



Greetings ISP Families,

November 2020 Newsletter

I would like to start off by saying that I was thrilled to see so many families at Back to School Night on October 8th. I appreciate the time you took—your teachers worked very hard to prepare for the evening. I hope you enjoyed yourself as much as I did.

I would like to thank our friends and families who participated in our October fundraising efforts. Sales from our Usborne Book sale exceeded \$500 and the Cookie Dough Campaign raised over \$800 to date. ISP has about 50 boxes of Cookie Dough still available, so if you would like to sell more or join in on this fundraiser, please contact the office. Proceeds from both events will benefit our Teacher Emergency Fund.

Thank you to Ellen Duperret and our families for supporting school pictures on October 28 & 29. Your beautiful pictures will be delivered to you before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Thank you to our Room Moms: Paige, Kristina, Melissa, and Mora for supporting our teachers and their programs.

It's hard to believe that we are entering the month of November. In this year of uncertainty and change, International School for Peace strives to continue providing a consistent, nurturing and predictable environment for our students to thrive in and their families to feel secure about their child care choice. Now more than ever, transitions can be challenging for children. Best practices tell us that providing children with positive routines, setting clear boundaries, offering additional emotional support, and helping children identify their feelings during these challenging times can help with smoother transitions. Our children may need extra support from time to time and families may need new ideas and guidance, so

please let us know how we can help you.

During this month, classes will focus on giving. We will be holding a Food Drive (November 2 – 16) to benefit Saint Francis Food Pantry. Please consider helping your child give a nonperishable food item(s) in the decorated collection boxes found outside our classrooms. Later in the month, 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. Thank you ahead of time for helping with this endeavor.

The topic of holidays is an important issue that seems to come on fast and furious. Our staff at ISP recognizes that though traditions may look a bit different this year, they should still be 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 your "family traditions" to further develop an appreciation of cultural diversity. Do you have a special book you read, song you sing, stories you share, traditional dress you wear, food you enjoy, or family activities that are special for you? We would love you to share them with us! If you are interested in sharing a family tradition or teaching us about your culture, please contact your teacher.

I wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Many thanks,
Cathy

Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."
-Booker T. Washington



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.

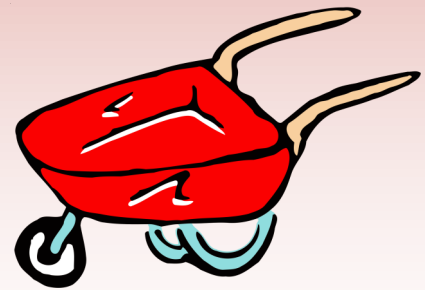
ISP will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day



Fall Spruce-Up Day



**Join us on
Saturday, November 21
9:00 to 11:00**



Volunteer for the event starting November 9th.

Contact ISP Parent

Sharon Liebeskind at 520-954-9076
to find out how you can help!!



**If you are unavailable to attend,
please consider making a donation:**

Water bottles
Paint brushes

Sand paper
Garbage bags

Stiff scrub
brushes

*We would also appreciate the loan
of a pressure washer!*

**Thank you
Ellen Duperret
Photography.**

*We look forward to
our beautiful pictures!*



**A Special
THANK YOU**
to everyone who
supported our
Cookie Dough
Fundraiser!

We hope you
enjoy your delicious
cookies!

We raised over
\$800!



**ISP still has 50
boxes of cookies to
sell! Drop by the
office to purchase
another box today!**

Many Heartfelt Thanks to...

- Mora Hedayati for taking out our recycling every Wednesday!
- Remi McKenzie for repairing and assembling our broken easel!
- Rene Huerta for assembling our 2 new easels!
- Angelo Fausti for translating our website into Spanish—gracias!
- Fadi Iskandar for hanging our new marketing sign!
- Susie Vincent for supporting our Cookie Dough Fundraiser by purchasing a box of cookie dough for each one of our staff members.
- Zach Sahlberg for trimming our trees and landscaping our campus!
- Melissa Miller for hosting our online Usborne book fair.
- Steve Barclay for replacing all of the screens in our classrooms.
- Jim Mullenbach for hanging our wind sock on the grassy playground.



THANK YOU ISP Families

The Shelby Family

The Gonzalez Family

The Pizarro James Family

The Showalter Family

The Perkins Family

The Sacoman Pires Family

The Preble-Gaitz Family

The Thompson Family

The McCorkle Family

**for purchasing books at our
Virtual Usborne Book Fair! We
raised over \$500 and are so proud
to be raising readers!**





Introducing... ISP's Phenomenal Room Parents!

Kristina
Scott

Paige
Turrentine

Mora
Hedayati

Melissa
Lyapustina

Thank you for volunteering your time and efforts to assist and appreciate our valued teachers!



BIENVENIDOS

Ms. Lydia &
Ms. Nooshin's Class

Aiden

Ms. Natalie's
Class

Cecilia

George

Ms. Paola's
Class

Isabel

Welcome

Welcome

Community Directory

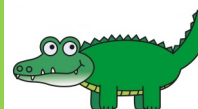


You should have received a student directory in your email mid-October.

Contact the office if you didn't get one!

ISP bids farewell to

August



Isla



See you
later,
Alligators!



November Cultural Holidays

American Indian Heritage Month

Dia de los Muertos:

October 31—November 2

Mawlid Al-Nabi Shi'a: November 3

Diwali Hindu: November 14

Bandi Chhor-Diwas Sikh:

November 14

International Day for Tolerance

November 16

World Kindness Day: November 13

Transgender Day of Remembrance:

November 20

Day of the Covenant Bahá'í:

November 24

Wish List

- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Yellow Copy Paper**
- **Families to purchase more cookie dough**
- **Two faux leather chairs for Cathy's office**



Reminder:

There is no School

November 11th:

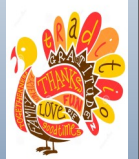
Veteran's Day

November 25th:

Teacher Inservice

November 26th-27th:

Happy Thanksgiving!



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!

We hope everyone takes advantage of the hand sanitizer station at pick-up. It is located outside the preschool gate.

Thank you!



"ISP Gives"

Holiday Service Project November 2nd—16th



As we head into the holidays, International School for Peace will be sponsoring a holiday service project. We will collect *food* for the St. Francis Food Pantry. From November 2nd—16th, please help us by having your child place items in the boxes found outside their classroom.

Thank you for participating in our holiday food drive!

Holiday Foods such as:

- ☐ Stuffing Mix
- ☐ Gravy Mix
- ☐ Canned Yams
- ☐ Dried Potato Flakes
- ☐ Quick Bread Mixes
- ☐ Canned Cranberry Sauce
- ☐ Canned Ham
- ☐ Canned Vegetables
- ☐ Canned Pumpkin



Other food items to include:

- ☐ Cereal & Oatmeal
- ☐ Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- ☐ Granola Bars
- ☐ Canned Fruit
- ☐ Meals in a box
- ☐ Canned Soups
- ☐ Canned Stew or Chili
- ☐ Canned or Dry Beans

ISP Recommends



Precare with Ms. Damaris



Precare supports our parents who need an early drop off starting at 7:30am. This program is held Monday through Friday in Room 22.



Upon arrival, we will continue to check all students' temperatures and they will wash their hands as indicated in our COVID-19 Health and Safety precautions.

Our precare lesson plan and class schedule is located on the window of our precare classroom. Precare offers the great opportunity to make new friends and have fun in a room full of different experiences. At 8:55am, your child's teacher will pick up their students and walk them to their classroom.

Students may enroll in the program or drop in when available. Please contact the office for more information.

Happy and peaceful Thanksgiving!

Kindly, Ms. Damaris



Aftercare with Ms. Nooshin & Ms. Natalie



Hello Dear Families,

It is time to be thankful! We want to go ahead and thank all of you for your support and for the time we are able to spend with your precious ones.

November is a beautiful month. We are really enjoying the cooler weather! We have been doing a lot of outdoor activities in October. The children love being outside.

During aftercare, we spend our time jumping, climbing, sliding, running, yelling, rolling, and playing chasing games. Students enjoy creating their own games within safe boundaries.

Our themes for November will be kindness, family tradition, and corn. We will continue to create daily activities based on the themes and interests of the aftercare group.

Love,
Nooshin and Natalie

Friendly Reminders

- Please be sure with the onset of cooler temperatures your child has warm clothing for being outside.
- Please continue to provide an extra snack to enjoy during Aftercare hours.

2's / 3's Partial Spanish Immersion

with Ms. Natalie

Hola Queridas Familias,

October was such a fun month filled with pumpkins and spiders everywhere. I'd like to thank Angelo Fausti for helping us plant our sunflowers, Paula Garcia for donating a pumpkin to our classroom and lastly Nathan Novak for showing us how to carve a pumpkin!



Whoosh! November brings us chilly weather and that means SWEATER WEATHER. Please change your child's clothes for more weather appropriate clothing and provide an extra pair of shoes.

Our themes for the month are Corn, Holidays & Traditions, and Giving. Themes will be emphasized with books, songs, activities and arts & crafts.

Día De los Muertos is a day to remember and celebrate the life of those who have passed. We will be observing this holiday on Monday, November 2nd. The children will be presented with the opportunity to decorate a sugar skull mask.

We are all very diverse in our backgrounds and where we come from. If your family has a unique tradition or a holiday that you observe in a unique manner and you'd like to share with us please contact me at: ngranadosvasquez@outlook.com

Spanish Vocabulary

Corn – Maíz

Turkey – Pavo

Acorn – Bellota

Leaves – Hojas



Gobble! Gobble! Give!... Giving is one of our themes for the month and we are lucky to be able to continue our annual food drive. There is no better way to teach our littles about giving than teaching by example. There will be a box stationed outside our classroom in which your food items can be placed. Stay tuned for more information.

We will have Thanksgiving Break from November 25th – 27th. It is going to be a short week so we will celebrate by having a "Spirit Week":

November 23 * Wear All One-Color Day – Pick any color and represent it by wearing it from head to toe.

November 24 * Pajama Day – Just woke up? Come as you are as we welcome a long break for Thanksgiving.

I'd like to give a big THANK YOU to Melissa Lyapustina for being an amazing room parent and for her willingness to help.

With Love,
Ms. Natalie



3's Full Spanish Immersion

with Ms. Damaris

¡Hola familias!

Thank you to all the families that attended the Back to School night. Thank you for your support!



During the month of November our themes will include corn, giving and how our families celebrate their holidays and traditions. I invite you to share with us how your family celebrates holidays or a special family tradition; this can be a traditional song or story, traditional dress of your culture, or an activity. If you are interested, please contact me to schedule a visit during our outside time. Please be mindful that you will have to undergo a health check and that only one family member can be present for the activity.



We will be celebrating "Dia de Los Muertos," sharing the traditional "Pan de Muerto," and doing face painting on Monday November 2nd. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this celebration.

Just a few of our monthly activities will include painting with corn, a science project of sprouting Flint corn, and learning about the parts of corn, different types of corn, and who eats corn.



We will continue learning our numbers 1-15 in Spanish and introduce the triangle. Additionally, we will continue to explore seasons, colors, days of the week, and our ABC's all in Spanish.



We are happy to announce that we will continue our "ISP Gives" Holiday Service Project this year. We will be collecting non-perishable food item donations from November 4-November 16 to support the Saint Francis Food Pantry. There will be a drop off box for donations outside our classroom. Gracias!

I would like to introduce our room parent Mora Hedayati who will help me with class communications and needs. Thank you! We highly appreciate your time and support Mora. Also, a special thank you to the Katterhenry family for purchasing books for our classroom.

Happy and peaceful Thanksgiving!
Kindly, Ms. Damaris

Reminders:

- Please label morning and aftercare snacks, lunch, and water bottle.
- Pack a utensil, if needed.
- Our temperatures are getting cooler so please replace the clothing in your child's cubby with clothing suitable for the cooler days ahead.

November Spanish Vocabulary:

Corn - Maíz
Can you help me? - ¿Puedes ayudarme?
Thank you - Gracias
Please - Por favor
Be Kind- Sé amable
Giving - Dar

3's / 4's Language Enrichment with Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin

Hello Dear Families,

Queridos Padres y Familia

سلام بر خانواده های عزیز

Happy November!

First of all, thank you for attending ISP's Zoom back to school night. We enjoyed seeing you!

Our gratitude to Julianna (Aiden's mom) for donating and carving a pumpkin with us last month.

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

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

Corn-Elote

Giving- Dar

Turkey-Pavo

We will continue to work with the students on written name recognition and identifying basic shapes and numbers 1 to 15. The children planted pumpkin seeds in the garden last month and now we are watering, weeding, and watching the newly grown sprouts.

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."

We appreciate all families for your support in creating a positive learning environment. Our annual food drive, "ISP Gives," to support Saint Francis Food Pantry will be held 11/2-11/16. Please consider having your child "give" a non-perishable food item in the box located outside our classroom. More information can be found in this newsletter.

We also want to welcome to our classroom new student, Aiden! We are very happy you are here with us.

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

With the winter weather coming up, please be sure that your child has a warm jacket. Our COVID19 Action Plan states that all students will have two sets of available clothes in their cubby at all times. Please label everything!

We invite families to share their family traditions with us during outdoor classroom times. It could be a memory, family tradition, cultural experience, or a story/song with our students. Just let us know so we can plan with you.

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

With Love,
Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin



4's / 5's Full Spanish Immersion with Ms. Paola

Dear Parents and Families,

The time is going by so fast. We welcome November and the start of the Holiday Season! During this month (and December) we will explore ways other cultures celebrate their holidays. We will also learn what Traditions are and we will share our family's traditions. I

welcome and encourage you to visit our class to show the children how you celebrate these special days with your family. You can read a book, show pictures, make special decorations, sing songs, play music and show traditional food and dances. If you feel shy or time is not available, I'll be more than happy to do the presentation for you if you provide me with the materials.

Giving and Gratitude are concepts we will be discussing and practicing during this

month. I have planned a few activities but I can't share them with you right now because they are surprises (We will be giving back and showing gratitude to our school and to our families). One of our traditions as a school is to collect non-perishable food for St. Francis Food Bank. We will be asking for donations and the children will participate actively to help people in need.

We keep working in our garden! We have plenty of seeds that my students save from their snacks and lunches. Corn plays an important role in art, culture, and lifestyle in so many native cultures. We will explore different kinds of corn and its different names in other countries (choclo, maiz, elote). We will sprout corn seeds, and we will also plant different corn seeds and predict if

the plants will look alike or different.

Our class has been working really hard on their routines and most of the days there is an easy flow thanks to that.. They are showing independence and responsibility throughout the day. It is very important that children are part of our morning routine (arrival, unpacking, washing hands and making choices). This is the time where we get ready for the day and the children have time to socialize with their peers. I know mornings are hard, especially if your child is having a hard time separating from you. What I suggest is to talk to your child about his/her feelings and come up with a goodbye routine that's loving but at the same time quick. For instance: How many hugs would you like me to give you? If you miss me remember the Kissing Hand or make me a picture/card, etc. Goodbyes are hard, and I am here to support you and your child in a loving and kind way. I just want them to feel secure and have the time with their friends which I feel is the most important part of our day.

Pre- Math Skills: We will use different measuring tools (rulers, measuring tape, legos, blocks)
Pre-Reading and Pre-Writing Skills: We will continue working on our Garden Journal, Letters H, T, and L, and tracing and writing sight words

"Blessed are the curious for they shall have adventures"

-Lovelie Drachman

Sending Love and Kindness,
Ms. Paola



Many Thanks to...

- Caliegh for the soil, pumpkin seeds and glue sticks.
- Howard for the books and seeds.
- Ella for the pumpkin decorations.
- Remy for the pumpkin seeds and the goody bags.
- Talulah for the soil and seeds.
- To all the families for joining me during Back to School Parents' Night.
- Remy for the book donation.
- Isabel for the book donation.



November Vocabulary

Traditions: Tradiciones
Holidays: Celebraciones
Giving: Dar
Gratitude: Gritudud
Turkey: Pavo
Dinner: Cena
Corn: Maiz



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Covid-19 Health and Safety

At International School for Peace, we understand that families are entrusting us with not only the education and socialization of their children, but also with their health, safety, and well-being. Our administration, teachers, and staff are doing our part to ensure the safety of everyone who enters our campus. Below is a list of what we are doing in the best interest of the community as a whole. International School for Peace will continue to monitor the current pandemic situation and make updates to our policies as deemed appropriate or mandated.

What Administration is Doing:	What Teachers are Doing:	What Families are Doing:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine cleaning of high traffic surfaces, including toys, throughout the school day. Documentation of routine cleanings is available in the pre-school office. • Administer daily temperature checks before permitting students/teachers/staff onto campus. Persons with a fever of 100.4F or above, or who exhibit other signs of illness, will not be admitted to the facility. • Purchase and use non-contact temporal thermometers for checking temperatures. • Staff will wear gloves while taking student temperatures. • Verbal health checks upon arrival for all staff, students, and families. • Administrators will wash their hands hourly. • Establish separate entry and exit points to the school to encourage directional traffic and decrease crowding. • Reduce our class sizes. • Ensure substitute teachers are ready and available to support the program. • Educate our community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Post signs to demonstrate proper handwashing. ◆ Post signs to remind our community members to social distance. ◆ Share community resources for suspected and confirmed cases of Covid-19. ◆ Make available current parent resources for helping children understand this pandemic. • Ground markers have been placed to aid in physical distancing. • Purchase and use sneeze guards when taking temperatures and in the preschool office. • Continue to implement regular changing of air filters in all campus buildings. • Hand sanitizer stations are set up around the ISP campus for use by students, families, and staff. • Only staff and essential maintenance persons will be permitted in our classrooms at this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote, demonstrate, and teach regular handwashing and hygiene behaviors. • Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a play-based philosophy. • Offer an adequate number of material and supplies which are changed out frequently. • Discontinue the use of soft toys. • Post lesson plans and class happenings in the windows for family viewing. • Teachers will sign children in and out each day to promote physical distancing among adults. • Enforce and model handwashing with soap and water for each child upon entry to the classroom, before eating, after using the bathroom, and at other times throughout the school day or as necessary. • Teachers will wash their hands hourly. • Following recommendations from the CDC and PCHD as well as the emergency proclamation signed by Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, all teachers shall wear face masks with clear windows to allow for social, emotional, and linguistic communication. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediately disclose to ISP director possible contact with or exposure to COVID-19 (PCHD recommends all household members exposed to or diagnosed with Covid 19 stay home to isolate for 14 days). Thereafter, ISP will formulate a plan for your child returning to school. • Ideally, the same adult will pick up and drop off your child every day. • Contact the office if your child or household members travel by air, or travel outside the state and have physical contact with out of state family/friends. We will require you to keep your child away from school for 7 school days and recommend you isolate at home. • When anyone in your household returns from international travel, we require you to keep your child at home for 14 days and recommend that you isolate at home. • Limit your time on the campus to pick up and drop off. Please arrive no later than 9:15 to drop off your child. If you anticipate arriving later than 9:15, please call the preschool office. • Adhere to established entry and exit points. • Leave home toys at home. • If it is necessary for your child to bring a backpack to school, it should be left outside the classroom. • Ensure that your child has two spare sets of clothing (appropriate for the season) in their cubby at all times. • Please be sure that we have a current copy of your child's emergency information and immunization / exemption forms. • Have a backup childcare plan in place should ISP need to temporarily close the campus, a classroom, or extended day program. • Monitor your child for the safe use of

Covid-19 Health and Safety, Continued...

What Administration is Doing:	What Teachers are Doing:	What Families are Doing:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During school hours, students or staff exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 will undergo a health check. Those determined to be ill will immediately be isolated from others. An isolation room or area is available to isolate the child or staff from the group. Jan Pro, our long-time professional cleaning service will clean our campus each evening M-F. They may utilize Med-Metrix, a hospital grade method of disinfecting, and Enviro shield, a spray method of application. A binder of their cleaning protocol and cleaners used is available upon request. Their same employee will clean our campus each evening while wearing coveralls, gloves, and a mask while on our campus. Ensure sufficient supplies of disinfectant, tissues, masks, hand sanitizer, working thermometers, and gloves available at all times. Establish a plan to address should a staff member or student display Covid-like symptoms during school hours. *Director will contact PCHD to report suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19. Director will notify the ISP community of the possibility of exposure to the virus while maintaining the confidentiality of the individual and their family. Although we are utilizing staggered drop off time measures, director will be closely monitoring and may implement a more scheduled staggered pick-up and drop-off time. Pens for sign-in and sign-out are sanitized between uses. In person staff meetings are limited to no more than 10 people and physical distancing requirements are maintained. Reserve the right to make decisions at our own discretion for the health and safety of everyone which may include temporarily closing of the school, a classroom, or extended day program. Length of closure to be determined by ISP Advisory Board and the recommendations of the CDC, federal and local governments, and the Arizona Department of Health, Division of Child Care Licensing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes will remain together and will not mix during our full and half day programs to include outdoor play, with the exception of nap and extended day programs. Immediately separate toys that have been placed in a child's mouth. Toys will be cleaned and disinfected before available for play. During nap time, mats will be spaced as much as possible and students will be positioned head to toe. Children's bedding will be stored in individually labelled bins. Sheets will be laundered once a week or more often, if needed. Promote small groups by discontinuing family class visits and volunteers to the classroom for the time being. Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as much as possible. Teachers will check their temperatures daily before entering the campus. Teachers will wash their hands first thing upon entering the campus. Wear gloves to help children with toileting and while changing diapers, as well as during meal times. Offer virtual Family-Teacher Conferences and back to school nights to limit the number of visitors on campus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following recommendations from the CDC and mandated by Pima County Health Department and Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, all adults and children over the age of 6 admitted to the campus shall wear a mask or face covering to cover their mouth and nose. Please keep your child home if they are feeling ill, have a temperature, or are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 which may include but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever or chills Cough Fatigue Headache Sore throat Diarrhea Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Muscle or body aches New loss of taste or smell Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting Students who stay home or are sent home from school due to illness will remain home from school until they are fever free without the use of a fever reducer and symptom free for 72 hours. A doctor's note may be required. Practice physical distancing by remaining 6 feet apart outside classrooms and adhere to ground markers. ISP discourages the use of personal bedding for nap time. Personal items that support a child's sense of security, ability to transition, self-regulate, or calm down are considered essential. Please speak with the director to establish a protocol for the use of these items. Ensure that your emergency contact information is always current. Please call the preschool if your child is sick or if she/he is not coming to school for any reason. Make use of resources available to you on the preschool campus; we are here to support you in helping your child understand coronavirus. Please have your own pen on hand to use if needed.

*Updated 10/1/20. Covid-19 Health and Safety Procedures and Protocols are updated regularly and as necessary.

Please be diligent about keeping abreast of new information.