





ELEMENTARY ECHO



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MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS- EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY

<u>Mondays</u>	<u>CIC School Goals SY 09-10</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
<p>Sing our school song Celebrate Birthdays for the week Introduce new students IB Learner Profile in Action General announcements about the week</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Academic and Behavioral rigor • Living the IB Learner Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved English proficiency and implementation of our Language Policy • Reviewing our Recoding and Reporting process. 	<p>Venezuelan National Anthem This Month in History General Announcements Spanish Department presentation House Point Challenges Student Led Activities!</p> 

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

We would like to invite all our CIC parents to use the data bases that the CIC Library subscribes to. These are accessible from home!! Please contact Ms.Cecilia, Ms. Silvia, or Ms. Judith in the library if you would like to receive more guidance with these useful tools.

BrainPop: www.brainpop.com BrainPOP is an educational program that provides curriculum-based video content spanning seven main subjects including: Science, Math, English, Social Studies, Health, Arts & Music, and Technology. BrainPOP currently features more than 600 animated, engaging movies which are each supported by activities such as a quiz, comic strip, experiment and other printable worksheets. The user name is ciccaracas and the password is brainpop.

Enchanted Learning: www.enchantedlearning.com Enchanted Learning produces children's educational web sites, crafts, worksheets, and games on a very large variety of topics. Geared more for elementary students and ESOL students. The username is colegointl and the password is everything33

Reading A - Z: www.readinga-z.com Only for teachers to use at school. Reading A-Z offers thousands of printable teacher materials to teach guided reading, phonemic awareness, reading comprehension, reading fluency, alphabet, and vocabulary. The teaching resources include professionally developed down loadable leveled books, lesson plans, worksheets, and reading assessments.



IB Learner Profile in Action

Just like last year, as part of Monday morning announcements, we will recognize the IB Learner Profile attributes in action. The IB Learner Profile is a list of ten attributes we aim to see in each and every child here at CIC. As an IB World School, we expect to see all CIC students exhibiting these ten attributes. Each Monday we will recognize students, teachers, and CIC community members displaying the IB Learner Profile attribute in action. Stop by next Monday, August 31st and see what this is all about! CIC aims to develop: Inquirers, Thinkers, Communicators, Risk-Takers, Principled, Caring, Open-Minded, Balanced, Reflective and Knowledgeable students. As parents, we can participate too. Just take a picture of one of these attributes in action and share them with us each Monday.



OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK REQUEST

What are your thoughts? We would like to ask all parents who attended the Elementary Open House on Tuesday to return the feedback form that was distributed that evening. If you still have your form at home, please return it via the Thursday Folder and teachers will pass them on to Mr. Lettinga. Hopefully your feedback will allow us to improve upon our current practices.

Elementary Events

- **Room Parent Meeting-** August 28th, Friday, will be the first Room Parent meeting. All parents that have volunteered to be a Room Parent should plan to attend this meeting. See you there! 8:00 in the ES Science Lab, second floor.
- **Saturday, September 12th,** Welcome Back BBQ. 12:00-4:00 PM.
- September 8th: Dr. Benveniste workshop, 8:00am

Frequently Asked Questions for August, By Mr. L

As August comes to an end, we see September right around the corner. Many of our students are in regular routines and making it to classes on time. Way to go families! Questions for this week:

1. *What should I do if my son/daughter does not feel well enough to attend school?* Everyone gets sick from time to time. If your child does come down with a cold, the very best place for them is at home getting better! Please just call the school and talk with Mr. L or Ms. Alicia in the ES office and we can make the necessary arrangements. You should also send an email to the classroom teacher requesting any missed work be set aside for finishing when your child is feeling better.
2. *Can I send medicine with my child to school?* While this is a risky procedure, some parents simply have no other choice. A phone call alerting us that your son or daughter is bringing medicine to school will help us better understand the situation. Our school nurse will keep all medicine and administer any doses that need to be taken during the school day. Please send the prescription and directions when appropriate.
3. *How do I know if my child has visited the nurse?* CIC works hard to communicate with parents. Should your child be brought to the nurse for a serious injury, you will be notified by telephone. Early childhood teachers send daily notes about students. A trip to the nurse would be noted there too!
4. *What do Room Parents do at our school?* The Room Parent program is sponsored by our PSTA. The Room Parents collect money and "goodies" for various classroom activities. Each classroom has two Room Parents to help organize class events. Please check with your son's/daughter's teacher to find out who your Room Parent is this year! The first organizational meeting for Room Parents is tomorrow!
5. *What is the PSTA?* The PSTA is an organization designed to promote school-wide activities and build parent, teacher, and student relations. The Parent, Student, Teacher, Association helps organize many events here at CIC. Please feel free to contact Diana Mederos, the school community liaison, or [Ana Guerrero](#) or [Yarida Cuttin](#) if you would like more information. Please feel free to volunteer your time as the PSTA is growing every day!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. L

Setting Limits with Love: Pre-N through First Grade

Daniel Benveniste, Ph.D.

Tuesday September 8, 2009

CIC - 8:00am - 10:00am ES Library

Should I be strict? Should I be permissive? I want my children to like me but I also want them to be well behaved. What should I do?

In this presentation, we will answer these questions, and many more, beginning with an introduction to child development. We will examine how the goal of parenting is the socialization of the child and that from that perspective, setting limits is indispensable in any good supportive parenting strategy. Dr. Benveniste will discuss the importance of setting limits with love, reflect on the pitfalls of strict and permissive parenting strategies, discuss the difference between punishment and discipline and offer some orienting ideas and concrete strategies for effectively setting limits with love. We will also discuss the important distinction between 'my child and my childhood' and the way parents tend to relive some of their own childhood through their children and sometimes repeat the parenting strategies of their own parents, whether they were appropriate strategies or not.

