



# November 2019 Newsletter

## Greetings ISP Families,

Our Fall Festival on October 12 was a huge success! I had a great time and hope you did too! Thank you to our hard working volunteers, families, staff and sponsors: Thomas Promotions, Jim Liebeskind, Giachetti Construction, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods at Speedway, Ashlinn Nixon at Skin Narrative, Ruby Face Painting, and Contigo Latin Kitchen. Thank you to Fadi Iskandar for providing beautiful music for the Fall Festival. Many, many thanks to our event coordinator Sharon Liebeskind and her family and friends for a job so well done!

Thanks to ISP friend Ellen Duperret Photography & those families that supported school pictures on October 24 & 25. Your beautiful pictures will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

During this month of November, our classes will focus on kindness and giving. International School for Peace will be supporting Saint Francis Food Pantry during this month. Please consider having your child place a nonperishable food item(s) in the collection box found outside the pre-school office. On Tuesday November 26, one child from each class and I will load up our wagon and deliver your donations to the Saint Francis kitchen located on our campus. Those donations will be distributed by Saint Francis to needy families in Tucson.

The topic of holidays is an important issue that seems to come on fast and furious.

Our staff at ISP recognizes that traditions are a part of our children's world and ignoring them would not be child-centered. Rather than taking part in commercialized activities, our staff would like to focus on "family traditions" to further develop an appreciation of cultural diversity. How does your family celebrate holidays? Do you have a special book you read, foods you enjoy, places you like to go, visitors who come to see you, or family celebrations? Activities to share may also include a special song, photos, stories, a holiday recipe, a fun art experience, or traditional festive clothing. We would love you to share them with us! The best art activities for pre-schoolers are open-ended and allow for "doing one's own thing" rather than making something that turns out to look like something specific. The best cooking experiences allow for a child to take an active role rather than just watching an adult. We are always happy to answer your questions about activities that are "developmentally appropriate" for preschoolers. If you are interested in sharing with us, please discuss with your child's teacher to make arrangements.

I hope your holiday is filled with fun, food, and family!

In Peace,

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.

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month.

***ISP will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day***



**Thank you  
Ellen Duperrett  
Photography**  
We look forward to our  
beautiful pictures!



## Many Heartfelt Thanks to...

- Owen Frank for donating his toys to ISP.
- Kyeri Brooks and Fox for donating puzzles and play food to ISP.
- Entekhab Alsaraji for Costco shopping for the school.
- Otis Brown for landscaping our campus!
- Tamara Khachatryan for volunteering her time to beautify our office and campus.
- Lilia Niccum for organizing our school library.
- Clay Reed and Modustrial for repairing one of our tricycles.
- Julio Santos, Dana Princiotta, Lauren Rosenthal, & Katia Gin for being our picture day volunteers



- Rina Liebeskind for donating musical instruments to the school.
- Sharon and Jim Liebeskind for coordinating our Fall Festival
- Our wonderful Substitute Teachers!
- Khylia Marshall for taking a trip to Bookmans for ISP.

## Attention!!

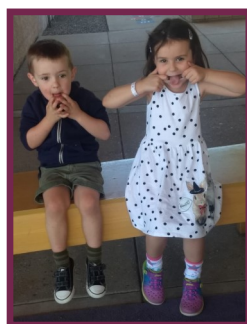


## ISP is a PEANUT & TREE NUT-FREE ZONE

Common nuts include Almonds, Cashews, Pistachios, Hazelnuts (Nutella), Pecans, Walnuts, and Pine Nuts (pesto).

Please be aware of what is in your child's lunch so we can keep our campus safe for every one of our students.

Thank you!



## Cultural Holidays

**American Indian Heritage Month**  
November

**Dia de los Muertos:**  
October 31—November 2

**Mawlid Al-Nabi:**  
November 9-10

**World Kindness Day:**  
November 13

**Transgender Day of Remembrance:**  
November 20

## Wish List

- **A filing cabinet with a lock**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Color Copy Paper**
- **A handy parent to fix our mud kitchen**



**ISP bids farewell to the following students:**

**Lulu from**  
Ms. Paola's  
Class

**Luca**  
from  
Ms. Carmen's Class

**Violette**  
from  
Ms. Maricruz's Class

**See you later, Alligators!**



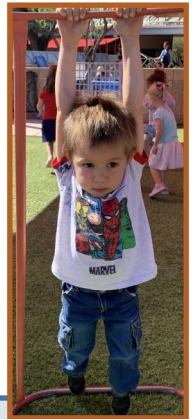
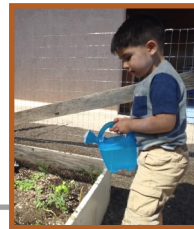
# International School for Peace

## Holiday Service Project



As we head into the holidays, International School for Peace will be sponsoring a holiday service project. We will be collecting *food* for the St. Francis Food Pantry. During the month of November, please help us by placing your items in boxes found outside the preschool office or your child's classroom.

Thank you for participating in our holiday food drive!



### Food items to include:

- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Pasta Sauce
- ☐ Canned Fruit
- ☐ Canned Beans

### Holiday Foods such as:

- ☐ Stuffing Mix
- ☐ Gravy Mix
- ☐ Canned Yams
- ☐ Dried Potato Flakes
- ☐ Quick Bread Mixes
- ☐ Canned Ham



## Inn2 America

St. Francis welcomes back the Inn2 America Project.

They are accepting donations of child sized coats.

*\*Donations can be dropped off in the preschool office.*

## Reminder:

**There is no School**

**November 11th:**

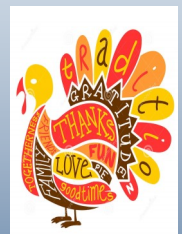
***Veteran's Day***

**November 27th:**

***Teacher Inservice***

**November 28th-29th:**

***Happy Thanksgiving!***





# Welcome to International School for Peace

## Kingston

Ms. Natalie's Class

## Judah

*Ms. Lydia's and Ms. Nooshin's Class*

## Cosme

Ms. Carmen's Class

## Savannah

Ms. Paola's Class

## Duke

Ms. Natalie's Class

## Lena

Ms. Maricruz's Class



**Please add our new students to  
your student directory.**

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# THANK YOU

## Thank You Fall Festival Sponsors!

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*Ruby's Face  
Painting*

**THOMAS**  
PROMOTIONS



Katia Gin

Fadi Iskandar

Entikhab Alsaraji

Shannon Lindemer

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Katia  
Seldner

## Thank You Fall Festival Volunteers!

Lydia  
Seldner

Nooshin Salek

Cathy DeMers

Dale  
Riggins

Jim  
Liebeskind

Kristin  
Iyescas

Sarah  
Salek

Nathan  
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## Thank you Fall Festival Donors!

- The Sims Family for donating gourds and candy corn
- Leif's Family for donating pumpkins
- Mariel Perkins for donating crepe paper
- The Esposito Family for donating cider
- Everyone who donated books for the book walk!
- Lindsay Johnson for donating candy corn
- Christine and Caellum Gery for donating candy and baking for our bake sale
- Shannon Lindemer for donating candy corn and apple cider, and baking for our bake sale
- Lindsay Dyer for baking for our bake sale!
- Barbara Lamm-Eckstein for donating candy corn
- Jessica Novak for baking for our bake sale.
- The Chagaris Family, the Giachetti Family, the Brighton Family, and everyone who gave monetary donations to the Fall Festival.

A giant THANK YOU to our Fall Festival Coordinator

**Sharon Liebeskind!**

We had so many  
amazing helpers!  
We hope we didn't  
forget anyone!



# 2019





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

Pre-care is a service provided to help parents who need an early drop off. This program is held Monday-Friday starting at 7:30 am. Upon arrival, all students will wash their hands. If you have time, please help us with this task. There are two classrooms for pre-care. Ms. Natalie and Ms. Maricruz's students will meet for pre-care in Room 10. These students will enjoy outdoor play beginning at 8:30am each day. Ms. Lydia's, Ms. Paola's, and Ms. Carmen's classes will meet in Room 20 for pre-care. A weekly lesson plan and class schedule will be posted in each pre-care class. Pre-care is a great time to make new friends, eat breakfast, and have fun with a variety of activities.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving!



## Aftercare with Ms. Lilia & Ms. Nooshin

Hello Dear Families,

We had lots of fun in October with dress-up, being silly, and playing around with costumes in the dramatic area.

With the weather cooling and early sunset, our themes will include weather changes, autumn, and holiday celebrations.



November should be a beautiful month with a chance to expand our outdoor time. During aftercare, we spend our time building and re-building structures, jumping, climbing, running, yelling, rolling, and playing chasing games. Students enjoy creating their own games within safe boundaries.

Please be sure with the onset of cooler temperatures your child has warm clothing for being outside. When the weather does not permit or it's dark outside, you will find us in room10

*We believe that in order for children to be "ready" for elementary school, they need to have time to PLAY.*

*-Lisa Murphy*

Please continue to provide an extra snack to enjoy during Aftercare hours.

Welcome Isla, Fox, Duke, and Stella to our aftercare program.

Thank you for your continued support of the Aftercare program.

Love from your aftercare team,  
Nooshin and Lilia





# 2's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Maricruz, Ms. Gabby, & Ms. Holli

Dear Parents,

October is over! Can you believe it? Yes, times flies! Our little ones are independently putting on their shoes, increasing their attention span, and playing with one another as opposed to parallel play.



Thanks a million to all participants at Parent Night. I truly appreciated your presence that night. Thank you for your interest, your support, and your feedback. We will keep doing the best for your little ones.



November is knocking on the door and the plan is to continue taking the children outside to garden. We are trying to grow pumpkins, basil, cilantro, and spinach. We all got very excited when Carter discovered some little leaves in our pumpkin gardening box! We drew on our calendar the date and reviewed what they have learned so far. We will keep watering our plants every day and I will cross my fingers for the microgreens to do as well as the pumpkins.

Besides keeping our pumpkins alive, we will have fun learning about the harvest season and Thanksgiving. Children will be working with

"Gratitude turns what we  
have into enough"  
Anonymous.



corn, decorating turkeys, and learning about gratitude. Because I think it is important to appreciate family and what it gives to us, I will center my attention on showing children how lucky they are to have people who love them and provide for them. As part of this, I will be inviting some of you to share your cultural backgrounds and/or family traditions in our classroom. Please speak with me ahead of time to arrange this visit.

Along with our monthly themes, children will be encouraged to make inquiries and discoveries, to practice counting and seriation, to keep developing motor skills, to practice regulating their bodies, and to have fun sharing memories with their peers. Stay tuned and Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



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



# 3's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Natalie

Hola Queridas Familias,

October went by so fast! It was such a fun month filled with pumpkins and lots of orange.



Big thank you to everyone who attended the Fall Festival; I hope you all had a blast!

November brings us chilly weather and that means **SWEATER WEATHER!** Please change your child's

clothes for more weather appropriate clothing.

Our themes for this month are Thanksgiving, corn, traditions, holidays, giving and kindness. Themes will be emphasized with books, arts & crafts, and songs.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, "Día de los Muertos" is observed all over Latin America. The children will learn why it's more of a celebration of life, we will create a calavera (skull) as a class and make individual marigold flowers.

We will explore corn in our sensory bin with scoopers and paint with corn on the cob. During our circle time we will talk lots about what it means to give, how giving makes us feel and how it relates to kindness.



Thanksgiving brings our families together to share food and laughter; we will explore what is typically served for dinner that holiday and what vegetables or fruits were harvested and

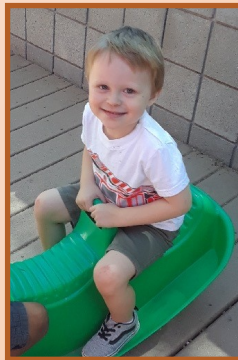
used to make those dishes. Our dramatic area will be turned into a Pie Stand where the children will get to create their own Thanksgiving pies.

We will be traveling around the world with the help of songs and books and learning about how others celebrate holidays and traditions. If your family has a unique tradition that you'd like to share or if you play a



musical instrument and would like to show us your talent, please contact me:

[ngranadosvasquez@outlook.com](mailto:ngranadosvasquez@outlook.com).



The children love to help make our classroom look neat. In November, I will be introducing classroom JOBS! Some of these will include table cleaners, chalkboard wipers, clean-up crew, teacher helper and a few more choices.

This will

encourage responsibility and teamwork.

We are growing and becoming more independent!

As a class we decided to have our own "Spirit Week" on November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

## November Spanish Vocabulary

Corn - Maíz

Holidays - Días festivos

Turkey - Pavo

Kindness – Bondad

Thanksgiving - Thanksgiving

Nov. 25- Mismatch Day! Shoes don't match? Lost your sock's other half? That's OK!

Nov. 26- Pajama Day! Just woke up? Come as you are as we welcome a long break for Thanksgiving.

Warm Regards,  
Ms. Natalie



# 3's Full Spanish Immersion

## with Ms. Carmen



Hola familias! THANK YOU to all the families that attended The Fall Festival; it was a HUGE success!

I want to welcome Cosme Flores to our class! Bienvenida Cosme, we will have many adventures together.

During this month we will continue working on self-care skills. Enabling children to develop skills in self care helps promote independence and supports children in taking responsibility for their own health and well being, as well as promoting the person-centered values of independence. Children love being independent and they feel happy and confident when they accomplish self-care tasks.



Self help skills may include learning to put on your own shoes and outerwear, identifying personal items and taking care of them, participating in classroom cleanup, helping to set the snack and lunch table, and tending to our bathroom needs.

The temperature is getting colder, so please remove the warm weather clothing in your child's cubby and replace it with colder weather clothing. If you receive a pink slip on your sign in page, please check the "soiled clothing " bin found outside our classroom and remove the bag labeled with your child's name. If your child is still having accidents, please be sure you provide 2-3 sets of extra clothing.

November learning themes include kindness, traditions and festivities around the world, corn, and gardening.



### November Spanish Vocabulary:

Maiz = corn  
Arana = spider  
Otono = fall  
Gato = cat  
Negro = black,  
Calabaza = pumpkin,  
Puedo ir al baño? = Can I go to the bathroom?  
Me ayudas? = Can you help me?

We will promote kindness by participating in a service project. Beginning November 4, ISP will be collecting nonperishable food items to support the St. Francis Food Pantry. We are asking families to donate items to include the following: Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Canned Beans, Stuffing Mix, Gravy Mix, Canned Yams, Dried Potato Flakes, Quick Bread Mixes, and Canned Ham. Please consider having your child place a can or two in the marked box located outside the preschool office.

November is also a great time for learning about healthy foods. Corn is a popular food this time of year. Some of the planned activities for our corn unit are: Popcorn Volcano Eruption, discussing different ways we eat corn (on the cob, canned corn, popcorn, etc.), and growing popcorn in a bag.



Another theme that we will explore is festivities and traditions from around the world. We will read books, have discussions, and participate in activities to learn about **Dia de los Muertos (MEXICO)**, **Thanksgiving (USA)**, and **Diwali**, India's Festival of Lights, I want to invite you to share with our class some of your family's traditions during this time of the year.

We will continue practicing numbers 1-10 in Spanish, and the colors : azul, morado, blanco, verde, rojo, amarillo, and negro.

Last but not least I want to thank you all for your donations to our classroom. Thank you to Fleeta's family for the pumpkins, Samson's family for cotton and cinnamon sticks, and Ella's family for oat cereal. Muchas Gracias a todos!



PAZ Ms. Carmen Rivero



# 3's / 4's Language Enrichment

## with Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin

Hello Dear Families,

Queridos Padres y Familia

سلام برخانواده های عزیز

We hope you had a nice Halloween!

Happy November! November is a beautiful month. Our themes will be kindness, holiday, family tradition, corn, and Dia de los Muertos.

In Spanish, students will learn the song "Los Colores," and new words like:

Corn-Elote

Share- Compartir

Turkey-Pavo



We will continue to work with the students on written name recognition, identify basic shapes and numbers 1 to 15.

The children planted seeds in the garden last month and now we are watering, weeding, and watching the newly grown spouts.



In Farsi, Children will practice a finger play and sing a song. They will also learn the name of some farm animals in Farsi. The students will listen to one old folklore story for kids called "The Uninvited Guests."

Welcome back Ms. Jodi, our wonderful Hebrew teacher.

We appreciate all families for your support in creating a positive learning environment. We also want to welcome to our classroom to our new student, Judah! We are very happy to have you here with us.

Thank you for packing healthy food for your child with colorful fruits and vegetables.

Thanks to the Brighton family for donating apples and cinnamon sticks to make our applesauce. We enjoyed making and eating the applesauce.

Please remember that our class is always open to your visits. If you want to share a special activity or just read a book to us, you are always welcome. Just let us know ahead of time so we can plan for you and don't forget to sign in at the office.



Just a reminder: with the winter weather coming up, please be sure that your child has a warm jacket; if possible, please provide an extra pair of winter clothes.

We hope you have the opportunity to enjoy family time over the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

With Love, Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin



# 4's Full Spanish Immersion

## with Ms. Paola & Ms. Zulma

Dear Parents and Families,

Holiday season has arrived! During this month and the month of December we will focus on how people in our community and around the world celebrate their holidays and traditions. I invite all the families in my class to visit us and share your family traditions by reading books, doing crafts, showing pictures, and bringing traditional clothes, music and dances. Children enjoy having special guests and they are always eager to learn from them. If you would like to visit us but feel you need some guidance, please don't hesitate to contact me. Our class will have our Traditional Family Breakfast on Tuesday, November 26 from 9-10 am. We'll get together in our classroom, enjoy a short performance and yummy food!

We will also talk about the concepts of Kindness and Giving. We will discuss ways to be kind to ourselves, each other, and nature, and how this impacts our surroundings. In order to practice Giving and Kindness, and also as part of ISP tradition, we will collect non-perishable food items for the St. Francis Food Pantry. This is a great way to get all our students and their families involved as a supportive community and give to those in need.

As another theme for this month, we'll study

Corn/Maiz. We will do lots of observations and exploring through science experiments and art.

This month I will introduce addition and subtraction and we will keep working on our ABC's in Spanish and Personal Journals.

November and December are short months because of all the holidays and celebrations. Children will start getting really excited about what's coming. As we know, some of them will have a hard time expressing those emotions. I encourage you to make sure your child has enough sleep and food to get through the day. We will see some changes in their behavior but if we work together, we will get through this fun but also challenging time of the year.

I'd like to thank all the families that came to the Fall Festival. My friends told me it was so much fun!

Love,  
Ms. Paola

"For it is in giving  
that we receive"

-St. Francis  
of Assisi

### Many Thanks to...

- Luca for the apple bars, apple, chips, and the book Unlovable.
- Olivia for the apple chips
- Mia for the apple rings
- Niko for the apple bars
- Caliegh for the dinosaur toys, dragon toys, and the puzzle.
- Mateo for the book Dia de los Muertos.
- Zara for the pomegranate seeds
- Lainey's brother and mom, Laura & Logan, for reading a book to us and for the apple butter.

