









September 2021 Newsletter

Hello Peaceful Families!

Our eighteenth school year is off to a wonderful start! We welcome back old friends and excited to see so many new friendly faces on campus. Whether you are a new family or returning one, we are all challenged to adjust to "new ways" of some kind during these challenging times. We are working hard to make these transitions as smooth as possible for your child (and you) and appreciate your support and trust in us. Communication is key! Please do not hesitate to contact us for any reason. Thank you for choosing International School for Peace for your child!

I hope you enjoyed and found the Zoom conferences helpful and informative. We enjoyed meeting with you.

I would like to thank Community Foundation of Southern Arizona for again awarding us a generous grant to support our refugee and financial need -based scholarship programs. I am also grateful to the Department of Economic Security for awarding a grant to support staff recruitment and retention. Muchas gracias!

During this month of September, we will introduce our enrichment classes. Welcome multicultural music teacher Ms. Lori Lopez! Lori will bring multi-cultural music and movement as well as decades of preschool experience to us on alternating Monday and Tuesday. We will have fun with Ms. Nooshin Salek and her wonderful Farsi program each Thursday. Ms. Jodi Gottlieb returns each Wednesday to immerse us in the customs and traditions of our Jewish friends. Look for their lesson plans in the classroom windows. Classes are looking forward to outside gardening once the weather cools down a bit. Until then, students will be introduced to gardening inside the classroom. Do you have a green thumb? If so, your child's teacher would love to hear how you can help with the class garden.

Mark your calendars for these September events!

Our first fundraising effort this year will be held Tuesday September 7 – 21 th. ISP will partner with Elite Fundraising to offer Cookie Dough! Baking with your child is a fun-filled activity that involves lots of language, counting, measurement, family time, etc. not to mention having yummy cookies to eat in the end. Order forms will be sent home on August 30. Cookie dough tubs are \$20 each with 50% of our profits allocated to the Staff Emergency Fund. Tentative delivery and distribution date is October 5th. We request your patience with the process!

Our Fall Spruce Up Day is Saturday, September 18 from 8am – noon. This is an adult only event with all activities to take place outdoors. There is always a lot to do on Spruce-Up Day such as painting, repairing, and cleaning but our big effort will be pruning back the brush around our preschool walls and replacing our garden fencing. Please join us to help us make those areas safer and more fun for the kiddos.

Thank you to ISP parent Marissa Basch for coordinating the event. Signup sheets will be available soon next to the easel on the front porch.

When - we are a busy preschool!

SAVE THE DATES:

October 7 Zoom Back to School Night!

October 28 and 29 School Pictures with Ellen Duperret Photography



REMINDER

NO SCHOOL September 6 Happy Labor Day! Lastly, my sincere gratitude to the families for their patience and support in our daily efforts to keep the community safe and healthy. I believe it is important that you keep current with alerts and late minute announcements as well as our policies and practices.

The most current COVID 19 Action Plan as well as our 2021-2022 Family Handbook are both posted to the website. Pertinent health information can also be found in the glass case just above the sign in/out class books. I appreciate you taking the time to sign your child in and out daily, stay current with school information, and provide us with updated immunization records as well as provide requested daily supplies. Your questions, comments, and concerns are always welcome!

I am so excited to see our children grow and learn over this school year!

"The beginning is the hardest part... " Natsu Dragneel

En Paz, Cathy

CAUTION

St. Francis will be removing trees Thursday September 2nd. Please take care when walking to

and from the preschool campus.





Natalie



cathy



Meredith



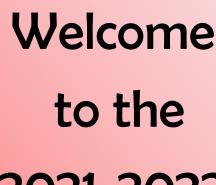
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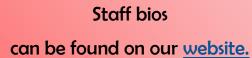




Síria



Lydia





Ashley



Zulma



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Lori



Tiffany

cookie Dough Sale!







Tubs are \$20 each

Help us reach our goal of ²⁵⁰ tubs!





Thank you



for supporting our school!

*Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward our teacher emergency fund.



Fall Spruce-Up Day



Join us on Saturday, September 18 8:00 to 12:00



Information and sign-up can be found on the porch outside the office.



Contact ISP Parent

Marissa Basch at 347-776-6875

to find out how you can help!!



We are looking for a cochair for this fun event.

Please contact the school office for more information.

Look for a list of needed donations outside the office!

Back to School Night

This year's Back to School Night will take place over Zoom.

Thursday, October 7th 6:30—7:15 PM



Families are invited to learn about your child's routines, take a tour of your child's classroom, learn about our curriculum, meet other parents, and ask any questions you may have.

We can't wait to see you there!

Zoom invitations will be emailed week of October 4th

ISP Recommends:



Pima County Public <u>Libraries</u> are offering bundles of books for kids, teens, and adults. The bundles can be requested as part of your curbside service. For more information, click here.



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ISP Wants to Thank:

- Natalie for donating a white board & dry erase markers & books.
- Aurora Tadeo& family for bringing the staff cupcakes.
- Susie Vincent for bringing lunch for the staff.
- Debbie Kornmiller & George Campbell for the paper donation.
- Mora Hedayati for doing our recycling.
- Karen & Ray Sparks for donating small toys for a doll house.
- Debbie Kornmiller for more paper!
- Angelo Fausti for doing an Astronomy presentation.
- Paola Sagar for bringing breakfast for the staff.
- Gabe Ceniceros for donating a rocking horse and easel.
- Mirielle & Mina Perkins for bringing treats for the staff.
- Jamie & Charlotte Giachetti for the book donation.
- Nathan Thompson Avelino repairing a wagon and our garden sail.
- Sharon Liebeskind for doing our recycling all Summer!
- Liliana Thomas & Family for donating a train table & play kitchen.
- Nancy Stevenson for donating a Little Tyke car, basketball, spirograph, playdoh cake maker and cookie cutters!
- Tamara Khachatryan for picking up supplies from PCHD multiple times.
- Elyse Marshall for donating chairs and Hebrew books.
- Jamie Giachetti for donating 2 folding tables.
- Thomas & Sons Nick for painting our bathrooms and doing landscaping!
- Paola Sagar for the delicious treats.
- Cathy DeMers for breakfast during our in-service day.
- Caitlyn Rios for donating sanitizer and sanitizing wipes.
- The Keller family for donating a sensory table, paper towels, Ziploc bags, card holder and cards.
- Oudah Family for going to Costco for us.
- Kate Family for helping to keep our campus clean.
- Mina Perkins & Family for the treats for the staff
- Our FABULOUS STAFF for working so hard to kick off the new school year!









HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*** *UPDATE****

Due to the rise in Covid, PCHD has canceled their dental screening on September 22 and has rescheduled for December 9. If you would like your child to participate and have filled out your form, bring it to the office and we will save it for the rescheduled date. More consent forms will be available early December. Pima County will visit on September 22 and do an outside presentation on dental hygiene to all 4 year olds.

DO YOU LOVE OUR STAFF?!?!?



ISP is looking for Room Parents.

A Room Parent's main responsibility is to support and appreciate their class-room teacher. Here are a few ways a room parent could do that:

- * Sending notes of encouragement and appreciation to your teacher.
- * Encouraging students and families to shower your teacher with love on her birthday
- * Organizing a class gift or gesture for the holidays.
- * Any other ideas you have to make your teacher feel special and appreciated (decorate her door, post on Facebook how awesome she is, ...)

Contact Meredith at internationalschoolforpeace12@gmail.com or 520-299-8908 for more information

Friendly Reminders:

Tuition

Tuition is due on the first of the month. There is a 5 day grace period. If the 5th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, tuition is due on the Friday before. You may pay through our website, mail a check to 4625 E River Road, or drop off cash / check to the preschool office.



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.

Arrivals

We appreciate your help in making sure we all undergo health checks. We ask that you arrive no later than 9:15 each day. If you anticipate arriving after 9:15 a.m., please call the office. 520-299-8908.

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK



- Materials to support our apple theme
- A school Librarian to come bi-monthly
- Someone to do our recycling weekly
- Bags of organic soil * Coffee
- File Cabinet with a lock

Enrichments Commence...

The week of September 7th!

We look forward to starting our adventures in Farsi, Art, and Gardening this month!

Language GOM Linguaggio ЯЗЫК ГХώσσα Język アカル (PLUL) 「アルル (PLUL)

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

International School for Peace is a



PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please do not send your child to school with nuts of any kind.



- 1 HANDS Wash them often
- 2 ELBOW Cough into it
- 3 FACE Don't touch it
- 4 SPACE Keep safe distance
- 5 HOME Stay if you can

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
- Sunflower seed butter and celery



5 Tips for Raising an Anti-Racist Child

As parents, you aim to raise our children to be good humans. That usually means ensuring your children follow the golden rule: "treat others how you want to be treated." Parents work to reinforce this message and believe this message will teach our children to be non-racist.



The recent events and civil unrest regarding racial injustices illustrate the approach most parents have taken is just not enough. Thus, there has been a call for parents to raise anti-racist children.

Why should I teach my child to be antiracist?

Historically, being not racist is like being "colorblind." This approach focuses on treating individuals as equally as possible to end discrimination. In theory, this seems to be an acceptable approach.

However, the "colorblind" approach is NOT helpful.

- Being colorblind creates a society that denies negative racial experiences, rejects cultural heritage, and invalidates perspectives of people of color that are unique.
- When race-related problems arise, colorblindness tends to blame individuals for conflicts and shortcomings while ignoring the larger picture, the context. Cultural differences, stereotypes, and values are important in understanding these conflicts or challenges.
 - The colorblind approach teaches children that race shouldn't be talked about and makes it harder for them to talk to parents about their questions. Silence about race reinforces racism.

The anti-racist approach recognizes that racist beliefs have contributed to systemic barriers in our culture and aims to teach children to actively work against discrimination.

For elaborations on these 5 tips, more resources, and to read the full article click <u>here</u>.

5 tips for raising an anti-racist child

- 1.Model the behavior you want to see in your child
- 2. Have conversations about racism often
- 3. Seek environments where your child can experience diversity.
- 4. Use media including books and movies.
- 5. Teach your child to be an ally.

Ms. Siria Pre-Care

Welcome parents and students to the 2021-2022 school year! I am excited to have you in our precare program. 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 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 class-room. 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. Please contact the office for more information.

Thank you for your trust and support! Kindly, Ms. Siria



Ms. Nooshin, Ms. Natalie & Ms. Tiffany - Aftercare

Welcome parents and students to the new school year!

It is very nice to see old friends and meet new faces in our program! For more information about us and the ISP family, please visit the school website at: www.internationalschoolforpeace.com

All children start the aftercare program in Room 10 at 2:30 PM. Ms. Nooshin and Ms. Natalie provide care on T/TH and Ms. Nooshin and Tiffany on M/W/F. Our lesson plans and daily schedule are posted on our class window.

Please remember to check your child's cubby outside their classroom each day.

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 family.

The children who stay for aftercare have the opportunity to play and share their ideas with children of different age groups.

Please don't forget to send a full water bottle that has a closure with your child and pack and label enough food for an afternoon snack every day. Please remember that our program is nut free.

If you know you will be running late to pick your child up, please call the office and leave a message. All children need to be picked up no later than 6PM.

Looking forward to a wonderful and safe school year!

Love, The aftercare team

Ms. Natalie Partial Spanish Immersion



Welcome Families! / Bienvenidas Familias!

We had an amazing start to the school year. We truly appreciate how much support you have shown us since day 1. The children are now familiar with the routine and schedule, but we will continue to review these in the upcoming months. We enjoyed getting to know each other, ourselves and our learning environment for the month of August. We are now looking forward to learning new things in September.

Our Enrichment classes begin the week of September 6. We will welcome Ms. Lori for Cultural Music (alternating Mondays and Tuesdays), Ms. Nooshin for Farsi on Wednesdays, and Ms. Jodi for Hebrew on Thursdays.

Our themes for the month are Family, Apples and Self-Help Skills. We will also be observing National Grandparents Day (9/12), Mexican Independence Day (9/16), Chilean Independence Day (9/18) and International Day of Peace (9/21). We will also begin do-

ing some indoor gardening so if you are a parent who loves to garden, we would like to "dig" at your brains for tips.

For our family segment we will explore our roles within our family and of those who care for us. We will identify who and what makes a family.



It's apple season! We will be making our own applesauce in class later in the month. If you would like to donate apples, please contact me for the date. Our dramatic area will be turned into an Apple Orchard offering different activities throughout the month like apple picking and pie making.

As your little ones continue to grow and learning how to help themselves, the best thing we can do is be patient and show

them how to properly do something. Two minutes a day teaching them how to put on their shoes can make a big difference.

We are a **NUT FREE** school. Be mindful of this when packing your child's lunch. An alternative is sunflower butter. If you know of others, let us know so we can share with the community.

Please don't forget to check out our lesson plans posted on the window to see what we are doing that day.

Peace and Love,

Ms. Natalie and Ms. Tiffany

Spanish Vocab:

Manzana-Apple	Ayudame-Help Me
Mama-Mom	Papa-Dad
Abuela-Grandma	Abuelo- Grandpa



Ms. Siria's

Partial Spanish Immersion

Dear ISP Parents,



Welcome to our first newsletter of the pre-school year. I hope you all are looking forward to working alongside us in this exciting development stage for your child. Each week our class plans will be displayed on our window for all to view.

Thank you, parents, for encouraging your children to wear their face mask to school, it's been challenging but we can do it! Please make sure your

child has a mask available and a label container for storage. Please provide eating utensils for snack or lunch, if needed. A reminder that we are a nut free facility.



The kids are doing very well at nap time! If a blanket from home is essential,

please launder it at least once a week.

Their blankets are available during naptime only and will be kept in the outdoor cubby during non naptimes. 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 outdoor cubbies.

Please continue to work on potty training

at home. Kids are doing great at school! I will let you know when pulls up are needed. I appreciate you providing at least 2 full sets of clothing at school. It really helps during the potty-training process.



Upcoming Dates and Events

September 6

No School LABOR DAY

Week of September 7th-21st
COOKIE DOUGH SALE FUNDRAISER

October 7th at 6:30pm
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

October 28-29
PICTURE DAY

Our September theme is "All About Me". We will explore our

family, extended family, feelings, friends, and pets.
I would love for you to bring a family picture for our family tree.

Ms. Siria Esquivel

Gracias!

Important

Please see ISP's Covid-19
Health and Safety Procedures
at the end of this Newsletter.
*This document is updated regularly

Ms. Zulma (Damaris) 3's Full Spanish Immersion

Hola, queridos padres de familia!

I hope you had a great and safe summer!

I'm very happy to have the opportunity to be your child's sub-teacher for a few months thru the month of October. We will have lots of fun along with lots of learning!

Our first month was a great success! Students have done well adjusting to our daily routine and showing me what they can do for themselves! We continue to review classroom rules and procedures as well as introducing more learning centers and differences between inside and outside time.

During September, we expand our theme to familias (Family), We will focus on different structures of families, sing songs, and explore lots of books on the theme. We will create a family tree with the pictures that you share from home. Also, we will talk about apples (Manzanas), where they grow, and their many uses. We will explore the traditions of Independence Days in Mexico and Chile. We will continue to learn and review colors (colores) and numbers (numeros) 1 to 10 in Spanish this month. We will introduce Estacion del ano Otono (Fall) during the last week of September. Let's hope the weather cools down by then!

Kind Reminders: Please have 2 labeled full sets of clothing inside your child's cubby. It is important to label all items from home.

I reinforce good behavioral choices with tickets and tangible reinforcers. Once earned, tickets are never taken away. Children are invited to visit the prize box several times each week after earning a designated number of stickers. I am always happy to accept age-appropriate donations to the prize box. Items can include stickers, play dough, crayons, bracelets, small slime containers.

Thank you for your support! Ms. Zulma



Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin Language Enrichment

Hello Dear Families,

Queridos Padres y Familia

سلام برخانواده های عزیز

We hope you had a safe 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!

During September, we will continue to practice daily class routines and get to know each other and improve our self-help skills. We expand our theme to families to discover what makes our families unique and special. Our themes will be families, apples, and Mexican and Chilean Independence Day.

In Spanish class, we are going to learn the Spanish names for body parts, for example, "boca" for mouth, "cabeza" for head, "ojos" for eyes. 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 Lechuza". During such activities, our class is situated for physical distancing.



For our friends that are showing readiness and interest in more challenging activities, we will be introducing a letter of the week starting with the first letter of the alphabet. Children will have the opportunity to engage in several 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, includ-

ing some basic words in Farsi, a finger play (Li li li li Hozak= Li li li li little pool), and Gol ya Pooch game.

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

In September, we will also be introducing our enrichments, Hebrew with Ms. Jodi and multi-cultural Music with Ms. Lori Lopez.

We will introduce gardening with classroom activities and once the weather cools down a bit, we will take it outside.

It is essential to send a labeled, filled water bottle with a cover with your child every day. In addition, please send a healthy snack for the morning and another snack if your child stays for aftercare, and lunch for full day students, and lastly, 2 full sets of clothes to keep in our cubbies. The temperature in our class tends to fluctuate so consider sending in a long sleeve shirt to have on hand.

It great to label everything with your child's name! Remember our school is nut free and please provide your child with needed utensils.

For more information about weekly happenings, please see the class Daily Schedule & lesson plan that are posted on the class window.



If you have any question or you are concerned about your child, please feel free to contact with us. We will be happy to help you!

Love, Lydia and Nooshin



Ms. Paola

4's Full Spanish Immersion

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy New School Year! I feel so grateful to be back and have this amazing and fun group of children and families. Thanks for joining me in this fun adventure!



During September we will continue to practice, work on, and reinforce some of the self-help and socialemotional skills that we introduced last month. The more your child internalizes those skills and makes them part of their routine, transition times are going to get easier and smoother. It is also known that children feel safe and at ease in environments where they know what to expect. I won't rush any process and I will respect all my students' learning styles and their interests.

We have two Latin American countries celebrating their Independence Day! Mexico (9/16) and Chile (9/18). We'll explore their culture and traditions by listening, watching and dancing to their colorful folklore music.

Gardening Season is officially starting this month! Before we start planting our seeds, we will discuss what our garden needs in order to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers. Children will be involved in the process of I'd like to thank all cleaning the garden beds and moving the soil. They will decide what to plant and how we will take care of our garden. Children will practice patience, teamwork, and being responsible. The garden is going to be an area where we will constantly practice math and science with hands-on activities. I will ask for one or two bags of good quality soil. I prefer organic soil because children will be busy digging! So, if you can donate a bag of soil, please let me know!

Familias is another theme we will work on during this month. Children will discuss what a Family is and we will continue to learn about similarities and differences, this time with our own families.

Pre-Math Skills: We will work on One to One Correspondence, shapes in Spanish and patterns.

Pre-Reading/Writing Skills: Children will continue to work on recognizing, tracing and writing their names. I will present a variety of activities where children work on their fine motor skills, like tracing in different textures, using their fingers to tear paper, use of scissors, playdough (each child will have their own container), lacing, and manipulatives in different sizes and shapes,

September Spanish Vocabulary

Septiembre: September

Mapa: Map Bandera: Flag Pais: Country Familia: Family Jardin: Garden Semillas: Seeds Tierra: Soil

Gracias: Thank you Por Favor: Please

No gracias: No, thank you **Buenos dias: Good morning** Como estas? How are you?

Muy bien: Very good

No muy bien: Not very good

Ayuda por favor: Help me please

the families in my class for your positive and kind responses to my requests. I appreciate all your help and support! I'd also like to thank my fabu-

lous assistant, Ms. Ashley!





"It's in the rushing that we miss the magic" -Rebecca Cooper

Sending Love and Kindness, Ms. Paola

Covid-19 Action Plan

Updated 8-1-21

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. 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:

- Employ Jan Pro, our long-time professional cleaning service, who 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.
- Adhere to PCHD recommendations and ADHS policies.
- Ensure that anyone entering a classroom will be masked
- Establish separate entry and exit points to the school to encourage directional traffic and decrease crowding.
- Support staggered drop off time while continue to closely monitor to make changes, if needed.
- Administer daily verbal health checks and temperature checks using non-contact temporal thermometers 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.
- Apply ground markers to aid in physical distancing.
- Use sneeze guards
- Request that all students wear a mask while inside.
- Hand sanitizer stations are set up around the ISP campus for use by students, families, and staff.
- Ensure only staff and essential persons have access to classrooms at this time.

What Staff is Doing:

- Check own temperatures and wash hands upon arrival.
- 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 or as necessary.
- Wash own hands hourly.
- Hold conferences via Zoom.
- Wear gloves to help children with toileting and while changing diapers, as well as during meal times.
- Wear a mask while indoors.
- Store a spare set of clothing on campus for personal use if needed.
- Educate, support, and encourage all children to wear a mask indoors. This includes teaching children to put on and remove masks during eating and nap times.
- Keep separate all outer clothing, water bottles, and lunches.
- Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a play-based philosophy.

What Families are Doing:

- Disclose to ISP director any possible contact with or exposure to COVID-19. Thereafter, ISP will formulate a plan for your child returning to school.
- Notify Director of your domestic and international travel plans. Follow current CDC travel guidelines.
- Strive to have same adult pick up and drop off your child every day.
- Practice physical outside classrooms and adhere to ground markers.
- 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 your child's backpack outside the classroom.
- Ensure that your child has two spare sets of clothing (appropriate for the season) in their cubby at all times.
- All children are encouraged to wear a mask in their classroom. All students will have 2 masks and a labelled container at school.
- Support our commitment to having your child wear a mask while on campus.
- Provide the most current copy of your child's emergency information and immunization / exemption forms.
- Monitor your child for the safe use of hand sanitizer

Covid-19 Action Plan, Continued...

What Administration is Doing:

- Educate our community:
 - Post signs to demonstrate proper handwashing.
 - Post signs to remind our community members to social distance.
 - Share community resources for assistance during Covid-19.
 - Make available current parent resources for helping children understand this pandemic.
 - Provide information to educate the community on the Covid-19 vaccine.
- Continue to implement regular changing of air filters in all campus buildings.
- Ensure sufficient supplies of disinfectant, tissues, masks, hand sanitizer, working thermometers, clothes coverings, and gloves are available at all times.
- Establish an emergency plan should a staff member or student display Covidlike symptoms during school hours.
 Those determined to be ill will immediately be isolated from others.
- 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.
- Reserve the right to make decisions at their 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. All refunds are at the discretion of the director.

What Staff is Doing:

- Offer an adequate number of materials and supplies which are changed out frequently.
- Post lesson plans and class happenings in the windows for family viewing.
- Ensure your class not mix during our full and half day programs to include outdoor play, with the exception of nap and extended day programs.
- Separate toys that have been placed in a child's mouth. Toys will be cleaned and disinfected before available for play.
- Ensure availability of face masks, tissues, soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and family emergency contact information.
- Place nap mats will as much as space 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 in-class visits and volunteers to the classroom. Allow for visits outside.
- Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as possible.

What Families are Doing:

- Ensure to have a backup childcare plan in place should ISP need to temporarily close the campus, a classroom, or extended day program.
- 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:

Fever or chills Cough
Fatigue Headache
Sore throat Diarrhea
Shortness of breath or difficulty breath-

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Muscle or body aches New loss of taste or smell Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting

- Contact the preschool if your child is sick or if she/he is not coming to school for any reason.
- Commit to keeping your child home until they are fever free without the use of a fever reducer and/or symptom free for 24 hours. A doctor's note may be required.
- Refrain from bringing your child's personal bedding for nap time.
- Understand 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.
- Use 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.
- Commit to staying abreast of school communication.