude to the Eaglet Fund held at Community Foundations of Southern Arizona for their generous grant to International School for Peace in support of our refugee and financial need based scholarship fund.

A big thanks to Dusenberry-River Branch librarian Annie Wicks for sharing her stories with us each month and Ms. Ana Maria Noyes for bringing art enrichment to our three and four year old classes.

International School for Peace expresses gratitude to Pastor Jim Wiltbank and Saint Francis in the Foothills staff and community for their ongoing support, generosity, and inspiration.

Our love and thanks to ISP Founder Susie Vincent for showing us that dreams do come true!

A final farewell and best wishes to our graduates who enter kindergarten this fall. We hope you and your family members will stay in touch with us!

We are also still accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year! International School for Peace begins its 17th year of classes on August 6, 2020.

I wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy summer. See you soon!

En Paz,  
Cathy Demers

## 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.



## May 21st, 2019

**May Virtual Learning Tuition is due no later than Friday, May 1st.**

# ISP Summer Care 2020

We are excited to spend our summer with you!

Registration forms and program details are available on our [website](#).

Summer tuition can be paid through our [website](#).



**July tuition is due May 15th.**

ISP Summer Care Program  
begins Monday, June 1 and ends Friday, July 17.  
Summer Care will be **closed Friday, July 3rd.**

Summer forms will be  
available **online**  
starting May 11.



Please print, complete,  
and return summer  
forms no later than  
**Friday, May 22nd.**

This summer offers a 2-3 year-old partial immersion Spanish program for students who are working on potty training, and a 3-6 year-old full immersion Spanish program.

Pre-care, after care, full day, and half day options are available.

Weekly themes will be offered with emphasis on Spanish, open ended art, music, literacy, water play, sensory exploration, peaceful conflict resolution, and fun!



**Tuition starts at \$140 per week**



## **Summer Themes:**

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| Week 1: June 1-5       | Números, Formas y Colores ( <i>Numbers, shapes, &amp; Colors</i> )        |
| Week 2: June 8-12      | Construyendo ( <i>Construction</i> )                                      |
| Week 3: June 15-19     | Un Viaje Alrededor ( <i>A Trip Around the World</i> )                     |
| Week 4: June 22-26     | Colaboradores de la Comunidad ( <i>Community Helpers</i> )                |
| Week 5: June 29-July 2 | Exploremos el Agua! ( <i>Let's Explore Water!</i> )                       |
| Week 6: July 6-10      | Movimiento y Crear ( <i>Shake, Rattle, &amp; Create</i> )                 |
| Week 7: July 13-17     | Explorando Insectos por Todos Lados ( <i>Creepy Crawlers Everywhere</i> ) |

# 2020—2021 Registration

## Registration for next school year is ongoing!

- \* Registration forms are available [online](#).
- \* Only completed registration forms with accompanying fee will be accepted during registration. At this time, we are accepting mailed checks and forms to 4625 E River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718. Your registration and supply payments may be submitted through our [website](#).
- \* Parents should request a partial or full immersion class.
- \* Teacher assignments are made in mid-summer and are 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 pre-conference. Pre-conferences will be held August 4th and 5th. School starts August 6th.





## ISP Would Like to Thank....

- Our wonderful ISP families for a fabulous school year as well as your continued support.
- The Flynn Thompson Family for their monetary donation to International School for Peace.
- The Menezes family for their monetary donation to International School for Peace.
- Laura and Curt Aldag for their consistent monetary donation to ISP.
- The Molina family for their monetary donation to our preschool.
- Nia & Brian Fenn for their donation to International School for Peace.
- Jason Ground for his monetary donation to ISP.
- St. Francis in the Foothills for their support and inspiration.
- Diane Ehrhardt for the masks.
- Ms. Lydia, Ms. Maricruz, Ms. Paola, and Ms. Natalie for their efforts in creating and implementing our virtual learning program.
- All the families who supported our Online Spring Spanish Book Fair.
- Melissa Miller from Usborne Books for coordinating our Spring Spanish Book Fair.



### DO THE FIVE

Help Stop  
Coronavirus

- 1 HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 FEET** Stay SIX FEET apart
- 5 FEEL** Sick? Stay Home

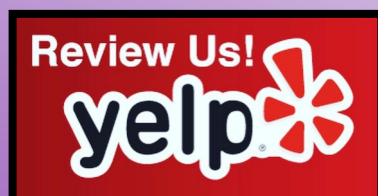
### ISP is Hiring for the

### 2020-2021 School Year

For more information, please see our [website](#).

## We need your feedback!

Please consider writing  
a review for us





# Friendly Reminders



## Pick up your belongings!

Your classroom teacher has bagged up your child's belongings for pick up. Come by after 12pm on Friday, May 22nd to retrieve your blankets, extra clothes, water bottles, and art work.

*\*After May 25th, all items left behind will be donated\**



If you have checked out a library book from the ISP library, please return it to the library box outside the preschool office between May 22nd and May 25th.

-Thank you!

May 21st is the end of our school year! Please submit any outstanding fees you may have to your account no later than May 15, 2020.

We accept checks mailed to the preschool office and card payments on [our website.](#)



-Gracias!

Summer enrollment forms will be available online starting May 11.



Please print, complete, and return summer forms no later than **Friday, May 22nd.**

Summer Care  
July Tuition is due  
**Friday, May 15th.**



# Thank Our Staff

## Staff Appreciation Week



**May 4-8, 2020**



Please join us in showing how much we appreciate our teachers, teacher assistants, and office staff by remembering to thank and celebrate them this week!

Here's a fun way for your child to thank their ISP staff:  
Print out the box, write a thank you, and take a picture of your child holding the thank you.

Then, email your picture to Khylia at  
[internationalschoolforpeace12@gmail.com](mailto:internationalschoolforpeace12@gmail.com)  
(shhh! I'm going to do something special with them!)



# Thank you for...

# 2's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Maricruz

Dear Families,

This is my last newsletter of the school year

Thank you for letting me be part of your child's life and for all your generosity and support. You are really a wonderful group of people; it was a pleasure to be your child's teacher. In many ways, this will be one teaching year that I will never forget. Upon my return to teaching this year, I allowed myself to experiment with new concepts and ideas and then the year ended in the most incredible way. I consider this to be a year of prosperity in terms of what I learned and what my students gave back to me. You are all a wonderful community.



To all my friends.....Thank you for being my wonderful little students. Ms. Maricruz loves you so much for exactly who you are and who you will grow to be. You will always have a very special place in my heart.



A special thanks to my virtual learning friends! Even though we could not be together in person, I enjoyed our time on screen. Thank you for the company and joy you brought to me every morning. Thank you, Mommies and Daddies, for taking a step forward and supporting ISP in these uncertain times. Although the

virtual learning project was new for all, you journeyed with us! I am so grateful you did! I feel so fortunate to be a teacher at this preschool!



The year is not quite over. We still have until May 21 before we say "Gilly, Gilly Adios".

During this month, we celebrate our friendships and honor those special to us on Mother's Day. Additionally, and because you decided so, I am ready to taste some delicious Dragon Tacos! Our Taco Party will be our final activity for the 2019 – 2020 school year.



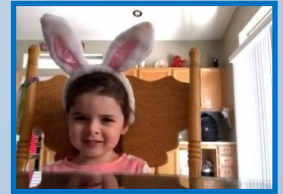
See you next time!  
Love,  
Ms. Maricruz



# 3's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Natalie

Queridas familias,

This is the final newsletter of the 2019-2020 school year!



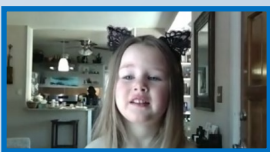
The last time we saw each other was in March, however with the power of the internet we were able to stay connected and continue learning for the month of April and May.



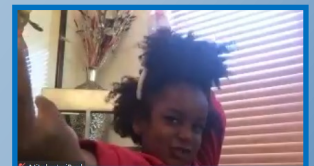
Now that May is here to mark the end of the school year, I greatly appreciate my friends and their families who joined me for our Zoom classes. It was a new and fun experience. I will, however, be taking a hiatus for the month of May and my Zoom friends will play with another ISP teacher and her class. I hope to see some of my friends in Summer Care or next school year around campus.

## Summer Safety

The temperatures are rising and summer is close. Practice sun safety: wear a hat, wear sunglasses, stay hydrated and wear sunscreen. Have a great summer out there!



I'd like to thank all of you for letting me become a part of your child's life in whatever time we spent together. It was awesome watching them grow and unfold into the kids they are now. We sure said ADIOS to diapers. I learned lots from each individual child and I hope I helped enrich their lives in a small way.



I'd like to thank my little friends for the laughs and warm memories we shared this year. We grew together and a little bit of each of you will always be with me. Stay kind my friends!

With Love,  
Ms. Natalie





# 3's & 4's Language Immersion with Ms. Lydia

I speak for both Ms.Nooshin and myself in thanking you for a wonderful year and choosing us to nurture, love, and care for your children! We will miss this group of bright, loving , and truly special kiddos.



Thank you for all your time and support throughout the year and in particular these most recent weeks. Although it has been challenging, I have enjoyed teaching your children virtually with online classes. The children have been wonderful and I hope they have enjoyed this time as much as I have enjoyed it. It was super fun bringing learning to your child in the safety of their home.



Our learning themes in May will include solar system, summer safety, and the cycle of a butterfly.

We explore the Sun and learn that it really is a star, it provides energy for all life on Earth, and it sits at the center of our Solar System. We will also learn about Earth's rotation around the Sun, the Earth's rotation around itself, and that the moon orbits the Earth.



This month we will observe a live caterpillar as it turn into a butterfly. We will have fun observing the life cycle, making predictions, and recording facts



We will talk about summer safety. We will be discussing the importance of staying hydrated, wearing clothing such as hats and long cotton sleeves to protect ourselves, the importance of sunscreen, and staying indoors when temperatures are too hot to play outside!

We will keep learning about the last letters of the Alphabet; S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z.

The last week of school is going to be our Spirit Week! We will have fun activities for each day of that last week such as Crazy hair day, Crazy sock day, etc. I will let you know a schedule of the events.



The last day of the school year is May 21<sup>st</sup>. We are having a special class to say goodbye to our friends who are moving on to new adventures next year! Look for more information in your email. Noelle, Fox, and Max, we will miss you, I'm sending you a big hug, and my best wishes are with you in this new phase in your lives.

I'm very proud of all my students: you did a wonderful job this school year and I hope to see you at ISP next school year. I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer. We will get through this tough time! I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Love,  
Ms. Lydia

# 3's & 4's Full Spanish Immersion with Ms. Paola

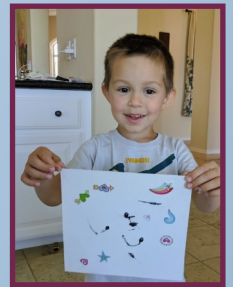
Dear Parents and Families,

We have come to the end of an amazing school year. We are also going through a challenging time and you have been so supportive and kind to the ISP community and to our children - not only these last two months but all year. We became a strong community within our class and I truly feel that we are also an important support system for each other. Let's keep modeling these behaviors and these skills for our children, as it's the best way they can internalize and process them.



May is a short month, but with lots of fun things to learn and explore. We will talk about the Solar System. We will learn facts about the planets, the sun, and the moon. We will play and create our own constellations. We will make a telescope out of a paper towel roll and we'll also make moon sand. Children will explore with craters!

We will talk about Summer Safety. Children will share and discuss ways we can have fun during the summer and at the same time avoid accidents. We will share strategies to stay safe when playing at the pool and during the hot summer days.



Children will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. We will read books, explore different art techniques, and we'll also make a butterfly feeder.



During the next few weeks, we will review and talk about Friendship. An important transition, a big change is coming and I feel it is important to reinforce that we are here to listen to their questions, feelings, and concerns. I will be sensitive and aware when talking about it. I will miss my friends and their families but I am also so proud that they are growing up and ready for new challenges and experiences.

We are planning some fun activities for our Spirit Week that's going to be the last week of school! More information and details to come. We'll keep you posted!

To all my families, thank you so much for a wonderful year and for letting me be part of your child's young life!

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Love,  
Ms. Paola





# A Farewell from Ms. Paola

## To my Dear and Amazing Friends:

**-Chase:** It's so much fun having you in my class! I love that look in your face every time you come up with new ideas.

**-Zara:** You made me laugh so much with your stories. You, my friend, know how to have fun and enjoy your time.

**-Miles:** I feel I know so much about dinosaurs thanks to you, my friend! And thank you for all your wonderful pictures.

**-Leif:** Thank you for keeping me updated with all the superheroes' super-strengths and superpowers. I had fun watching you and your friends using your super speed while running around the playgrounds.

**-Owen:** You are such a kind and thoughtful boy. Thanks for being a good friend to all of us.

**-Olivia:** Thanks for all the fun conversations and time we had together. And thank you for giving me the privilege to get to know your family.

**-Mateo:** You are a fun, helpful and kind boy. Thanks for teaching and showing us your soccer moves and tricks!

**-Caliegh:** I enjoyed seeing you come to school with such a beautiful smile! Thanks for sharing that energy and happiness with us.

**-Niko:** Thank you for all those amazing hugs you gave me throughout the year. They always made me feel good and loved!

**-London:** You have a great sense of humor my friend (and a good taste in fashion). Thank you for making me laugh with your funny jokes!

you share with me and your friends. You kept us busy with fun projects to do!

**-Aurora:** I had fun afternoons with you my friend! And thank for sharing your fun Show and Teach with us.

**-Myra:** Thank you for giving me the privilege of having you in my class during this time. It was great to see all your pictures and projects you did at home.

**-Augusto:** You are a thoughtful boy. Thanks for spending kindness!

**-Mia:** You are so creative and fun. Keep up making your colorful pictures and projects, and please keep sharing them.

**-Savannah:** We had so much fun playing and spending time with you. Thank you for being kind to everybody.

**-Bastian:** Thanks for giving us the privilege to get to know you and become friends.

**-Penny:** Thank you for all the fun moments we had together!

**Levi S.:** Thanks for taking care of animals and nature. And I am practicing all the work out routines you taught me!

**Gavina:** I still remember when you were 3 years old, and wow! You are going to kindergarten!

**Lainey:** Thank you for making me laugh and for helping me and all your friends.

**Leo:** You are kind, sweet, and a good friend. Thanks for showing us respect and love.

**Rodrigo:** You made us laugh so hard with your jokes. Thanks for the great times and memories!



**"You're off to great places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting, so...  
Get on your way!" -Dr. Seuss**

**-Howard:**  
Thank you for  
all the ideas



# Congratulations Graduating Class of 2033!



Zara



Mateo



Caliegh



Gavina



Miles



Penny



Olivia



Howard



Leo



Mia



Noelle



Lainey



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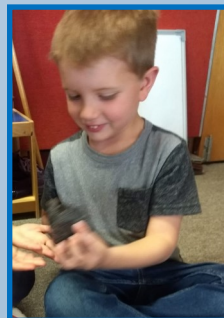
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Owen



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Chase



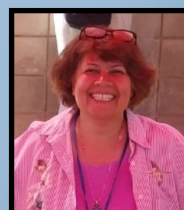
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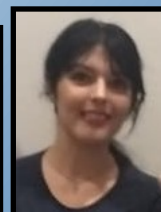
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Ms. Lydia



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Ms. Paola

Best Wishes from  
International School for Peace!