



October 2019 Newsletter

Hello Families,

Thanks to all of you who attended the Parent Night on September 20. The teachers and staff did a wonderful job preparing for the event. I hope you all enjoyed visiting the classrooms and hearing information about our programs. Thank you to our School Advisory Board for donating refreshments.

My sincere appreciation to our families and staff and Saint Francis friends who helped to make our Spruce Up Day on September 28th such a huge success. We painted, fixed, cleaned, and pruned away much over growth along the perimeter of our school. Thanks to Marissa Basch for coordinating this event.

October will be a busy month! Our class themes will include pumpkins, apples, bats, spiders, Fall, farm, and many multicultural traditions

Speaking of traditions, Photographer and ISP friend Ellen Duperret will be on campus October 24 and 25 for our annual School Picture Day. A portion of the proceeds will help fund our scholarship program. More information will be available at Parent Night and order forms will be sent home in early October.

As we inch closer to cold & flu season, we would like to gently remind parents to keep children who are ill at home. State

regulations tell us that a child with any of the following symptoms shouldn't be in school: A fresh cold, runny nose with yellow or green discharge~ Red throat or an infected eye ~ Persistent cough ~ Vomiting or Diarrhea ~Temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher ~Contagious or questionable rashes ~Any communicable disease or infection

Also, please call us if you are keeping your child home so we can notify your teacher. Preschool office number is 299-8908. We also must post information on communicable diseases on the Parent Board and keep track of illnesses for the Department of Health. I'll be submitting my annual immunization data report to PCHD in early November. Please be sure that the preschool office has copy of your child's most correct immunization record or exemption form.

In peace,
Cathy

We need more kindness, more compassion, more joy, more laughter. I definitely want to contribute to that.

-Ellen DeGeneres

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.

Community Directory



You should have received an ISP Community Directory in your inbox. Please contact the preschool office if you did not.





When: Saturday, October 12th 3:00-6:00

Where: St. Francis Community Center

Tickets are on sale now in the ISP office! : \$5 per children 2-14

Under 2 and accompanying adults are Free

Volunteers are Needed!

Bake Sale

Face Painting

Food Trucks

Fall Photo Booth

Multi-Cultural Fall Themed Activities

Donations would be greatly appreciated. Items to donate are:

Apple Cider

Nut-Free baked

Bags of

Candy Corn

Small
Pumpkins

Gently Used
Preschool-
Aged Books for
the Book Walk

goods for the
Bake Sale

Gourds

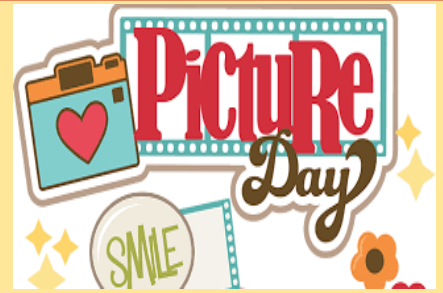
Monetary Donations are also happily accepted

Contact Sharon Liebeskind @ 520-954-9076
if you have any questions.



Ellen Duperret Photography

will be on campus
October 24 & 25
to take individual and classroom pictures.

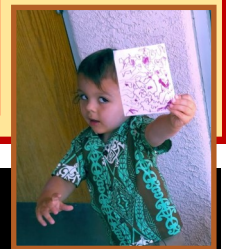


Payment forms and information were distributed at Parent Night and will be attached to every student's sign in/out sheet.



The deadline for picture orders is **Monday, October 21.**

ELLEN DUPERRET
photography
WWW.ELLENDUPERRETPHOTOGRAPHY.COM



ISP Recommends

Healthy balms,
lotions, & potions
for mamas & babes

Mamalunaorganics.com



MAMA LUNA ORGANICS

Sunday, October 21

10am—3pm

Environmental and
Natural Resources 2
Building



—ARIZONA—
INSECT FESTIVAL

**Caress a caterpillar, build a
clay bug, and enjoy a meal-
worm taco!**



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES
Entomology

Whitten Construction Inc.



It all starts with the foundation.

Divine Journey Yoga



*Yoga practice, not yoga perfect.
Start where you are.*

Classes are held at St.
Francis every
Monday and Wednesday
at 9:00am & 10:30am.

\$8

Mats are provided.

Costumes & ISP

Halloween is in the air, however, wearing costumes to school presents many issues such as costumes being lost, damaged, or forgotten at school.

Most importantly, many costumes and masks present safety hazards as well as distractions for our students.



For the safety of the children,
we ask that costumes, masks,
and candy be left at home.

Wish List

- Copy paper of all colors
- Pumpkins and gourds of all sizes
- Small haystacks
- Scarecrows
- Volunteers for the Fall Festival

THANKS!!!!

Cultural Holidays

Rosh Hashanah: September
29– October 1

Yom Kippur: October 8-9

National Coming Out Day:
October 11

Canadian Thanksgiving:
October 14

Indigenous People's Day:
October 14

Sukkot:
October 13-20

Diwali:
October 27



HOWLAPALOOZA

2019

Friday, October 25

6:00—9:00pm

Hosted by St. Francis
in the Foothills

4625 E. River Rd.

Bean Bag toss
and other grue-
some games

Food
Court &
Bake Sale

Trunk
-or-
Treat

**DROP IN AND WE
GUARANTEE YOU'LL
HAVE A FANGTASTIC
TIME!**

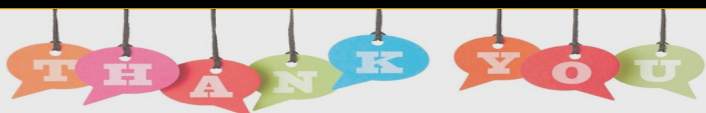
Scary
Movies

Bounce
House

Pumpkin
Decorating
Contest

Happy Halloween!





Thank You

so much to everyone who supported our Mid-land Fundraiser. We raised \$900 for multicultural classroom materials.

Orders are on their way. When they arrive, we will notify you and you may pick up your items from the front office.



Friendly Reminders



Please make sure your child has 1 or 2 extra pairs of clothes in their bin.

If your child stays for aftercare, please designate a separate snack in their lunch box specifically for the afternoon.

Welcome to International School for Peace

Caliegh

Ms. Paola's Class

Amilia Iyescas

&

Stella Iskandar

Ms. Maricruz's Class

Contact information can be found in the main directory.

Flynn

Thompson

Ms. Maricruz's Class



Please add these students to your student directory.

Welcome

Dana Princiotta to International School for Peace's Advisory Board!

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Thank you!



- Dana Princiotta for donating white copy paper to the office.
- Paola Sagar for donating kitchenware for our mud kitchens.
- Art Evans for securing the handrail on the Room 10 playground.
- Cathy DeMers for donating file folders and bins to the school.
- Debbie Kornmiller for donating holiday cards to the school.
- Entikhab Alsaraji for Costco shopping for the school.
- The Brighton Family, the Lindemer-Garcia Family, and the VanWinkle Family for donating clothes for our students.
- Khylia Marshall for sharing seeds with our teachers and students.
- Susan Menezes for donating books to our school.
- Mariel Perkins for donating large boxes for our students to paint and play in.
- Norm Weber for his monetary donation to our school.
- Adolph Whitten and Whitten Construction for fixing our door and our Room 22 faucet.
- Tamara Khachatryan for cutting scrap paper for our writing tables.
- Nicola Esposito and the Silva Family for donating snacks to our school.
- Susan and David Wilkinson for donating large books to our library.
- Cathy DeMers for donating books to our school library.
- Melissa Miller for running our Fall Book Fair.
- Shannon Lindemer and Family for donating refreshments for ISP's Parent Night.
- Otis Brown for landscaping our campus.
- Jane Pesquiera for donating teacher resource books.
- The Peterson Family for donating books from the Book Fair to the ISP Library.
- Mariel Perkins for sharing her limes with our school community.
- Jane Pesqueira for donating teacher resource books to ISP.
- Paola for donating coffee to the ISP office.
- Neal Frank for installing a sidewalk by our pre-school office!
- Laura & Curt Aldag for their monetary donation to our scholarship fund.
- Nathan and Marlene Thompson-Avelino for building a new fence around our school garden!



A Special Thank you ...

... to everyone who volunteered at our Usborne Book Fair:



**Nia
Fenn**

**Dana
Princiotta**

**Tamara
Khachatryan**

**Taylor
Saltzgaver**

**Joncarlo
Iyescas**

**Mariel
Perkins**

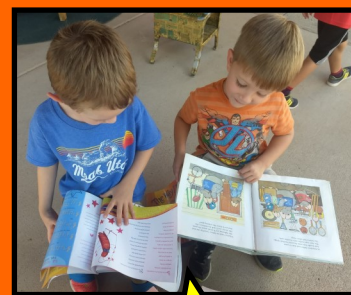
**Emma
Shaffer**

**Lauren
Minor**

What a success!

We earned \$270.00 to support our Teacher Emergency Fund.

We love that we are raising readers!



A Huge Thank You...

... to the following people for helping on Spruce-Up Day!

Fadi Iskandar

Veronica Sims

Emma Shaffer

Celia Preble-Gaitz

Lilia Niccum

**Nathan Thompson-
Avelino**

Paul Brighton

The Perkins Family

Paola Sagar

Elsa Tadeo

**Thank you so much for
donating supplies and
snacks!**

Christine Gery

Joanna Vero Gage

Clark Gillette-Russo

Shruthi Shashidhar

Paige Turrentine

**And a special thank you to Spruce-Up day coordinator,
Marissa Basch!**

**The school
looks
beautiful!**

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

Precare is a service provided to assist families who need an early drop off. This program is held 7:30-9:00am Monday-Friday.



We offer two precare calasses this year. Ms. Natalie and Ms. Maricruz's kiddos will play with Ms. Holli in Room 10. These students will enjoy outdoor play on the Room 10 playground each day starting at 8:30. Ms. Lydia's, Ms. Paola's, and Ms. Carmen's classes will meet in Room 22 under the supervision of Ms. Jane and Ms. Carmen.



The current weekly lesson plan and daily class schedule are posted in each precare class. If possible, please assist your child to wash his or her hands upon arrival. Precare is a great time to make new friends, eat breakfast, and have fun with a variety of activities.

Happy Fall!

-Jane, Carmen, and Holli

Aftercare with Ms. Lilia & Ms. Nooshin

What an awesome start to the new school year!

It has been so fun getting to know each of the students better as well as to interact with all the parents.

Aftercare program will still offer two awesome classes. Ms. Natalie and Ms. Maricruz's kiddos will play with Ms. Lilia in Room 10. Ms. Lydia's, Ms. Paola's,

and Ms. Carmen's students will meet in Room 23 under the supervision of Ms. Nooshin.

You may have noticed that starting 9/16, after 4:45pm, Ms. Nooshin's class and Ms. Lilia's class started combining for the last hours or so of the day.

Depending on the weather or number of students, you will find the entire group either on the Room 10 playground or in Room 22. Room 22 is just next to the big climber.

The lesson plan and Daily Schedule are posted on our main class bulletin board.

During the month of October, we will continue to learn routines, get comfortable in our learning environments, learn about each other, and improve in our self-help skills, all while incorporating October themes: apples, pumpkins, farm, fall, spiders, and bats.

We play outdoors a lot! Please be sure your child has a light sweater or jacket for the cooler, late afternoon temperatures.

Please remember to pack and label enough food for an afternoon snack. Pack a utensil if needed. We will help children to refill their water bottles when needed.

Aftercare ends at 6pm! We appreciate your timely pick-up.

It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you.

Love from your aftercare team,
Nooshin and Lilia



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

Hello Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are at the end of September, the month passed so quickly! We started the month learning about dental care. We brushed, brushed, and brushed all week. Then, we learned about our families and Mexican Independence Day. We ended the month introducing the Autumn in the desert.



During the week of dental hygiene, children got to explore a scale mouth and brushed it with a huge toothbrush. They loved cleaning some small dinosaurs made of plastic with a toothbrush and soapy water. I used some of the egg cartons Debbie Kornmiller donated to brush away alphabet germs and the rest to play dentist. I stuck Play-Doh in the egg carton and the kiddos removed it with a stick (thank you Debbie!). Children had fun making a mouth with construction paper and marshmallows as teeth and they were amazed with the experiment: What Does Sugar Do to Our Teeth?

In this experiment, we put two eggs in two different glasses. We poured dark soda in the first glass and commercial lemonade in the second one. We then waited for 4 days.

The results were impressive: in the first glass the dark soda stained and cracked the egg shield, the soda then got inside the egg and covered everything with a black jelly substance. In the second glass, the one with the lemonade, the egg shield developed a layer similar to dental tartar, jagged and yellowish; children were fascinated touching it! I am sure the egg experiment would be a good experience to encourage our kiddos to brush their teeth after a sugary snack.



I then, let children explore their environment with some costumes and toys. They loved to dress up and do pretend play. With the pictures I gathered from all of you, we created a house for each family. They got very excited every time I showed the pictures in class. No matter how many times I showed the pictures, I always got faces with a wide-open smile.



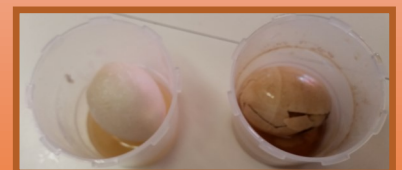
During Mexican Independence Day, one of my favorite holidays, we decorated the classroom in green, white, and red in honor to the Mexican flag. We also had our first food experience: "*Aguas Frescas*," a popular Mexican drink made of fruits. Only a few children did not try the drink "*Agua de Jamaica*," but most of them drank the beverage and keep asking for more. They did better with the "*Agua de Limon*," since it was basically regular lemonade.

We ended the month with the introduction to the Autumn in the desert, windy days, changes in the sun light, and the weather were our topic of exploration. We introduced children to gardening. September was fun and we also welcomed new children now it is time to get ready for new discoveries.

October will be full of gardening projects, math, pumpkins, and Halloween! To move forward and successfully throughout these projects, I will need your support. I will be growing microgreens and will be in need of the following supplies: potting soil, shallow containers and spray bottles. For further projects with the children, I will be collecting cardboard tubes (toilette paper, paper towels, aluminum foil, etc.). So, please do not throw them away, but bring them to Room 10. Juni's mom already brought many items to the class, thank you so much!

Your 2's Team,

Maricruz, Gabby, and Holli



3's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Natalie

Hola Familias,

September was such a fun month of introducing and exploring new things! Our main theme was FAMILY. The children have really enjoyed being able to share stories of their families, pets, and places they have visited. We also focused on sharing and taking turns. I am generally pleased with the progress of my young friends.



Dental hygiene was introduced into our classroom with the children having the opportunity to paint on the easel with toothbrushes. Special thanks to Dr. Natalia Williams for the generous donation of toothbrushes. We discussed healthy food choices for our dientes/teeth.

We welcomed Ms. Nooshin into our classroom to teach us Farsi each Wednesday and Ms. Alice to teach us music alternating Tuesdays/Fridays.

On the 16th of September we observed Mexico's Independence Day by making GUACAMOLE and eating it for our snack with tortilla chips. We learned about the flag and listened to traditional Mexican music.

An introduction to gardening was made by growing a small sprout from pinto beans inside a Ziploc bag and later transitioning it into a cup. This was a great way to get the children excited about gardening which is planned for early October. We will be growing pumpkins and sunflowers.

Thank you to all the parents that came out to visit us for Parent Night. It was a great success and glad we



are all working together to encourage the children to learn and explore.

Thank you to those who came out on Spruce-Up Day to beautify our school and our

classroom. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

Thank you to Susan Menezes for donating books to our classroom!

In addition, I will continue to encourage and reinforce students to do all that they successfully do for themselves!

Our October themes will include Farm and Fall, apples and pumpkins, and bats and spiders.

Our themes will be reinforced with books, songs, art, and a variety of activities. Our farm unit will include learning the names (Spanish and English) of farm animals and identifying pictures of a variety of farm animals. We will have a farm scenario set up in dramatic play. We will do a taste test of red, yellow, and green apples to determine which we like best. We will plant pumpkins seeds in our garden, carve a real pumpkin and taste their seeds, and lastly we will decorate pumpkins. We will learn fun facts from books about bats and spiders and create our very own spider prints! Whew – it will be a busy month!

Once again thank you all for your trust, help, and support!

With Love,
Ms. Natalie

P.S. Please remember to take any art work out of your child's cubby/backpacks.

P.P.S. Please send utensils, if needed and an extra snack if your child is enrolled in aftercare.



October Spanish words:

Farm—Granja
Cow—Vaca
Hen—Gallina
Pumpkin—Calabaza
Apples—Manzanas
Fall—Otono
Leaves—Hojas
Spider – La Arana
Bat - El Murciélago

3's Full Spanish Immersion with Ms. Carmen

Hola familias! THANK YOU to all the families that attended the Parent- Teacher Night, thank you for your support and confidence!



Welcome to Ms. Jodi our Hebrew teacher, BIENVENIDA! We are very excited to start a new school year with Hebrew classes, beautiful traditions and delicious recipes.

I would like to invite you to the Fall Festival on October 12, 2019

from

3:00 - 6:00 PM at the Saint Francis Community Center. Tickets go on sale in the preschool office October 1st, 2019.

During this month we will work on self care skills. We're so often in a hurry and it's so much easier to do things for children, but slowing down and helping them do it for themselves is a very important part of growth and development and it has huge benefits! The time and effort you invest into encouraging self care is a sure way to help your child feel capable. Learning to get dressed, brushing teeth and other simple self care tasks help children develop a sense of au-

tonomy and responsibility. Furthermore, it encourages independence and self-confidence as the children realize all of the things they can do on their own.

Ms. Carmen's wish list:

flour
baby oil
cinnamon sticks
Oats
used plastic bags
different types of seeds
soil for gardening

Some self care skills we have planned: putting on shoes, help set the table, learn their own last name.

The temperature is getting colder, it's the perfect time to introduce our next unit: FALL. By participating in the experiences provided throughout this unit, chil-

dren will become more aware of changes that take place in the fall and common fall activities.

Many learning experiences have been planned to promote an awareness of imagery that are associated with October such as pumpkins, cats, bats, and spiders.

Some of the October activities planned include:

Carving a pumpkin, creating designs with pumpkin seeds and glue on paper, planting pumpkin and other seeds, and learning about spiders and other insects.

Do you know the difference between insects and spiders? Most insects have three body parts and six legs. Spiders have two body parts and eight legs. To support this theme we will create spiders out of a variety of materials in the art area.

Another unit that we will explore is Farm Animals. The children will be learning the many different ways that farm animals help us. They will also become aware of the difference between pets and farm animals.

We will continue practicing numbers 1-10 in Spanish and review vowels A and E, and introduce the letter O of Octubre = October

Please remember to label all your children's belongings, bring a water bottle every day and utensils for snack and lunch.

Muchas gracias!
Ms. Carmen Rivero



October Spanish Vocabulary:

arana= spider
otono= fall
gato= cat
anaranjado= orange
negro= black,
granja=farm.
calabaza=pumpkin,
zapato=shoe
Puedo ir al baño? Can I go to the bathroom?
Me ayudas? = Can you help me?

3's / 4's Language Enrichment

with Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin

Hello Dear Families

First of all, thank you for coming to the preschool and visiting your child's classroom on Parent Night. We enjoyed seeing you and hope you enjoyed seeing our classroom and meeting other families.



Thank you so much to:
The Gery Family
The Esposito Family
The Brighton Family
The Brogden Family
**for gifting books to
our classroom!**



continue to adjust to school life!

Farm life will be a big theme this month! We will learn about farm animals, the importance of farm production, and the interesting life cycle of chickens.

We will be exploring apples and why eating fruits is so important. The class will make yummy applesauce. If you are interested in helping that morning or donating supplies for the activity, please contact Ms. Lydia.

We will be investigating pumpkins and ask that all students bring in a small pumpkin no later than 10/22. To wrap up the month, we will be counting, categorizing, and learning fun facts about spiders and bats.



Queridos Padres y Familia

October is here!

During this month, we will explore the themes: fall, farm, apples, pumpkins, bats, and spiders. We will enjoy books on the subjects, sing songs, participate in open ended activities, and of course, make lots of art.

We will continue focusing on self help skills such as hand washing, unpacking and packing up our lunches, independence with toileting, and participating in clean up time as we



During the morning class, we will sing new songs, "La Arana Pequenita," and "Mariposa," and continue to add more colors to our daily song "Los Colores."

For those children who show interest in pre-emerging reading and writing skills, we offer new letters through different activities that reinforce letter recognition and their associated sounds. Also, we will continue recognizing our first name in print and spelling the letters aloud, and then move on to our last name.

In math, the children will continue to identify basic shapes and numbers 1 to 12.

In Farsi, the students will learn about the Fall season in Iran. We will introduce the colors of Autumn leaves in Farsi.

Additionally, the students will listen to one of the oldest stories kids called "The Rolling Pumpkin."

Welcome Caellum Gery and Max Niccum to our classroom.

Finally, the kids love to jump, run, and climb. Thank you for supporting their gross motor development by having them wear socks and sport shoes.

Thank you for packing healthy snacks with drinking water for your child each morning, lunch, and aftercare if your child stays. Remember to send utensils please, if needed.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please feel free to contact us at: lseldner@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

We hope you have a wonderful time this beautiful season.

With love,
Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin

سلام بر خانواده های عزیز

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4's Full Spanish Immersion

with Ms. Paola & Ms. Zulma

Adios Septiembre y bienvenido Octubre! During September, we had a lot of fun celebrating Mexico and Chile. We read about their cultures and we listened and danced to their folklorico music.

This month, we will explore and learn about Guatemala and Nicaragua (their independence day was Sept. 15). Each month I will present one or two countries to I can immerse the children in other cultures. We will continue talking about Autumn and



the subtle changes we will see in our alrededor like how the days are shorter and cooler, some trees are changing color, etc. We will also discuss how Fall looks in Tucson compared with other cities around the country. La Granja/Farm is another fun theme that the children will really enjoy! We'll talk about how farms provide us with different kinds of products and services. We will also talk



about the people who work at the farm and their responsibilities. It's Calabaza Time! And that means in Ms. Paola's class we will make pumpkin playdough and a pumpkin volcano! On Thursday, October 24th I will need 3 parents to help me from 9:15—10am with our "Dia de Calabaza." I

will set up 3-4 stations in my classroom and each one will have an activity (math/science, art, reading/writing). The class will be divided up and the children will rotate to participate in all activities. If you would like to join us for some fun and learning experiences, please contact me!

To wrap up the month, we will be exploring and learning many fun facts about bats and spiders!



Dia de los Muertos is November 1st. Every year, my class embraces this tradition by making an "Altar." In many Latin American countries, this is the day when they celebrate and honor their ancestors by remembering their loved ones who have passed away. They offer them food, fruits, flowers, and music. If you'd like your child to be part of this celebration, please send a picture of a family member or pet that has passed away. They will have a special place on our altar. I will be very sensitive while doing this activity. During the past years, I felt the children and their

families enjoyed sharing their pictures and talking about happy experiences they had with their loved ones and/or pets. It is a good way to embrace their feelings too. Again, this activity is optional and if you have any questions or concerns, I'll be more than happy to talk to you. I'll need the pictures by 10/25. The Alter will be open the week of 10/28-11/1 to whoever would like to admire it.

In math, we will count groups of objects using one-to-one correspondence. We will also work on recognizing numbers 1-10 and their symbols.

In Science we'll follow the Scientific Method for our science experiments and we'll be recording our observations using pictures.

In October, children will start working on their personal journals.

I'd like to thank all the families who attended Family night and those who came during Spruce-Up Day. The time you invest in our school is always appreciated!

Love,

Ms. Paola



Big Thanks To:

- ⇒ Luca for the soil
- ⇒ London, Luca, & Penny for donating glue sticks and scotch tape
- ⇒ Debbie (Caliegh's grandmother) for her generous donation to our class.
- ⇒ Mateo, Luca, Leo, Levi V.G., Christiano, & Olivia for donating books to our classroom.
- ⇒ All families who came to volunteer at Spruce-Up Day!