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Important Dates:

January 26, 2016

School Starts for 2nd Semester

February 8 - 10, 2016

No School - Carnaval

February 20, 2016

Candlelight Dinner

April 2, 2016

International Festival

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IMPACT THE WORLD THROUGH CHRIST

BY ROBIN RUGG, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT



The last words of PACA's mission statement state that our desire for our students is that they "impact their world through Christ". Since the school's inception 55 years ago, it has been our desire to prepare our students for not only the years immediately following graduation, but for the rest of their lives. It is always a joy to see how both our current and former students are serving the Lord in a variety of countries, professions and ministries.

One of our goals as a school is to give our students the opportunity to impact others during their time as PACA students. Throughout this first semester, as a community we had the chance to serve a variety of people in a number of ways.



Our preschool students welcomed children from a local orphanage to spend the day on PACA's campus playing and doing a variety of activities. It was wonderful to see how students so young can embrace the idea of loving others and supporting someone new to them.

This year's walkathon was focused on helping a fellow Christian school located close to Osasco. Escola Jardim das Oliveiras was started 35 years ago by a local pastor who desired to offer Christian education to the community who lived close to his church. Through the efforts of our students and the support of the PACA parents and extended community, we were able to raise over R\$27,000.

PACA families also supported our Thanksgiving clothing drive, which helps local orphanages and other Christian organizations, and our Christmas gift-giving to our school maintenance workers and guards. The expression of thankfulness

is seen by our students as they share their gifts during class Christmas parties and as our StuCo members distribute the donated clothes.

An additional activity that is student led is the PACA Habitat for Humanity club that has been established for a number of years now and focuses on raising money to help economically needy families build a home. The group's plan is to help support the construction of a house during the upcoming semester.

Philippians 2:4 emphasizes the importance of looking not only to our own interests, but also being concerned about the interests of others. We as a Christian school and community are called to help and support not only one another, but those who are in need. It is a fundamental part of who we desire to be as a school community and something we work to instill in our students. Thank you for partnering with us in this higher calling and making a difference in so many lives during this past semester.



PASSEANDO PELAS CLASSES

MARTA FRANCO, DIRETORA DO PROGRAMA BRASILEIRO

Fico maravilhada ao ver a criatividade de nossos alunos e a singularidade de talentos. Mesmo que certos projetos se repetem ano a ano, encanto-me ao ver como cada aluno se expressa de forma tão pessoal, individual e ao mesmo tempo cultural!!! Muito rico.



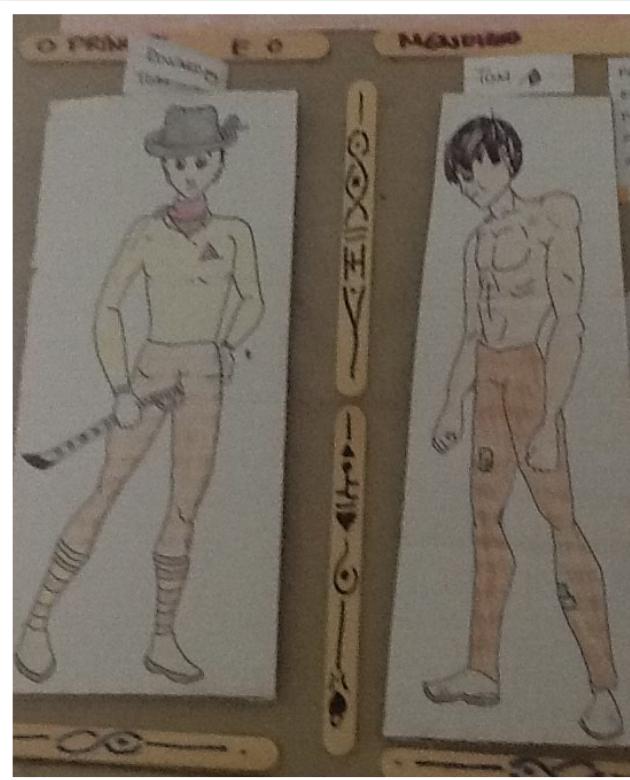
Cenas do Santo Graal
(Romero Brito e o oriente se encontram!)



Construção e decoração uma habilidade a ser valorizada.



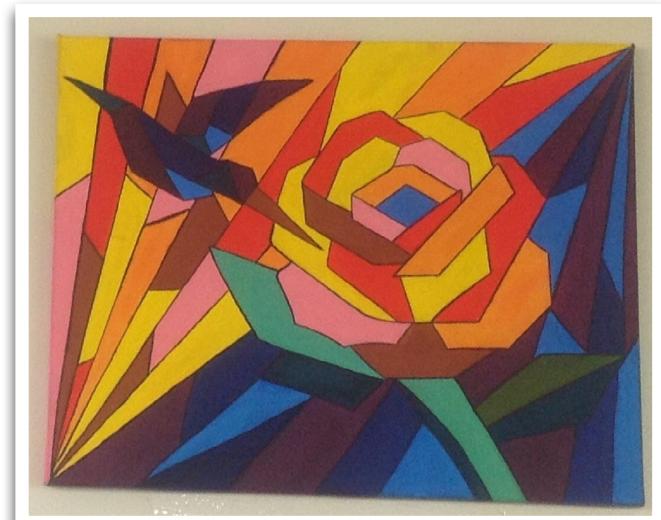
Aqui o talento arquitetônico é evidente.



O príncipe e o mendigo ilustração
oriental e contemporânea



A novela de cavalaria- montagem de painel por capítulos. Em cada quadro a riqueza de detalhes e o olhar de cada ilustrador.



CUBISMO
Literatura -Vanguardas europeias.
Trabalho dos alunos da adaptação artística
de determinadas vanguardas.
O resultado foi excelente!

PROVÉBIOS EM FÁBULAS

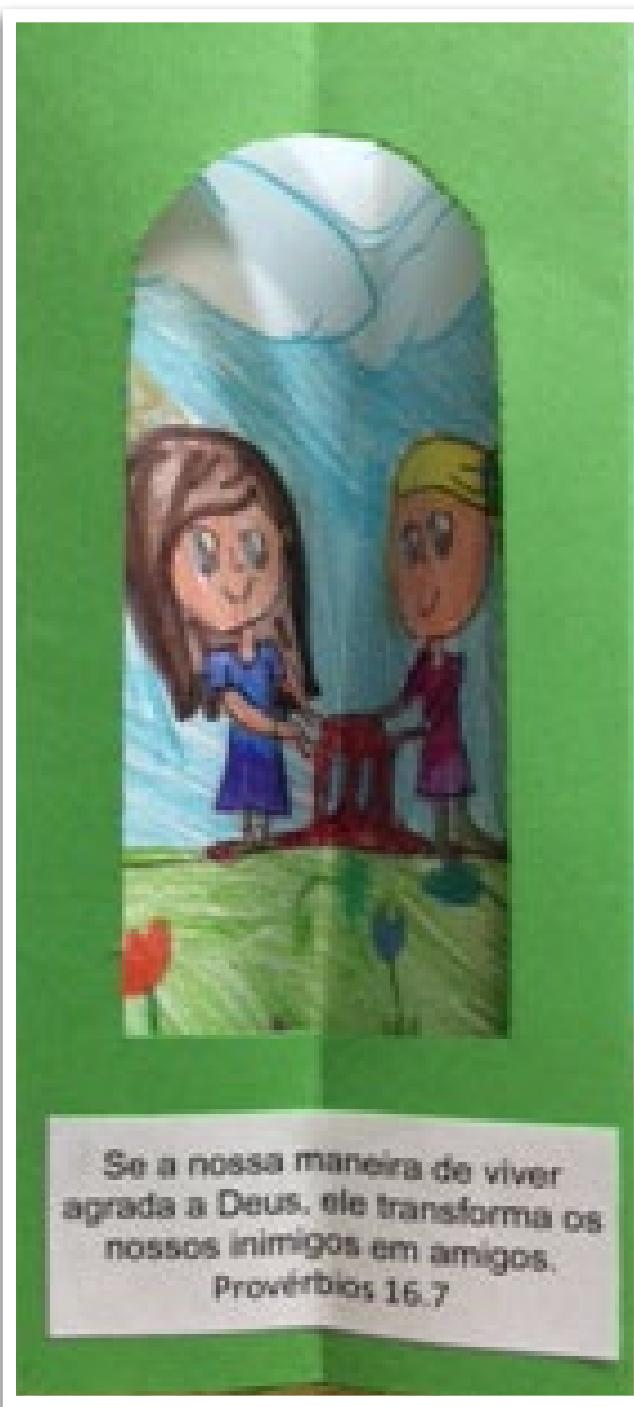
RENATA SANTOS, PROFESSORA DO 4º ANO.

Iniciamos o ano letivo de 2015/2016 em agosto, quando também celebramos no Brasil o mês do folclore.

Nossa primeira unidade de estudos em português, com os alunos do 4º ano, são, por isso, os textos folclóricos brasileiros. Lendas, rimas, fábulas, adivinhações e ditados populares brasileiros que estão carregados da cultura construída pela mistura de raças que formam o nosso povo: portugueses, africanos e principalmente os indígenas. Percebemos que são textos carregados do imaginário e das crenças populares. Foi um aprendizado muito interessante e muito enriquecedor que apresentam como esses povos lidam com questões da vida, valores, lições morais e com a vida após a morte.

Como povo de Deus, escolhido e redimidos pelo sangue de Jesus, não podemos deixar de apresentar também nossa herança cultural, que tem uma manifestação própria. São Salmos, provébios, parábolas e versos que dirigem nossas vidas, moldam nosso pensar, nossa ética e nos trazem a certeza de uma vida plena com Cristo após a morte.

No intuito de celebrar nossa cosmovisão cristã, contamos com o apoio do livro "Provébios em Fábulas" de Paulo Debbs. As crianças tiveram a oportunidade de ler vários provébios, ilustrados por fábulas. Cada criança escolheu então quatro provébios bíblicos e ofereceu sua interpretação de cada texto através de desenhos que se traduziram em um lindo projeto das "Janelinhas de Sabedoria", conforme a gravura ao lado.



BRASIL, REPÚBLICA REBELDE

MARIA CECÍLIA NASCIMENTO, POETA

Que grito é esse que te rasga o peito,
Patria minha?
Que dor é essa que em tu'alma arde?
Não basta o sangue dos heróis que outrora
tomaram mortos por tua liberdade?

Não era o que querias?
O direito de voto, a democracia?
Teu sonho independente de seres de ti mesmo,
do povo que te habita, de leis por ti criadas?

Que choro é esse, ó Brasil-República?
Não tens agora sobre teu destino
os homens que escolhestes? a opinião pública?
Não és tu tão grande que a ti conduzes
por caminhos livres a que te arremeteste?

No entanto sofres, mesmo soberano,
sob a falsa paz do sonho republicano,
de um século inglório de desilusões.
E eu sei bem porquê:

Tu não queres rei que sobre ti domine.
Queres o teu rumo,
Tua sorte, tua sina.
E ainda choras por teu ideal.

Pois quero que saibas que para alcança-lo
terás de dobrar-te a um Cetro Real,
terás que cumprir as Sagradas Leis,
terás que eleger como teu Senhor
Jesus Cristo, o Rei dos Reis!

A Prof Maria Cecília trabalhou na Paca por mais de três décadas. Era uma excelente professora, de uma criatividade invejável, artista e escritora nata deixou-nos um legado incrível de poesia, crônicas e conto.

VIAGEM DE HÉRCULES 4

RECONTO DA PARÁBOLA CRIADA POR PAULO DEBBS, PELA ALUNA JULIE CHA, DO 4º ANO.

Reconto escrito de uma narrativa Oral: (Conto inventado pelo contador de história Paulo Debbs por ocasião do “Reading Contest”).

A agência A.E.I.O.U, Agência Especial International Organizada Unida, foi criada para construir e lançar foguetes. Hércules 4 era versão mais nova de todos os Hércules. Hércules 4 era o mais novo de sua família. Hércules 1, o bisavô, foi à Lua; Hércules 2, o avô, foi a Marte; Hércules 3, o pai, foi aos anéis de Saturno. Hércules 4 sonhava em explorar o infinito e queria também o mais importante: descobrir o sentido de sua vida. Hércules 4 queria muito realizar seu desejo.

Depois de uma longa espera chegou o dia de Hércules 4 decolar! Começou a contagem regressiva: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 DECOLAR! Lá se foi ele!

Hércules chegou ao espaço, mas primeiro tinha que passar pela Troposfera, Estratosfera, Meso-sfera, Termosfera e Exosfera. Hércules fez muito esforço! Só faltava mais uma camada! Ele conseguiu! Ele só pensava no sentido da vida. Ele explorava e explorava até que ouviu um choro. Hércules seguiu o som do choro e viu a pobre Lua chorando e chorando. Ele perguntou:

- Por que você está chorando, dona Lua?
- Eu não gosto da minha aparência eu não sirvo para nada! - disse ela.
- Você é perfeita do jeitinho que você é. Você é muito importante para todos.

A Lua ficou contente! Ela ficou com um grande sorriso no seu rostinho.

Hércules 4 não sabia, mas tinha um problema muito grande: sua gasolina estava vazando desde quando foi ver a Lua e ele não percebia. Hércules voltou ao seu objetivo que era explorar o infinito e achar o sentido da vida. Ele ouviu uma voz falando consigo mesma e foi até a voz. Sua gasolina continuava vazando. Ele viu o cometa de Halley velhinho e perguntou:

- Por que você está falando consigo mesmo?
- Eu acho que eu estou ficando muito velho perdi até a direção para a Terra.
- Você não está ficando velho, só está perdido, só isso. O caminho para a Terra é seguir em frente e você vai passar pela Lua.
- Obrigada, amigo!

Hércules seguiu em frente sem perceber ainda a gasolina vazando. Ele seguiu e ouviu uma discussão acontecendo. Ele viu uma estrela pequenina e quatro estrelas grandes zoando da pobre estrelinha. Elas estavam zoando da estrelinha porque ela não era grande e importante como elas. Hércules falou:

- Sabiam que a estrelinha é muito importante para vocês, Cruzeiro do Sul?
- Por quê? - perguntaram as estrelas maiores.
- Porque se não existisse ela vocês não seriam uma constelação, seriam um bando de estrelas soltas.
- Sério?!

- Sim! - respondeu Hércules.

- Desculpa, estrelinha! Nós não vamos te zoar mais - as quatros estrelas maiores disseram.

Hércules continuou sua jornada. Ele ainda estava explorando quando... BOOM! BANG! Ele finalmente percebeu que o combustível estava acabando por causa do vazamento! Ele ficou muito preocupado porque ainda não havia achado o sentido da vida. Hércules 4 estava muito triste, quando ouviu uma voz dizendo:

- Porque você está tão preocupado? - perguntou a voz.
- Eu não vou conseguir chegar ao meu destino e por isso eu nunca vou encontrar o sentido da minha vida. - respondeu Hércules.
- Ora, garoto! O sentido da vida não é chegar em um lugar, é o que você faz no caminho. - disse a voz, que vinha do Sol - Você viu o que fez? Consolou a Lua, ajudou o Cometa Halley e parou a confusão com o Cruzeiro do Sul. Você já achou o sentido da vida então já pode voltar pra casa. - disse o Sol.
- Puxa! É mesmo! Obrigado, amigo Sol!

Hércules 4 descobriu o sentido da sua vida e voltou pra casa contente. O sentido de sua vida era ajudar e dar seu coração às pessoas que precisam.

“Porque somos criação de Deus realizada em Cristo Jesus para fazermos boas obras, as quais Deus preparou antes para nós as praticarmos”. Efésios 2:10



**Sou um estrangeiro
Em chão brasileiro,
Mas me sinto em casa,
Amo meu irmão.
Nessa terra imensa
Acho proteção.**

**Duas Pátrias tenho
Aqui no meu peito,**

**Pelas duas oro
As duas respeito.
Tempos passarão,
Rumos vou tomar,
Inda longe delas
Ambas vou amar!**

I had the opportunity to help the school's Student Council (StuCo), headed by senior Caleb Lim, organize several events. We had the Welcome Back Party, Warrior Week, the High school Retreat, and the Thanksgiving Clothes drive. What a blessing to be able to work with great students!



Also, between individual visits, group visits, and fairs, our students spoke to over 110 colleges and universities, 80 of which were right on our campus. Here is what the organizer of the Linden Fair that came to campus on September 23 had to say about our students:

"I would like to tell you how much the U.S. university representatives appreciated speaking with your students in September. The students at PACA are, without a doubt, among the most capable and bright students in all of Brazil. I am sure that they reap the benefits of the fine teaching that goes on at your school, not to mention the expert guidance that you and the staff provide." Donald Ochiuzzo Ed. D. - Linden Educational Tours.



HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS

NELSON DEWEY, SECONDARY PRINCIPAL

If you didn't see this year's PACA High School Drama presentation of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," you really missed out. A total of 231 people came to see the productions over two nights.

Daniel Garcia starred as Charlie Brown. Lucy, Linus, Snoopy, Patty and Schroder were played by Sydney Lister, Nicholas Yoshida, Jayane Guimaraes, Nathalia Lin, and Mark Davis. They did an outstanding job playing the Peanuts gang as they dealt with the difficulties of book reports, kite flying, and the joys of growing up.

It was fun to see the old cartoons come to life on stage. Hudson Lister (Kindergarten) recounted his favorite scene was when Charlie Brown put the lunch sack on his head. He thought that was pretty funny. Nathalia Lin (12th), who played Patty, said her favorite scene was the song Happiness. She also reported that she had to learn "the American way" of saying the Pledge of Allegiance, apparently there is a specific cadence.

Jeremy Davis, director, was assisted by Ben Clark, Debbie Dunn and Walter Fawcett. Diane Fray did an outstanding job with the piano music throughout the two-hour production.

The Habitat for Humanity Club provided refreshments during the intermission and thanks the community for their support. They were able to raise over R\$1000 for their next building project.



NEW TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY

JENNIFER KIERSTEAD, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Being part of an international school means saying hello and goodbye to people in our community on a regular basis. As we said "tchau" to many teachers last school year, we were able to welcome new faces to our staff this school year. God provided visas so that everyone could be here when teacher in service started. This may seem like a simple thing but it is a huge answer to prayer as it hasn't always been the case.

We are thankful for the teachers God has provided this school year and their desire to work with your children and help them develop into the young men and women God would have them to be.



Steve Hunt (and his family) joined us from Honduras, and he is teaching elementary PE classes and assisting with MS/HS.



Serena Mouser joined us (with her family) from Idaho to teach second grade. Serena graduated from PACA in 1994.



Marc Mouser is helping in elementary, middle school and high school this year. In elementary, he is helping with fifth grade Math.



Denise Deal is teaching elementary computers and beginning Portuguese classes.



Melissa Davis helped in elementary last year, but moved into the first grade teaching position this year.



Debbie Dunn came on staff last May and is teaching Music this year.



Amanda Rausch joined us from Oregon and is teaching third grade.

READING CONTEST "BLAST OFF INTO READING"

JENNIFER KIERSTEAD, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

The purpose of the Reading contest each year is to get the students excited about reading and build a habit by reading for predetermined minutes each day. It is a fun time to learn about a new theme as well. Each year, the theme is switched. This year we "blasted off" into reading with our kick-off reading assembly at the end of September. We had a special morning filled with fun stations and the 5th grade class play of the "Magic School Bus Gets Lost in Space." Many parents were able to join us.

During the month of October, the students worked hard reading. Besides weekly prizes for reading, we had many special activities spread throughout the month. Students (and teachers) dressed up for character day. We also had the book sale during PTS conferences. Later in the month, Paulo Debs came and told a story he created. We ended the month with a visit from the inflatable planetarium. The students loved it, and it was neat to learn more about the world God created.





As a way to extend the work done on the Christmas program and to bless others, the second-fifth graders headed to Meirehouse, located not far from PACA to sing for the elderly residents. It is a neat time for students to think of others. The students made Christmas cards, and they sang several songs from the Christmas program. The residents were appreciative to see the students and receive their cards.

Our Kindergarteners and first grade sang to our workers during their devotion time and also gave them Christmas cards.

It is neat to see our students' sensitivity to others around them. One student has said that "it is his favorite activity."

If you were on campus during late August, you probably began hearing the Christmas songs coming from the music room. Yes, in preparation for the Christmas program, the students start learning the music in late August. Rehearsals in the gym started at the beginning of December as students readied to present the annual Pre-K through Elementary Christmas program.

This year the program, Christmas in Reverse, was presented in the PACA gym on Saturday, December 12, 2015. The fifth graders were responsible for the presentation of the play and solos, and the prek-4th graders were the choir.

The gym was filled with parents, friends and relatives. It was a great gathering to celebrate Christ's birth.



A SEMESTER WITH OUR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

JULIA DEWEY, PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR



On Wednesday, October 14, the preschool had a Children's Day celebration with some new friends that we invited to PACA from the Arca das Crianças. We enjoyed playing with our new friends on the trampoline and bouncy house and ball pit... we also had our faces painted like butterflies and superheroes and animals. Our school librarian, Mrs. Serafini, came and read us a story. It was a great day!

This semester, we have also enjoyed some other special activities...

We had fun wearing dress-up clothes to school! We came as princesses, superheroes, and animals!

We loved wearing our pajamas to school and hearing bedtime stories.

Fabiana, our school nutritionist, came several times to teach us about foods that will help us grow strong. We learned about all different kinds of fruits and vegetables and how to make orange juice.

We planted carrot seeds, watering them and watching them grow! Some of our seeds have started to sprout! We are excited to see them grow bigger and bigger! Our friend, Mrs. Clark, also planted some seedlings for us to watch grow.

Recently, we read about the Gingerbread Man and decorated gingerbread cookies with frosting and sprinkles.



This semester we are learning about sharing with our friends and family. Inviting the children from Arca das Crianças gave us a unique opportunity to share our time and our toys with new friends. We are also learning about the world God made and planting seeds and watching them grow has helped us to understand a little bit more about the cycle of life and the blessings God gives us.

Some of our pre-school students told us about what they like at school....

“the playground”

“lunch”

“I like friends and teachers and the playground”

“I like groups and iPad”

“PE”

“I like the guard of the school”

“I like drawing and I like my friends”

“I like to read books”

“I like to play hide and seek”

“writing center”

