

ISA BREEZE

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Toddler Program

by Melissa Salamo •••

This year ISA has introduced a new program for toddlers which is located next to the Montessori room on the Elementary side. With this program, parents are now able to drop off their one and two-year-olds while they work or run their errands. The toddlers' day here at ISA goes until noon and they take part in several activities that Ms. Emma and Ms. Vanessa have organized for them. Some of these activities include: learning the alphabet, learning simple words in English (since many do not know how to speak English), and playing outside in their new playground. Behind the classroom, a new playground has been built exclusively for the toddlers. Without a surprise, they love their park and activities, so coming to school is a real pleasure for them. Apart from this, the program includes a snack for the toddlers at around 9:00 A.M. where they learn how to eat by themselves, put away their plates, and clean up. Here are some words from Ms. Emma: "ISA has expanded the Montessori education previously offered for children 3-6 years and is now offering a new Toddler Program carefully designed for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Children learn through their play. Therefore, we have created a peaceful and safe environment filled with lessons that will aide the children in their cognitive development while also developing their concentration, eye-hand coordination, self-esteem, independence, order, motor skills, language, and social skills. The children are respected as individuals and are given the time, freedom to explore, and skills to develop to their fullest potential." Ms. Emma and Ms. Vanessa are doing a great job in educating these toddlers and including them in the ISA community. It was definitely a great addition to the ISA curriculum.



New Soccer Program with Coach Lee

by Raymond Maduro

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Among the many new additions to the school, a new soccer program has also been implemented to the school which will be operated and directed by Mr. Lee. We got to interview Mr. Lee and asked him about his experience with coaching soccer and his plans and goals for the new after school soccer program. "The new soccer program this year is different from most soccer programs," stated Mr. Lee. With the new soccer program, students who are interested in participating will have to be 100% committed while maintaining high grades in school. This is one of the major challenges Mr. Lee will be looking to overcome because in many cases students can't balance both sports and academics. To counter this problem, students will begin working on their school work and studies during after school

hours and will participate in the soccer field once their work is over. Mr. Lee is hoping that this will create the perfect student athlete mentality so that students can balance both academics and sports. The new soccer program is expected to be from Tuesday to Saturday, ranging from 1-3 hours of practice and 10 people including 2 reserves will make the team on the week of tryouts (Sept 1-5). Once students make the team, they are expected to be committed, humble, and show good sportsmanship among teammates. "I don't need egos in my team, I need teammates," quoted Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee has been coaching and teaching soccer for 6 years already in his old school and is will be willing to use his experience to make this year's soccer program and unforgettable one. We wish all who are participating in the new soccer program luck!

Solar Panels

by Jonah Juliao

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The idea of renewable energy and going green has been very popular these years due to climate change and decline of fossil fuels. Nations have started to create social programs that will allow them to lower their dependence on fossil fuels and the nations that supply these fossil fuels. Although not heavily influential on an inter- national scale,

Aruba is one of the nations that have started the transition from fossil fuel dependence to renewable energy.

In 2012, the Solar Panel Farm project was presented by the Dr. Edward Cheung Center of Innovation, by Peter Boyd and Patrick Doherty of the New American Foundation. The contract was signed by the Director of ELMAR NV, Mike Eman, and Mr.

Gieselaar of the Oskomera Solar Power Solutions BV. The presentation revealed that the Solar Park would be built on the parking lot of the airport. Mr. Gieselaar expressed his gratitude for being able to be part of this project.

He stated that this project could not have happened without the support from "The Aruba Growth Fund." In the presentation, they planned to not only use the solar panels for green energy, but they would also provide shade for the cars parked under those solar panels. According to the presentation, Oskomera would be building the solar panel farm and maintaining it for the next 25 years.

SOLAR PANELS ARUBA



The first solar panels were installed in March this year. The project has started up again, after a financial constraint not allowing the project to advance for a while. A total of 14,000 solar panels will be installed, which will cover the entire parking lot and produce 3.5 megawatts. It is estimated that it will provide energy for 500 homes. ELMAR is currently supervising this project. This project is part of Aruba's vision for 2020: Being 100% independent of fossil fuels. Aruba is one of the first making this change towards green energy in the region. Aruba could be the leading example of the Caribbean.

The airport is not one of the organizations working on the project. A bid was held in 2012 to be able to be part of the project. The airport was asked to relinquish their parking lots in exchange for giving shade to the entire parking lot. The airport was chosen as it is a spot where almost all the tourists will see the solar panels. Also, it is a good attraction for people to come and see. The first phase of the project should be online by the end of November while the second phase should be finished by the beginning of January.

Upcoming Events

September 4th: Elementary School Parent Back to School

September 10th: Middle/High School Parent Back to School

September 17th: No School for Students (Staff Improvement)

Interview with Ms. Penelope!

by Antoanet Moussali •••

Where are you from?

Maine, United States

Where did you reside before

Aruba?

Mongolia

What was your first impression of the school?

The campus is lovely and pleasant.

What classes are you teaching this school year?

I teach K- through 12 music. I see all of the elementary kids, some of the middle school, and a few of the high school.

What is your favorite part about being a teacher?

My students, of course. I learn much from them. Definitely the students.

What inspired you to become a music teacher?

Well, I've been around music my whole life. It was natural for me to want to share music with everyone around me.

Have you always been passionate about music?

Always! Since I was just a little girl. I played the piano when I was 3, then the flute later on. Hopefully, I will find that passion in some students here at ISA.

What instruments do you play?

A little piano, but my major instrument is flute. I can kind of play all the woodwinds and brass instruments. I can teach all the instruments.

Which one did you learn to play first?

The flute.

What genre of music do you enjoy the most?

I like any kind of music as long as it's done well.

Who is your favorite musician?

I really love the music of JS Buck. All of the music of today comes from what he did, long long time ago.



After School Activities

ISA is offering a plethora of new, amazing after-school activities this year! After-school activities are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3 P.M. to 4 P.M. (except soccer team practices). Some of the new activities that are being offered are this year include Zumba, ISA Website, Mosaics, Volleyball, German, Running, and even Golf to go along with the usual, fun activities that have been available here at ISA throughout the years. The teachers and students cannot wait for the activities to kick-off! (A list of all the available activities can be seen below)

After School Activity Chart (subject to change)

Teacher	Activity	Grade	Days
Mrs. Jacob	Academic Support	3 -5	T
Mr. Lee	Boys Soccer	6th-8th	T
Mr. Lee	Boys Soccer	9th-12th	TH
Mr. Lee	Science Support	9th-12th	W
Mr. Calnin	Math support	6th-8th, geo	TW
Mr. Coach Sam	Boys Soccer	3rd - 5 th	W
Ms. Anita	Mosaics	7th-12th	TH
Cris	ES STUCO	3rd-5th	W
Mrs. Calnin	Humanities Support	6th	W
Ms. Dircx	DIY or French	all	W
Mrs. Calnin	Computer Fun	3rd-6th	T
Mr. de Jesus Nurkis	Zumba	9th-10th	T
Mr. de Jesus Nurkis	Zumba	11th-12th	W
Ms. Leigh Ann	MS Speech	6-8th	TH
Ms. Monte	Math Support	9th-12th	T
Mr. Douglas	English Support	9th-12th	T
Mr. Richard	German for beginners	3rd->	T
Mr. Gunn	Running/xc	9th-12th	TH
Mrs. Gunn	Running/xc	6th-8th	TH
Ms. Sergia	Cuatro		
Mr. Spencer	Soc Studies Support		TH

Mrs. Charles	Arts and crafts	1st-3rd	
Mr. Sam	Girls Volleyball	6th - 12 th	TH
Mrs. Sarah	ISA website	8th-12th	T
Ms. Musto	Drawing	6th - 8th	T
Ms. Wheeler	Instrumental Music Lessons/ Ensemble	6th-12th	T
Mr. Dennis	Golf	4th-12th	W
Ms. Monte	Girls Soccer	9th-12th	W

First Week of School Pictures



Quote of the week:
"Two things are infinite:
the universe and human
stupidity; and I'm not
sure about the universe."
-Albert Einstein

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