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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MONTEREY

ISM PARENT NEWSLETTER-

Reflections of the Year Gone By and Anticipation of the Year to Come

Here we are, 180 days later, with our first full year behind us. The challenges we have faced together have helped us create a stronger and successful school and we are looking forward to expanding our community next school year.

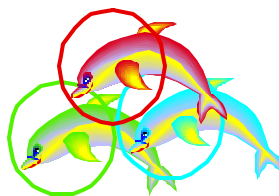
With 120 students enrolled and waiting lists for every class, ISM is full for the coming school year. Along with the new students and their families, we will be welcoming new teachers to the ISM community. Below are brief introductions of the newly hired faculty. Joining Miss Sarah Bunch (K), Mrs. Sally Burns (1st Grade), Senor Rene Candia (Spanish) and Mrs. Maria Dawson (Drama) are:

Sandrine Diamond (K/1): Existing students will know Ms. Diamond as the long-term substitute who finished the year in the 2nd/3rd/4th grade class this year. She had also substituted in the other two classes prior to the long-term appointment. Ms. Diamond herself is a student of International schools, having attended the Intercommunity School in Zurich, the European School and the International School in Brussels and having graduated from the American International School of Zurich. She has degrees in General Education and Psychology, speaks French and German fluently with some Spanish and Italian as well. Welcome Ms. Diamond!

Tod Spedding (2nd Grade): Mr. Spedding has visited the school a few times and has been able to meet and speak personally with many of his new students already. He (and his wife) lives in Carmel Valley and comes to us most recently from Greenfield Elementary School. Prior to that, Mr. Spedding taught at the International School of Amsterdam and the American International School of Israel. He possesses degrees in School

Counseling and Psychology and is very interested in multi-media. We are hoping for an ISM video tape next year! He is encouraging contact over the summer through his website www.becauseoftime.com.

Steven Carber (3rd Grade): Mr. Carber is traveling the furthest to join our community. He (and his wife) is coming to ISM from Zurich International School, a full International Baccalaureate school. Mr. Carber has also taught at the Bratislava International School in Slovakia and in Texas. He speaks German, Russian and Slovak and is currently working on his Doctorate. His musical talents precede him and we are looking forward to his leading the school in song next year.



ISM youngsters choose "The Dolphin" as their new school mascot!

Lourdes Valdespino (4th/5th grade): Ms. Valdespino, a native of Cuba, is finishing up her school year in Miami Beach. Education is her second career and she has most recently been teaching a multi-age, multi-cultural class with students from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Columbia, just to name a few.

She has a love of reading and is looking forward to sharing her knowledge in both English and Spanish with her new ISM family.

As we move into summer, plans for social events are already underway, so keep checking the website, your email, and your mailbox. We are also in lease negotiations with MPUSD for the Larkin Elementary School site and are preparing to move this summer. If you are in town, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to everyone in the ISM community for their undying support of the ISM mission. We should all be proud of the school we have built and, most importantly, the students we are helping to educate.

LET'S HEAR FROM THE TEACHERS!

Editorial Note: *The end of the school year is an especially busy, exhilarating, and tiring time of year. Despite all the multi-tasking ISM's teachers are doing this week, they took time out to share a few thoughts on this the conclusion of our first full year of school! So, take a moment to read their insights!*

KINDERGARTEN: MS. SARAH BUNCH



Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the kindergarten year a success! This first year of teaching could have been an incredible challenge, but you have all been so supportive and tremendously helpful! A special thanks goes out to Daniel Weinstein who has volunteered his time every Friday (all day long) throughout the year! Thank you also to Mary Welsh, Joan Parrish, Leslie Trapin, Cathy Colburn, Analiza Lewerk, Jodi Brownfield, and Pam Hopkins for being my classroom volunteers. A warm thanks to all those parents who could not volunteer in the classroom, but who have helped in various other ways during the year. I fear that if I start naming names, I would have to go through the entire parent list, so **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

We did it! Thank you all once again! Enjoy the summer! I will miss you kindergarteners!

KINDERGARTEN / GRADE 1: MS. SALLY BURNS



This has been an enormously challenging and exhilarating year! It would never have been possible without all the wonderful parent support. I can not pass up this opportunity to mention Shokai Tyler who has been a real classroom "angel", always ready to help. Each day she would ask if there was anything she could do. She was always ready to run off and look for a missing craft supply, or cut something out, or collate something. Her assistance has been invaluable! I have treasured each and every parent who has "stepped up to the plate" in one way or another to help out this year&.everything from baking bread in the classroom to lending a valuable and fragile Irish drum. Thanks for all your contributions!!!! Three cheers to you! Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!

GRADES 2 / 3 / 4: MS. SANDRINE DIAMOND

Many thanks to all of you for welcoming me to the



International School of Monterey. I feel like I have a new family! I will be teaching the Kindergarten / Grade 1 "Ducklings" in the Fall. See you all then! Have a wonderful and inspirational summer!

MUSIC / ART / DRAMA: MISS MARIA DAWSON



I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to teach at ISM in its first year. Many thanks to our great team of teachers, staff, and parent volunteers who have dedicated themselves to bettering the lives and education of our students. Teaching art, music, drama and P.E. has been an amazing experience. I set out with some very specific goals for the students. I wanted to help them increase their sensitivity, focus their imagination, create something alone or with a group, lead or follow when necessary, develop good teamwork, and understand other people who are very different from themselves. The arts and P.E. have been excellent tools to allow the kids to develop their speaking and listening skills. Students were encouraged to use voice, language, body movement and space in a process-based environment. I believe that the students have gained more self-confidence, empathy, concentration, creativity, and problem-solving skills. I am very proud of all the students at ISM. I can't help but smile when I think about them. There was one particular time when I had the kids in a circle formation and we were in the middle of doing a vigorous but fun movement with music. One of the first graders, Jason, standing next to me, said, "Mrs. Dawson, you have the coolest job!" I smiled and replied, "Yes, I know." Have a great summer and see you next year!

SPANISH LANGUAGE: MR. RENE CANDIA



Join my son, Sean Burns, in congratulating and thanking Senor Candia for all his efforts this year. "Gracias, Senor Candia, for teaching us Spanish! Hola, nino, rojo, and gato are some of my favorite Spanish words. I can hardly wait to see what you are going to teach us next year!"

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT: MS. LISA KLINE



Our dreams are here! Thank you all!

ISM SCHEDULE for JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2002

JUN '02	M	Tu	W	Th	F	
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	6/13: FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING, 5:30 P.M. // ISM BOARD MEETING, 7 P.M. 6/14: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; END OF 4TH QUARTER
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	6/24 - 28: ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HEADS, SAN DIEGO (CHRISSIE)
JUL '02	M	Tu	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	5	7/1 — 10: PRINCIPALS TRAINING CENTER, LONDON (CHRISSIE)
	8	9	10	11	12	7/11: FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING, 5:30 P.M. / ISM BOARD MEETING, 7 P.M. 7/11 - 26: CHRISSIE ON VACATION
	15	16	17	18	19	7/16 - 23: CHRISSIE NOT AVAILABLE BY EMAIL CONTACT
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30	31			
AUG '02	M	Tu	W	Th	F	
				1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	8/8: FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING, 5:30 P.M. / ISM BOARD MEETING, 7 P.M.
10	12	13	14	15	16	8/10: PARENT OPEN HOUSE (TIME TO BE DETERMINED) 8/16: ORIENTATION PACKETS MAILED TO PARENTS
	19	20	21	22	23	8/19: TEACHERS REPORT BACK! ORIENTATION / PLANNING
	26	27	28	29	30	8/26: PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

ISM Foundation News Byte

Over \$6000 raised on behalf of ISM since JAN 02!

Hats off to an incredible group of committed parents who have made this contribution possible. Take a short-lived breather and come back revitalized for action later this summer and fall!

Parents, please continue to check your email regularly this summer as we be needing help with:

- the anticipated move to Larkin School;
- setting up new classrooms;
- copying and distributing orientation packets;
- coordinating parent Open House in AUG;
- and much more!

STAY IN TOUCH THIS SUMMER! TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW:

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Site: Richard Herbert (Richard_herbert@csumb.edu)

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CONVENIENT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES
\$68,800 RAISED TO DATE FROM THESE AND OTHER
FUND-RAISING SOURCES!

These are extremely convenient ways to generate funds for ISM! If you have not yet signed up for these programs, please take time this summer to do so!

Albertsons Community Partner: Remember to use your Albertsons Community Partner card each time you go grocery shopping this summer! ISM directly benefits from a portion of each purchase!

Box tops for Education Help your child collect box tops from participating vendors over the summer and turn them in to Chrissie during the first week of school!

E-Scrip (ISM Group #:675-0341)

Remember to register your grocery loyalty and credit cards now and let ISM benefit from all your summer shopping, travel, and vacation spending. Online registration at www.escrip.com is fast and easy! Contact Foundation board members for assistance, if needed.

Lands End for School (Preference #: 9000-6887-5)

Order school uniforms this summer by calling **1-800-469-2222** or online at landsend.com/school. Don't forget to mention ISM's **preference number at the time of ordering** so that a percentage of your purchase will benefit ISM!

Target: School Funding Program (ISM #: 117-117)

Simply call **1-800-316-6142** to designate ISM when shopping with your Target Visa or Guest Card or at Target.com. One percent of each purchase will be donated to ISM.

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YEARBOOKS ARE IN!

Thanks to the dedicated, hard-working, creative, and focused design team of Marie Essi, Pam Hopkins, Richard Herbert, Laura Dippold, and Kym Shenton, ISM's inaugural yearbook issue was completed in less than two months!

Additional copies are available for purchase. Check with Chrissie if interested.



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