



Charlando con Nuestras Familias

August 24, 2009

Important Dates in September:

Classes Begin	7th
Second Theme Begins	7th
Civic Week	7th-11
Children's Day	9th
Independence Day	15th
End of First Quarter	25th

Announcements from the main office:

- * There are 4 spaces left in Prepa for this school year. Students must have turned 5 by April 1st, 09 in to be old enough to enroll in Prep. Please inform your friends, family and neighbors.
- * Open house for parents:
Kinder: Aug 25th at 3:00pm
5 & 6th Sirleny: Aug 27th at 9:00am
ESI: Aug 28th at 11:30am

Other important Announcements :

- * You may notice that this Charlando looks different from past issues. We are trying out a new format and new content. If there is information missing that you'd like to see please contact support@cloudforestschool.org
- * CDs and DVDs of last year's musical "Monteverde Melodies" are now available in the main office. CDs and DVDs are each sold for 2,500 colones. The proceeds go to the school's theater programs. (Jessie)
- * Ballet classes at Rio Shanti will start on Tuesday Sept 8th. Ages 4-9, 3:30-4:15PM (2,000 colones). Ages 10+, 4:30-5:30PM (2,500 colones). Contact Heidi with questions 2645-5872

Notes from the School

Children's Day:

Wednesday, Sept 9th we are celebrating Children's Day; a National Holiday here in Costa Rica! Since this is a day to show children how special they are, there will be special activities set up around the school—from a beauty salon to movies and art.

A Special Note to Parents:

1. Students are allowed to wear costumes or dress in their own special style
2. Students will be in charge of sharing a special snack with their class. They will share the recipe too, so help them be creative. For example, "ants on a log" = peanut butter and raisins on celery.

Families are welcome to join the festivities from 9:30-11:45AM.

15 of September:

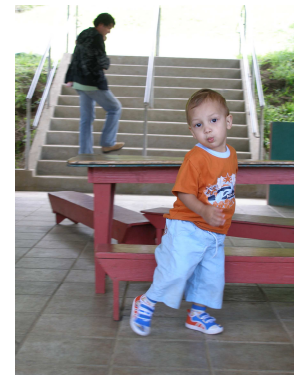
The children and the staff have been working hard since the start of school to prepare for the September 15th parade.

A Special Note to Parents:

Please collect and send to school cereal boxes, plastic bottles, and milk and juice cartons to use to decorate the Sept 15th float. Please drop them off below the 5th and 6th grade classrooms with Liliam.

Student Government:

The Student Government is just getting started. They have exciting projects for the year, which include: lockers, student lounge, recycling and many more. To find out how you can help the Student Government please contact Noheia Vargas or Anna Mello for more information.



THANK YOU:

Thank you to all the families that participated in Family Day! We loved having you at the school and appreciate all the work it takes to raise such wonderful children. A special thanks also to Esperanza and Sadie for planning Family Day and to all the Escuela Teachers for inviting the whole school into their classrooms.

What are my kids doing in class?

Escuela:

The third and fourth grade classes are learning about maps and geography. Liz and Heidi's classes have been working on an exciting project to extend the students' learning beyond the classroom. The classes sent several animal explorers out into the world to help the students gain knowledge about

different parts of the world. They are using their map reading skills to track their journeys.

Colegio:

The 7th grade is researching plants to plant in the vegetable garden. The 8th grade is working to design a planting plan and will be

placing plants in the new small greenhouse in the Colegio. The 9th grade will be mapping a section of the Colegio. The 10th graders are installing interpretive signs and will be designing and installing trail directional signs; and the 11th grade is learning plant and animal species of the Cloud Forest.