



November 2023 Newsletter

Hola Families!

Did you enjoy the Fall Festival?

I sure did! Let's give a big round of applause to Event Coordinators Meredith Keller and Serenity Wu, along with the many volunteers, sponsors, and donors. A big thanks to Rose Canyon Band, Spinning Wheel Duet, St. Francis, Red Diamond Party Rentals, Farmer Tyler Steele and his hayrides, and our wonderful families and friends for supporting this fun event. Thanks also to Ventana Vista Honor Society and Catalina Foothills HS volunteers for all your help that day.

A big thanks to ISP longtime friend and photographer Ellen Duperret for once again taking our school pictures. Pictures should be arriving in the next few weeks. A portion of the proceeds will go to ISP. Thank you!

It's hard to believe that we are entering the month of November. International School for Peace strives to provide a consistent, nurturing, and predictable environment for our students to thrive in and their families to feel secure about their childcare choice. Transitions will be challenging for children. Best practices tell us that providing children with positive routines, setting clear boundaries, offering emotional support, and helping children identify their feelings can help with smoother transitions. Children may need extra support from time to time and families may need new ideas and guidance to address these needs, so please let us know how we can help you.

One more time.....thank you for keeping your sick children at home! Please contact the preschool office if your child needs to stay home for any reason at all, and if your child needs a COVID Test, we have a limited number available in the office. Special thanks to Pima County for these tests.

During this month, classes will focus on what it means to give to others. We will be holding a donation drive for Pima Paws for Life, a local animal shelter. Beginning November 1 – 15, please consider supporting your child to place an item in the decorated collection boxes found outside our classrooms. A list of needed items can be found in this newsletter. Please contact the office if you can help deliver the donations to the shelter on November 16. 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 although traditions may look a bit different for every family, celebrations should still be part of our children's world and ignoring 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. We look forward to seeing you!

I hope these holidays are filled with family, friends, food, and fun!

*In Paz,
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.

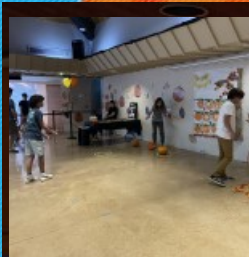
Reminder:

There is no School on **Friday November 10th: Veteran's Day**

Wednesday November 22nd: Teacher Inservice

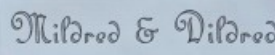
November 23rd-24th: Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, participants and contributors to the ISP 2023 Fall Festival!!



FALL FESTIVAL 2023

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Adios to Vivian Olvera
Adios to Oswa Isar

We will miss you!



Bienvenidos to Lillian Scott!!

Mom: Katie Scott (520) 409-6896

Dad: Andrew Scott (520) 481-0599

Ms. Siria's Class

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Please add this information to your directory!

Saint Francis in the Foothills creates space and opportunities for children to explore playful creativity, spirituality, grow in their gifts, and become a part of a community of love. Their Sunday morning K-5 program includes eco awareness, mindfulness and creating art in many forms.

For more information, contact Shar Aslaksen at saslaksen@stfrancisumc.org or 360-485-5185.

Heartfelt Thanks to....

- WENDY FOR HER DONATION OF A BOOK.
- SHANLEIGH SULLIVAN FOR HER LIBRARY TIME.
- ELLEN DUPERRET AND DUPERRET PHOTOGRAPHY FOR TAKING CLASS PICTURES.
- DAN LANDAU FOR HIS INSTALLATION OF A NEW GATE ALARM SYSTEM.
- THE MORAN FAMILY FOR PICKING UP NEW COVID TESTS AT PIMA COUNTY.
- JANE PESQUEIRA FOR TWO MONTH'S WORTH OF GROUND COFFEE.
- MS. LYDIA FOR TREATS FOR THE STAFF.
- MS. CATHY FOR TREATS FOR THE STAFF.
- MATHIEU STEMMELN FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES.
- THE KELLER FAMILY FOR TREATS FOR THE STAFF
- PAULA GARCIA FOR SHOPPING
- DOROTHY SHOWALTER FOR CRAFTING BEAUTIFUL PLAY APRONS FOR THE SCHOOL.
- THE VAN WINKLE FAMILY FOR A DONATION OF GIRLS' CLOTHING.
- NICK THOMAS FOR LANDSCAPING AND RESTORING OUR
- MUD KITCHEN SINKS AND PUPPET SHOW STAND.
- LILIBET SANDERS FOR BOXES OF TISSUES.
- MELISSA GERKIN FOR HER LIBRARY TIME.
- ST. FRANCIS FOR ROOM USAGE.
- LAURA ALDAG FOR HER CONTINUED DONATIONS.
- DEB KORNMILLER FOR HER GENEROSITY WITH MANY DONATIONS.
- HAMED ISAR FOR LANDSCAPING.
- SCOTT ZEHNER WITH KITTLE CONSTRUCTION FOR BATHROOM MAINTENANCE.
- THE LANDAU FAMILY FOR HELPING WITH OUR RECYCLING.
- AZUCENA PERRY AND SHALESE MAYS FOR HELPING US WITH GETTING ALL THE PHOTOS TAKEN!!
- THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL STAFF!
- ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL FAMILIES WHO SHOW UP EVERY DAY AND BRING YOUR SMILES AND YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR RESOLVE TO BE THE BEST POSSIBLE PEOPLE YOU CAN BE!! WE APPRECIATE YOU





November Cultural Holidays:

Día de los Muertos: 11/1-2

Election Day: 11/7

World Kindness Day: 11/13

International Day for Tolerance: 11/16

Transgender Day of Remembrance: 11/20

Thanksgiving: 11/24

Day of the Covenant Bahá'í: 11/26

Smart Snacking!

Please be sure to pack something healthy for your child's snack each day.

Here are some ideas:

- A banana, apple slices, berries, or other fruit
- Whole grain crackers and cheese
- Veggies with Hummus
- Applesauce
- Pretzels
- Yogurt pouch or tube
- Snap pea crisps
- Sunflower Seeds
- Hardboiled egg
- Protein muffin (nut free, of course)

ISP Wishlist:

- ♦ Gently used interesting pots, pans, and utensils for the mud kitchen
- ♦ Copy paper— standard white, apple green, and canary yellow (not cardstock, please and thank you)
- ♦ Donations to our November Pima Paws for Life Service Project (see list of needed items on next page....)
- ♦ Washable Glue Sticks



ISP is celebrating 20 years of Preschool Language Immersion.

We are seeking a committee of 3 or 4 community members to plan a celebration in the Spring of 2024.

We want to celebrate this milestone with everyone. Let us know if you're able & willing to help plan an exciting and memorable event!



“ISP Gives” Holiday Service Project: PAWS for LIFE November 1st–15th

As we head into the holidays, International School for Peace will be sponsoring a holiday service project! We will collect items for Pima County’s PAWS for LIFE. Please help us by having your child place items in the boxes found outside their classroom.

- Canned cat/kitten food (classic pate)
- Canned cat/kitten food with gravy (Friskies grilled and shreds)
- Cat toys and scratchers
- Bathmats (for kitty condos)
- Fabric Softener
- Dryer Sheets
- Original Dawn Dish Soap
- Puppy pads
- Kirkland GROUND canned dog food (Costco)
- Natural Balance limited ingredient with chicken and sweet potatoes (canned and dry)
- Nature’s Recipe grain free chicken and sweet potatoes dry dog food
- Baby Food (Beef, Chicken, Turkey, or Sweet Potato w/ NO SEASONINGS)
- BRAUN lens covers for ear thermometer.
- Latex Gloves (small and medium)
- Large Ziploc storage/freezer bags
- Towels / washcloths / rags

ISP Recommends...



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Supplier of
our chairs
for the
Fall Festival.



ELLEN DUPERRET
photography

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**Gratitude Family
Challenge**

*(Thanks to Parent
Shanleigh Sullivan for the
recommendation)*

Precare

Hello Parents:

We are headed into November full speed. We are excited for all the activities planned by the classrooms this month. During Precare there's always plenty of activities such as art, prewriting tasks, story time, building and dramatic play.

One of the first tasks at arrival is to wash our hands. Children have really gotten into that routine and hand washing properly.

⇒ November 22 Staff Inservice

⇒ November 23-24 Thanksgiving Break

Thank you for your support and feel free to contact me with any questions concerning the precare program siriaesq@gmail.com.

Muchas Gracias!

Ms Siria and Ms Lulu

Aftercare

Our aftercare program offers extended hours for families needing extended care.

Our two year olds meet in room 10 (Miss Vanessa's Room) and our 3, 4, and 5 year olds meet in room 30/31 (Miss Lydia's Room).

Aftercare offers circle and story time, center exploration, snack time, lots of socialization, art, and outdoor play.

At 4:00pm both groups come together to meet at the Room 10 playground.

Weather permitting, the group plays outside until 5:00-5:30. Children end their day in Room 10.

Aftercare closes at 6:00pm promptly.

Drop-ins to aftercare are based on availability. Currently, aftercare is filled to capacity.

Friendly Reminders

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

Younger 2's Partial Spanish Immersion

Queridas Familias,

October was filled with so much fun and joy! Thank you to everybody who supported us this month at our fall festival, I was so happy to see most of my kids there enjoying decorating their pumpkins. In class we have continued to practice class rules and routines. Their patience and willingness to participate and follow directions at mealtimes has really impressed me, and I am very proud of their progress.

November is one of my favorite times of year, we are very excited to experience the changing of the weather and enjoy this month's festive themes.

Special Thanks to Sofia Wintzer for gifting us a bag of soil for our garden, we appreciate it so much!



Our first theme this month will be the season of Fall. We are going to be collecting a variety of leaves from outside and observing them with a magnifying glass. I will teach the kids how leaves change colors and fall off trees during this season and use real leaves to show them how the color changes as they dry out.

Our second theme is going to be Corn. At our sensory table we will be peeling the husk off ears of corn. We will then be removing the corn from the cobs and transferring the kernels into different containers by pouring. This will be to work on coordination and motor skills.

Our third theme will be November Holidays and Traditions. We will be discussing the Mexican holiday of Day of the Dead and the traditions that are associated with it. We will also be discussing the Thanksgiving Holiday, and the foods that we enjoy during thanksgiving dinner. We will spend some time giving thanks to what we are grateful for.

Our last theme of the month will be the theme of Giving. They will learn that giving to others can not only make them happy, but make you feel happy as well. Giving thanks will also be something that we explore. I have picked out a few different books to read about this topic, and a special activity to practice the spirit of giving.

Some activities will include:

- ◆ Sugar Skull art
- ◆ Making a card for a classmate
- ◆ Painting with cobs of corn

Songs of the month:

- "You are my sunshine"
- "I'm thankful"
- "Orange, yellow, red and brown"

Our books of the month include: *Thankful for my World*, *Thankful for my Body*, and *Feliz Accion De Gracias*.

Our November wishlist:

Fall Stickers for the kids to practice sticking and peeling them. Thank you to anyone who donates.

Reminders:

We ask that you please bring a new winter set of clothes to keep in your child's cubby. I am also going to begin to teach the kids independence by showing them how to open and close their own lunchboxes and food containers. I ask that lunchboxes and containers aren't overly complicated so that they do not struggle to open and close them. I also ask that we only put 1-2 ice packs in their lunchboxes, as sometimes the lunchboxes can get too heavy for the kids to lift and carry by themselves.

Thank you very much, I wish you all a wonderful month and Thanksgiving break!

Mrs. Vanessa

Vocabulary

Corn - Elote
Turkey - Pavo
Leaf - Hoja
Tree - Arbol
Skull - Calavera
November - Noviembre



Important Dates:

- 11/10: Veteran's Day (No School!)
- 11/22: Teacher InService Day (No School)
- 11/23-24: Thanksgiving Break (No School)



For more photos of the class, please click [here](#).

Older 2's Partial Spanish Immersion

It has been a great school year so far and now the holidays are upon us! It brings us such joy to come to school every day where there are loving, bright children, and supportive parents all around.

Our first week theme is Dia de los Muertos, a Mexican Tradition. We will read books and create some fun art such as decorating a skull with cereal and other materials.

In our second week of November our theme will be holidays and traditions. We will discuss and share about our own family traditions and what we do at holiday time. We will read books and do art activities. I welcome any family who would like to share a family tradition or part of their culture with us. Let me know if you want to participate and we can schedule a time. It could be something as simple as reading a story, teaching us a new song.

The third week's theme is Thanksgiving. We will talk about this holiday and ways families celebrate it. We will do very creative art activities and explore books such as I am Thankful, and Llama Llama Gives Thanks.

The fourth week's theme is corn. Children will learn how corn grows and different ways it can be used on farms and at home. We will have fun with corn painting and creating a corn mosaic.

Thank you so much to Lucinda Birmelin, Vera Moreno, Kiernan Malek, Tao Welborn, and Elena Steele for the many book donations to our classroom. Gracias!

Also thank you to our wonderful room parents Mead Meir-Welborn and Sofia Wintzer for organizing the International World Teacher celebration for me and also acknowledging my birthday!

Our new song: "The More We Get Together" / "Amigos de Verdad."

Please provide eating utensils for snack/lunch, if needed. Please remember to check outdoor cubbies for daily communication as well as your child's art creations. If you receive a pink slip, please check the soiled clothing container found on the top shelf of our outdoor cubbies.

Please continue to work on potty training at home, kids are doing great at school!

I appreciate you providing at least two sets of clothing for school. It really helps during the potty-training process.

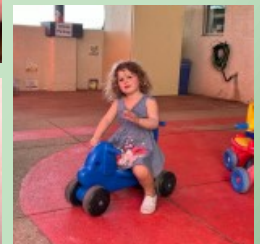
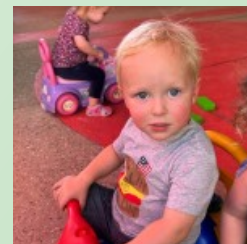
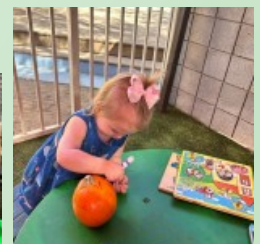
Muchas Gracias!

Ms Siria



Vocabulary introduced:

- ◆ Skull / Cráneo
- ◆ Skeleton / Calavera
- ◆ Flowers / Flores
- ◆ Picture / Foto
- ◆ Thanksgiving / Accion de Gracias
- ◆ Family / Familia
- ◆ Food / Comida
- ◆ Giving / Dar
- ◆ Corn / Elote
- ◆ Kernel / Maiz
- ◆ Brown / Café
- ◆ Orange / Anaranjado
- ◆ Red / Rojo
- ◆ Yellow / Amarillo



To see all of Ms. Siria's Photos, click [HERE](#)

3's Full Spanish Immersion

Hola Families!

During the month of November, we will explore: Fall, corn, giving to others and ourselves, Thanksgiving, the celebration of Dia de los Muertos, and our family's holidays and traditions. If you are interested in sharing a family or cultural tradition, I would be thrilled to schedule your visit. All visits take place outdoors. Activities might include sharing a special song or book.

We will celebrate "Dia de los Muertos" by sharing the traditional "Pan de Muertos," and doing face painting on Thursday November 2nd. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this celebration that honors our loved ones who have passed away.

Our monthly activities will include painting, a science project of sprouting colored corn, learning about the parts of corn, the different types of corn, and who eats corn.

I will be introducing numbers 1-20 in Spanish and the circle and triangle shapes. Additionally, we will explore seasons, colors, days of the week, and our ABC's. All our curriculum will be presented in Spanish.

November Spanish Vocabulary:

- Corn - Elote
- November - Noviembre
- Give - Dar
- Circle - Círculo
- Triangle - Triángulo

I would like to thank room parent Melissa Gerkin for helping me with class communications and needs. Thank you! We highly appreciate your time and support!

November brings us chilly weather and that means SWEATER WEATHER! Please check your children's cubby and exchange their extra clothes for clothes

that are weather appropriate.

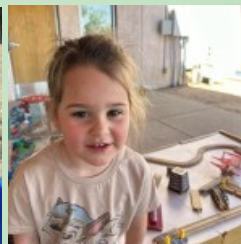
ISP is closed on November 10th for Veteran's Day, November 22nd for Teacher In-Service Day, and November 23 and 24th for Thanksgiving break.

Happy and Peaceful Thanksgiving!

Kindly,

Ms. Damaris

To see all of Ms. Damaris' photos please click [HERE](#)



Kind Reminders:

- Please provide two labeled full sets of labeled clothing in a bag inside the cubbies to be kept at school for accidents.
- Please send food in easy to open containers. The children are so proud when they can do it all "on their own."

Special Thanks To:

- Melissa Gerkin for donating a big pumpkin and coming to carve the pumpkin with the children.
- Ludmila Clarke for the donation of little pumpkins.
- Ms. Cathy for visiting our class and reading a book about Halloween.

3's Partial Spanish Immersion

Happy November!

I want to thank all who attended the Fall Festival! I was happy to see you!

We have many exciting things to explore in November.



"Día De Los Muertos" is celebrated on November 1-2. This Mexican tradition includes parades and gatherings to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed away. We will taste the traditional pan de muerto.

We will explore and learn about corn (maíz) through art, identifying and naming the parts of corn (husk, cob, kernels), learn about different types of corn and their many uses on the farm and in our lives. We will taste cornbread!

We are going to explore and talk about Fall and reinforce our themes with songs, books, and activities.

Lastly, we will explore our family traditions. I invite you to schedule a time to share your culture or a family tradition with us. It could include an art project, a special song, special clothing, or book that reflects your cultural or family traditions. I hope you will consider participating in this outdoor event.

I will also introduce what it means to "give" to others. Our entire school will be holding a service project and collecting items for Pima Paws for Life, an animal shelter. Please consider having your child place a requested item in the decorated box outside our classroom starting November 1. A list of requested items can be found in this newsletter.

I will be introducing numbers 10 to 15 in English-Spanish while continuing to reinforce numbers to 9. We will continue exploring seasons, songs, fingerplay, and the alphabet in English-Spanish during circle time.

I would like to give special thanks to the Radovic family for donating two bags of soil to our class and to November Prentiss for being an amazing room parent!

Reminders:

- Please label morning and aftercare snacks, lunch, and the water bottle!
- Pack utensils, if needed.
- Our temperatures are getting cooler, so please replace the clothing in your child's cubby with cooler weather clothing.

To see all of Ms. Zulma's photos please click [HERE](#)

Gracias!
Until Next Time!

Ms. Zulma



3's/4's Partial Spanish Immersion

Hello Dear Families (Queridos Padres y Familia),

Bienvenido Noviembre!

November is already here, and it's going to be great with nice weather and more good times to spend with our families are coming. Our themes will be Día de los Muertos, giving, Family Traditions, and Corn.

In Spanish, students will learn the song "I'm Thankful" and introduce the new words:

- * Pumpkins - Calabazas
- * Corn - Elote
- * Share - Compartir
- * Turkey - Pavo
- * Kindness - Bondad



I will continue to work with the students on written name recognition, identifying basic shapes in English and Spanish, and counting and identifying numbers to 15 in English and Spanish. We will also continue with our calendar discussions.

The children planted pumpkin and wildflowers seeds in the garden last month. Now we are watering, weeding, and watching the newly grown sprouts. We also closely observe Rosie, our sweet potato that is inside our classroom. We are so excited to see the roots and leaves sprouting.

We will create a Altar de los Muertos for Dia de los Muertos. Your child is invited to bring in pictures of your loved ones that have passed away. Please feel free to include pets. I realize this may be a sensitive topic for some children so discussions will be handled mindfully. Participation is optional.

"Giving" will be a topic for November. Our school will be hosting a donation drive for Pima Paws for Life animal shelter. Your child may donate the requested item to the box outside our classroom beginning November 1. A list of the requested items will be displayed on the box. Thank you.

I'm very thankful to all families for your support in helping me to create a positive learning environment. Your wonderful book donations for our classroom were so appreciated! My gratitude to those who attended the fall festival. I enjoyed it and the kids seemed happy to see their friends and families outside of school hours.

Thank you for packing healthy food for your child with colorful fruits and vegetables. We are always talking about eating healthy food and its benefits for our teeth and body. Children take pride in their understanding of the benefits of healthy eating habits.

Just a reminder to please switch our warm weather clothing for cloth that will be more suitable for the cooler months ahead. Please be sure that your child has a warm jacket; if possible, please provide an extra pair of winter clothes.

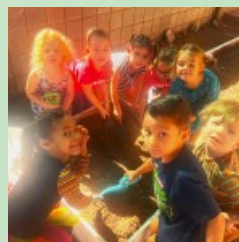


We hope you can enjoy family time over the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

With Love, Ms. Lydia



To see all of Ms. Lydia's photos please click [HERE](#)



4's/5's Full Spanish Immersion

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you for attending and supporting our Fall Festival! It was so good to see you and I had a great time playing Bingo with all of you.

With the arrival of November, we officially welcome the season of Holidays and Traditions (that will continue next month too). We will launch this month celebrating Dia de los Muertos. Our class will create an "Altar" to remember and honor our loved ones (family members and pets) who have passed away. Children will be able to bring pictures to set on the Altar and we will make colorful artwork to decorate it. My friends will also be able to share their pictures and memories in front of the class. I will read books about this topic, and we will learn how other countries in Latin-Americans celebrate this Tradition.

We will use our senses to explore Autumn/Otono and this Holiday Season. Children will make a list of things we can see, smell, taste, hear and feel during this time of the year. Our class will also keep track of any changes in the weather that we can observe and feel. Children are enjoying working with graphs, so we'll make one to record our observations. We will sing "Otoño Llegó" and "The Leaves on the trees."

Corn/Maíz/Choclo/Elote is another theme for this month. We will plant corn seeds in soil, sand and rocks. Children will make predictions about which one of the seeds will successfully grow. At the grassy playground we will pretend we are kettle corn popping until we become popcorn. To end this unit, we will make popcorn/palomitas de maiz and we'll read "The Popcorn Book" by Tomie de Paola.

Each year, around this time, ISP gets involved in Community Service. This year we will be supporting "Pima Paws for Life". Our class will decorate a donation box that will be located right outside our classroom. We'll also post a list of items they need to take proper care of the animals. This is a great opportunity to get not only our students and families involved, but our extended community. It is also a learning experience for the children about "Giving". We'll talk about the concept of "Giving" and we will discuss ways we can give to others and to ourselves.

I'd like to invite all our families to visit our class and share with us holidays and traditions you observed at home. How you celebrate and embrace these special days, food you eat, music you dance and listen to. Visits can be short and simple, books, pictures, games, art projects (we can take care of that if there's not enough time), etc. If you or any other family member would like to be part of these activities, please contact me and together we can set up a good day and time for the visit.

Pre-Writing and Pre-Reading Skills: Children will continue to practice tracing, writing, and recognizing their names and friends' names. I will present the ABC's lower case for those friends who are interested in practicing it. Children will keep practicing snipping and cutting with scissors. I've noticed that my students are spending more time at the writing table making clearer and more detailed pictures!

Pre-Math Skills: We'll keep reinforcing the skills we worked on during the past few months. Also, during this month I will introduce "Addition". We'll be adding different kinds of manipulatives related to our monthly themes. Students will also sort materials by size, color, or category (farm animals and wild animals).

I'd like to thank the following families and friends:

- ⇒ Janis and her family for donating soil for our garden and more books and a puzzle.
- ⇒ Maerida and her family for thinking of us on World Teachers' Day.
- ⇒ Amelia and Mary for donating foam leaves for art projects.
- ⇒ Alumni Eleanor Katterhenry for reading books to our class.
- ⇒ Agnes and Avery's sister Teagan and their Grandparents for reading books to our class.
- ⇒ To our wonderful families in our class, thanks for your support and generosity.
- ⇒ To Ms. Lulu, for all her love and support.

**Special thanks to my
Volunteers for *Dia de Calabazas***

- ⇒ Shawna Allenegui
- ⇒ Amanda Gilman
- ⇒ Darren Cusanovich
- ⇒ Matthew Litschi
- ⇒ Rachel D'Acquisto



Vocabulary:
Noviembre: November
Otoño: Fall
Hojas: Leaves
Clima: Weather
Plantar: To plant
Regar: To water
Celebrar: Celebrate
Holidays: Dias Festivos
Dar: To Give
Comunidad: Community

"Never get tired of doing little things for others, sometimes those little things occupy the biggest parts of their hearts."

-Unknown

Sending Love and Kindness

Ms. Paola

To see all of
Ms. Paola's
photos
please click
[HERE](#)



Health Action Plan

Updated
10-02-2023

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, staff, and families 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. ISP will continue make updates to our policies as deemed appropriate or mandated.

What Administration is Doing:	What Staff is Doing:	What Families are Doing:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ Jani King, a professional cleaning service, that cleans our campus each evening M-F. When directed they may utilize a hospital grade method of disinfecting. In the event that a hospital grade method of disinfectant needs to be used, families will be notified. The same team will clean our classrooms each evening. • Follow current CDC/PCHD guidelines and recommendations in regard to confirmed cases of contagious diseases. • Establish separate entry and exit points to the school and encourage directional traffic at high traffic times.. • Set up hand sanitizer stations around the ISP campus for use by students, families, and staff. • Ensure only staff and essential persons have access to classrooms at this time. • Ensure sufficient supplies of disinfectant, tissues, masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves are available at all times. • Establish a plan should a staff member or student display symptoms of illness during school hours. Plans may include release from school, isolation, a Dr.'s note to return, and/or mask wearing. • Ensure regular changing of air filters in all ISP buildings. • Post notifications for the community when a communicable disease has been confirmed and reported. • Share community resources to access assistance and education about vaccines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support children who wear masks. • Disclose to the Director should a staff member have close contact, display symptoms, or test positive. • Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a play-based philosophy. • Invite families to participate in outdoor activities. • Promote, demonstrate, and reinforce healthy hygiene habits. • Model and reinforce effective handwashing with soap and water for each child upon entry to the classroom, before/after eating, after using the bathroom, and at other times throughout the school day. • Post lesson plans and class happenings in the windows for family viewing. • Clean and disinfect classroom toys frequently. • Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as much as possible, weather permitting. • Unless essential, discourage nap bedding from home. • Vaccinate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclose to ISP director should your child contract a communicable disease such as COVID19. A plan will be set into place for your child's return to school which may include recommendations of PCHD/CDC. • Limit your time on the campus during pick up and drop off. • Adhere to established entry and exit points. • Ensure that your child has two spare sets of clothing at school. • Provide the most current copy of your child's emergency information and immunization / exemption forms. If COVID vaccinated, provide updated record. • Monitor your child for the safe use of hand sanitizer. • Commit to staying abreast of school communication. • Keep sick children home and contact preschool office of absence. • Ensure having a backup childcare plan should your child need to stay at home due to illness. • Understand what personal items support a child's sense of security, ability to transition, or self-regulate and are considered essential. Speak with your teacher about having items at school. • Vaccinate.