



September 2019 Newsletter

Hello Peaceful Families!

Our sixteenth school year is off to a great start! I would again like to welcome our new families and welcome back our returning ones! Thank you for choosing International School for Peace for your child!

During this month of September, we will introduce our enrichment classes. Ms. Alice Pringle, our multicultural music teacher will return for her thirteenth year and will sing and dance with us every week on alternating Tuesday and Friday. We will have fun with Ms. Nooshin Salek and her wonderful Farsi program each Wednesday. Librarian Annie Wicks from Dusenberry-River Library will visit for a special story time the first Tuesday of each month. Ms. Ana Maria Noyes will share Spanish Art enrichment on Thursday mornings with Ms. Lydia and Ms. Carmen's class. Ms. Jodi will join us for Hebrew in October. Classes are looking forward to outside gardening once the weather cools down a bit. Do you have a green thumb? If so, your child's teacher would love to hear how you can help with the class garden. Whew - we are a busy pre-school!

Mark your calendars! Please join us on Friday, September 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 for Parent Night. This is an adult evening with time for visiting your classroom and hearing from your teacher. There will be information tables and opportunities for you to further get to know our

community. I hope to see you there!

Calling all ISP Friends and Families! Our Fall Spruce Up Day is Saturday, September 28 from 8am - noon. There is always a lot to do on Spruce-Up Day such as paint, fix, and clean but our big effort will pruning back the brush around our preschool walls and repairing our garden fencing and covering. We are looking for a truck to haul debris, wheelbarrows, and pruning tools. Please join us to help make those areas safer and more fun for the kiddos. Thank you to ISP parent Marissa Basch for coordinating the event. Sign up sheet will be available starting next week in the sign in area.

Our Midland Fall Fundraiser is underway! Your orders will be accepted in the office thru September 16th. Teachers have sent a catalog home for you. Please consider placing an order and encouraging your family members to do the same. All proceeds go toward the purchase of multicultural materials for our classrooms.

Lastly, I'd like to welcome back to our school Ms. Zulma Nunez who will be Ms. Paola's assistant in our 4's Full Spanish Immersion class.

*En Paz,
Cathy*

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
-Ben Franklin*

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

NO SCHOOL
September 2
Happy Labor Day!



Midland Fund Raising

Together • Everyone • Achieves • More

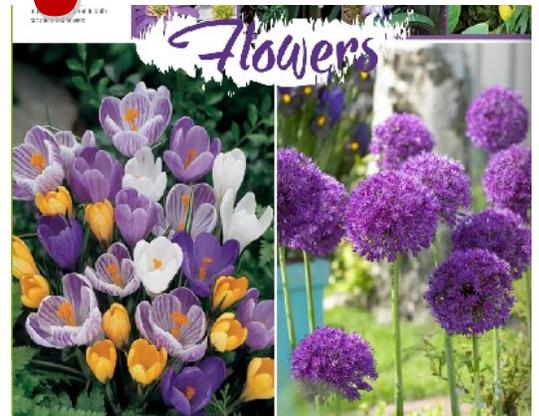
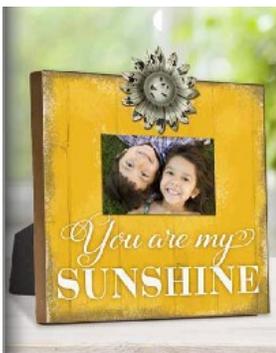


International School for Peace is partnering with Midland Fund-raising this year from **August 26th through September 16th**. A Holiday Wishes Catalogue has been sent home with your child. Please consider making a purchase and supporting our school. ISP will get 50% of the profit back. There are also free prize incentives! Proceeds will go toward the purchase of class materials such as manipulative, puzzles, and multicultural materials.



If you want to share our fundraiser with friends and family, go to www.reg.fundraisingshoppingcart.com
Under Seller Registration, use the School ID: S8791509

Thank you for supporting our school!





**Usborne Books
will be at ISP for our annual
Books & More
Book Fair.**

When:

September

16-20

8:30—4:00

*Other shopping
times available at
your request.

Books will be available
for purchase and will
help our school raise
money for classroom
materials.

Where:

International School
for Peace Front
Porch

Starting today, you can buy books online at

www.ReadMoreUsborne.com/1361513

We invite you to share the link with family and friends.

Orders ship to the US.

Contact Melissa Miller at melissa@readmoreusborne.com with questions.

***Tuesday—Thursday (Sept. 17th, 18, and 19th) will be
“Cash and Carry” days where you may purchase books at ISP and
take them home immediately!***

Parent Night / Open House

Our Sixteenth Annual
Parent Night is

Friday, September 20th
6:30-7:30.

Parents and staff will start the evening under the blue awning.

Parents are invited to first visit their child's classroom, but are encouraged to explore all classrooms throughout the evening. There will be information for you to browse. Feel free to bring a friend who may be interested in joining our preschool community.

Refreshments will be provided by
International School for Peace Advisory Board.

Please be advised this is an evening for parents, so we encourage you to make childcare arrangements.

**We can't wait to see you
there!**

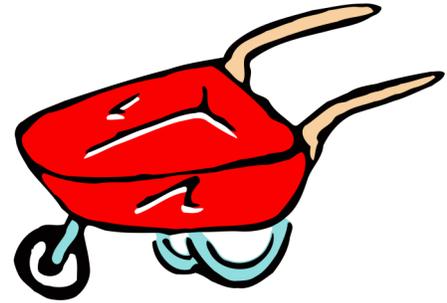




Fall Spruce-Up Day



Join us on
Saturday, September 28
8:00 to 12:00



Volunteer for the event starting September 3rd. Information can be found at the sign-in table outside of Room 10.



Contact ISP Parent
Marissa Basch at 347-776-6875
to find out how you can help!!



Bring a shovel, pruning tools, a wheelbarrow, and a friend with a truck!

Announcements

Snake & Bee Season

It's that time of year, so please take caution when allowing your child to play outside the preschool gated areas on the St. Francis grounds. We encourage you to use the sidewalks and beware of our desert surroundings.



Late Pick Up

Half day pick up is at 12:00, full day pickup is at 2:30, and aftercare pick up is at or before 6pm. Late pick ups are charged \$1 a minute. Chronic late pick up may jeopardize your enrollment at ISP. Please consider enrollment in our after care program if necessary.



Recall

This recall involves Contigo Kids Cleanable water bottles. The base and cover of the clear silicon spout will always be BLACK. Only black color spout base and spout cover models are included in this recall. The water bottle's clear silicone spout can detach, posing a choking hazard to children. Click [here](#) for more information.



ISP Wants to Thank:

- Adolf Whitton and Whitton Construction Inc. for overseeing our Room 22 modifications.
- Architect Chuck Meyer for submitting plans and acquiring permits for our Room 22 modifications.
- Marissa Basch for her donation of a tricycle, ride-on toys, a truck, and a shopping cart.
- Laura Aldag and Curt for their generous donation to our scholarship fund.
- The VanWinkle family for donating drawing paper to our writing tables.
- Katlyn Hannan for donating potting soil to our gardens.
- Christine Gery for donating clothes and books to our school.
- Fadi Iskandar for repairing our garden shade and blowing our grassy playground.
- Bahareh Sollenbarger for the delicious bagels for our staff.
- Elsa Tadeo for donating a wooden step-ladder to our school.
- Pastor Jim Wiltbank and the St. Francis staff for their continued generosity and support.
- Natalya Williams for donating toothbrushes to our school!

Enrichments Commence...

The week of September 3rd!

We look forward to starting our adventures in Farsi, Gardening, Music and Reading!



Language @0n11 Linguaggio ЯЗЫК
 Γλώσσα Język ത്തമംനം: بولى لسان
 ቋንቋ ገጽገጽ 方 a Lenguaje
 Langage 地球仪 ভাষা 言語
 भाषा భాష 地球仪 Ngón ngữ اللغة
 Linguagem Wika 地球仪 언어
 Sprache 语言 地球仪 Bahasa 언어

Please remember to ask your child about what they are learning.

Smart Snacking!

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

Here are some ideas:

- A banana, apple slices, grapes, or other fruit
- Whole grain crackers and hummus
- Carrot sticks
- Applesauce
- Pretzels



Wish List

- A small book shelf
- White copy paper
- Gently used clothing sizes 2T-4T
- 2-Seat Couch (not fabric please)
- Bags of organic soil: "Patio Plus Premium Outdoor Potting Mix"

ISP Recommends



Whitten Construction Inc.



It all starts with the foundation.

*Made in
the Shade*



Do you love your preschool?

Please consider ...



**Liking us on
Facebook,**

**writing a
Google Review
for us**



and rating us on Great Schools!

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



Precare is a service provided to help our parents who need an early drop off. This program is held Monday through Friday. Upon arrival, all students will wash their hands. Please help us with this task if you have the time!

There are two classrooms for precare. Ms. Natalie's and Ms. Maricruz's classes will meet for precare in Room 10. Weather permitting, these students will enjoy outdoor play beginning at 8:30 each day.

Ms. Lydia's, Ms. Paola's, and Ms. Carmen's classes will meet in Room 22 for precare.

A weekly lesson plan and class schedule are posted in each precare class. Precare is a great time to make new friends, eat breakfast, and have fun in a room full of different activities.

At 8:55am, your child's teacher will pick up their students and walk them to their classroom. Ms. Maricruz's class will transition inside.

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

Aftercare with Ms. Lilia & Ms. Nooshin

Welcome parents and students to the new school year!

Whether you are a new or returning family, we are excited to have you in our program.

For more information about us and the ISP family, please visit the school website at:
www.internationalschoolforpeace.com

We will start the aftercare program with 2 classes this year. Our 2-3 year-olds working on potty training will meet in Room 10 with Ms. Lilia and children who are 3 or older and potty trained will meet with Ms. Nooshin in Room 23. After 5 PM, the two classes will be combined at either the grassy playground or the room 10 playground.



Our program is nut free.

Our lesson plans and daily schedules are posted on our class bulletin board. During the month of September, we will continue to learn routines, get comfortable in our learning environments, learn about each other, and improve in our self-help skills. We expand our

theme to include family, sharing toys, practicing taking turns, and being kind to each other.

We would be delighted if families want to share an activity or a story with our classes. Please speak with either of us ahead of time.



Please remember to check your child's cubby outside their day classroom each day. Don't forget to pack and label enough food for an afternoon snack and bring water bottles. Remember to send a spoon please, if needed. If you know you will be running late to pick your child up, please call the office and leave a message.

Thank you to Abby's dad for donating drawing paper.

We are looking forward to a great and fun filled year!

Love from your aftercare team,
Ms. Nooshin and Ms. Lilia

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

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to an exciting new school year! We have many new experiences planned for our little ones and for parents too, from discovering new ways to be more independent, to exploring new ways of having fun.



This month we covered the unit “All About Me.” We had fun drawing our shapes and learning about our bodies with songs and hands-on activities. We discovered our heads, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, shoulders, knees, hands, and toes. Then, the children learned new art techniques while making a collage and then turning it into a doll - their doll. They thought it was fun to see their own face on the little doll's face. I also discovered they were capable of managing quantities; two eyes, one nose, etc.



Thank you so much Christina Crosby for the office supplies, we all love them. I want to specially thank Ms. Gaby and Ms. Holli for all their support and hard work, for making my inclusion into the ISP team easy.

In September, one of my favorite months of the year, we will be learning about dental hygiene, Mexican Independence Day, and family. For Mexican Independence Day, we will be making aguas frescas, a traditional Mexican beverage made of fresh fruit mixed with water and sugar. We look forward to this multicultural cooking experience. I'm also excited to see what the children have to share with me about their families; what they tell me will help shape new activities within the classroom. We are expecting a fun month and I will keep you posted on our continued adventures in classroom 10.

Thanks to all of you for trusting us with the most precious gift in your lives.

Ms. Maricruz, Ms. Gaby, and Ms. Holli



3's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Natalie

Bienvenidos Familias,

Our theme for the month of August was ALL ABOUT ME. During this month we focused on learning our names, body parts, colors and numbers 1-10.

It has been an amazing beginning of the school year with the children having such joy exploring the activities in the classroom. We are all truly getting to know each other as the days go by and I couldn't be happier with how well it's going.

Parents please bring a family picture by September 6th that can be cut out and that you don't mind sacrificing.



For the month of September our theme will be FAMILY/FAMILIA. We will continue to offer a home center in dramatic play. Our library will offer books about families, our classroom will introduce a doll house with family figures, and we will explore puzzles depicting different family constellations. In our sensory bin, we will be digging for our family pictures!

We will be reading books about sharing and practicing sharing. I will be on the lookout for children practicing this important skill and reinforcing it.

Our dental hygiene program will be introduced this month. Please see the lesson plan found on the parent board inside our classroom.

Enrichment classes begin the week of September 3rd which include Farsi, multi-cultural music, a visit from Librarian Annie, and an introduction to gardening. Our gardening box is located on the Room 10 playground.



The month of September also brings us Mexico's Independence Day (September 16) and Chile's Independence Day (September 18). We will be observing these two holidays in our classroom with books and special activities. Stay tuned!

Please be sure that your child has at least two extra sets of weather-appropriate clothing to be kept here at school. If you find a pink slip in your sign-in book, please check the soiled clothing bin located above the sink in our classroom or in aftercare.

Thank you all for a great first month, I look forward to what the rest of the year will bring.

With Love,

Ms. Natalie

3's Full Spanish Immersion with Ms. Carmen

Dear Parents,

What a great beginning of the school year we have had! Classroom schedules and activities are well under way. Children are happy and have adjusted nicely to the routine of school.

Our Midland Fundraiser is under way! If you did not receive a catalog sent home with your child 2 weeks ago, please inquire in the office. Please consider supporting this school wide effort by ordering an item or two.

During September we will focus on families. Through this unit the children will develop an understanding of various family patterns. They will also discover what family members do for each other, as well as activities that families can participate in together.



A few of this unit's highlights include creating pictures of our families and looking at photographs of classmates' families. To assist us with this unit, please send a picture of your family to school with your child. We will place the photograph in a special photo album to look at in the reading area.

Family unit vocabulary:

familia/ family
mama/ mother
papa/father
abuelo/ grandparent
hermana/sister
hermano/brother
bebe/baby

I will be increasing my use of Spanish language more and more each day.

This month we will be learning the letters E, A, and U. We will practice writing letters in shaving cream and making the letters using play dough. We will focus on colors green and blue.

I hope to see you on
Parent Night
9/20
6:30 – 7:30.

We have many busy days ahead of us and I look forward to sharing them with you and your children. I invite you and your family to visit us during this month. If you are interested please let me know.

Reminders:

Please don't forget to send a bottle of water with your child every day, extra clothes, a healthy snack for the morning, and aftercare if needed, and lunch.

Please remember to send utensils and label everything.

Thanks for your confidence and support!
GRACIAS

Ms. Carmen

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

Hello Dear Families,

Queridos Padres y Familia

سلام بر خانواده های عزیز

We hope you've had a wonderful summer!

We are very happy to have the opportunity to be your child's teachers this year. We are going to have a lot of fun along with lots of learning! We will focus on pre-emerging reading, writing, and math skills along with Spanish vocabulary, as well as different cultural experiences to include holidays and embracing different lifestyles.

During September, we will continue to practice daily class routines and get to know each other, and improve in our self help skills. We expand our theme to include sharing toys, practicing taking turns, and being kind to each other. Also we will be

exploring families and what makes our families unique and special.



In Spanish class, we are going to learn the Spanish names for body parts, for example,

“boca” for mouth. We will also be celebrating Mexican and Chilean Independence Days and the traditions that go along with those celebrations.

We sing songs daily, which include: ABC (in English and in Spanish), “Mariposa, Mariposa,” “Buenos Días,” and “Los Colores y la Lechuzá.”

For our friends that are showing readiness and interest in more challenging activities, we will be introducing a letter of the week and having fun with a number of activities as it relates to that letter. Also, we are working on recognizing our name in print, spelling the letters aloud, and writing our first name.

In Farsi class, children will begin to explore Farsi language and Iranian culture, including some basic words

in Farsi, and a finger play. (Li li li li Hozak = Li li li li little pool)

In math, we count and count and count...everything! We will learn to count in English and Spanish (Numbers 1 to 10).



In September, we will introduce our enrichments to include Art with Ms. Ana Maria and Multi-cultural Music with Ms. Alice. Once the weather cools down a bit, we will work in our garden.

Thanks to Ms. Jane Pesqueira for donating books, toys, and math activities to our classroom. Thanks to Katia, Ms. Lydia's daughter, for donating beautiful doll clothes.

Please don't forget to send a bottle of water with your child every day, a healthy snack for the morning, and an aftercare snack, and lunch, if needed. Please remember to send utensils and label everything!!



For more information about weekly happenings, please see the class bulletin board. Thank you for your confidence and support! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact to us:

Wish List for September:

Gardening Soil
“Patio Plus”
Premium Outdoor Potting
Mix

Lseldner@hotmail.com

Love,
Lydia and Nooshin

4's Full Spanish Immersion

with Ms. Paola & Ms. Zulma

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope your transition back to school was a smooth and happy one. During the month of August we focused on rules, routines and transition times (for inside and outside environments). I also spent an important amount of time in guiding my class to use their words and to look for other alternatives to practice peaceful conflict resolution. During the rest of the year, I will keep working on these areas that are keys for a successful education and in daily life experiences in the years to come.



One of our themes for the month of September is Familias/Families. We'll learn family members in Spanish through songs and role play games. I will ask for a Family Picture, so we can meet our families and see what's similar and different about them.

Mexico celebrates its Independence Day on 9/16 and Chile on 9/18. Our class will celebrate both countries, exploring their culture through their traditional music, dance, and food. If you would like to visit our class and talk about Mexico or Chile please let me know!



We change Seasons this month, and even though we won't really see any changes until next month I will still do a short introduction about Fall/Otono.

Apples and Trees are also themes for this month. I will provide my class with hands on activities to explore and study them. We will also focus on the importance of trees and how we can take care of them.

Please be reminded that if children are exploring the toys near the bike path, remember to put things back the way you found them.

Last month I read a Book called "The Selfish Alligator." For some of my friends the word Selfish/Egoista was new. After the book and a few examples and role plays I heard

the children a few times using the word as part as their vocabulary. In September we'll keep practicing the actions of sharing and being fair. We'll have group discussions, we'll share situational examples and talk about how they make us feel.

For Math I will have different sorts of manipulatives and games to build the children's interest in counting and using mathematical language on a daily basis.

I will introduce the letters M and P and some sight words in Spanish. We will also keep practicing tracing, writing and recognizing our names in Upper Case letters.

Muchas Gracias to:

- Niko and Melissa for donating a step stool for use at our sink.
- Miles, Mia, Owen, Zara, and Luca for donating glue sticks and scotch tape to our class.
- Chase for providing two big bags of soil for our jardin/garden (by the way, we will spend lots of time there!)
- Ms. Cathy for the new radio.
- Ms. Jacqueline, London's mom, for visiting our class, reading a book to us and bringing us delicious snacks. The children felt so special.
- Mia's Grandmother, Lupe, for reading the class a story.

I appreciate all your support and feedback, thank you so much!

As you can see, this month is filled with fun and learning!

I want to thank you for taking time to attend the Parent-Teacher conferences. I hope the information I provided you was useful. If you feel you want to talk more about your child's progress and development, please contact me.

Our Midland Fundraiser has begun! Please, spread the word through your friends and families and support our School.

Just a few friendly reminders:

- Please, don't forget to check your child's cubbies and take their art-work home.
- Make sure your child has extra clothes in case they need to change.

Love,
Ms. Paola

Play is the highest form of research
-Albert Einstein

