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**MR. ROBIN RUGG**  
Superintendent

I was almost 24 years old when I arrived in Brazil as a young teacher, over two decades ago. My first year here I lived on campus in the apartments, where a number of the foreign hire teachers live. At that time, Ms. Meacham was the mother of a young daughter, Carrie, and the 1st Grade teacher. My first year was right around when Jane had been at PACA for 20 years. Her apartment was the only one with a phone, so whenever any of us received a call, she was the one who received it. Besides all of the hats she has worn over the years while at PACA, "switch board operator" was one she probably doesn't miss! But, she was always so gracious and helpful.

As my path continued at PACA, Ms. Meacham worked faithfully to serve the school and her students. What amazed me about Ms. Meacham was that she seemed to become a better teacher, with more energy and creativity, as her career progressed. Ms. Meacham was always willing to don a wig and some crazy costume and assume a role in class or in an assembly. She always was eager to embrace new technology and pedagogy that would help her students.



It was a privilege to have both of my boys go through her classroom. One of things I loved about this relationship was Ms. Meacham was always forthright in calling my attention to things my wife and I could do to help the boys. She cared enough for them to make sure that I was doing my job as a parent. I can never thank her enough for that guidance and challenging me to do my part as a father.

Last year Ms. Meacham retired from PACA, but through circumstances out of her control, the Lord kept her here in Brazil for almost one year longer than she planned. What was so impressive about all that Ms. Meacham went through was her recognition that God was in control and she only

## WALKING IN THE LIGHT THE LEGACY OF JANE MEACHAM



desired to walk in His light. She took advantage of opportunities to be a witness, a new friend and an example through all that she went through.

I can't say enough about how much she meant to all of her students, the PACA staff and the entire PACA community. She spent 42 years serving God through caring for everyone she came into contact with during her time in Brazil. She is an example to all of us in her dedication, professionalism, youthful energy, servant's heart and desire to "walk in the light" wherever she goes and whatever she does. May God richly bless you, Ms. Meacham. Your legacy will forever be remembered here at PACA.

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION



We are proud to announce that eight of our faculty have completed their Master of Science in Education degree from Cairn University. The dedication of these teachers enables the school to fulfill its mission statement "to nurture and develop young people, through quality education rooted in Biblical truth, who impact their world through Christ." And it is two of the school's core values to be "dedicated to academic excellence maximizing each student's potential while equipping them to think critically in the context of a biblical world view" and to

"promote the development and well-being of PACA employees."

Cairn's M.S. in Education integrates biblical thinking into every subject area of study, including the study of education itself. Interaction with other educators in the classroom helps students as they examine the impact of what they are learning on their current or future classroom. It also offers students teaching overseas or interested in international education a unique opportunity to interact with teachers from around the globe.

Congratulations to our teachers: Brenda Stockment, Ana Claudia Soares, Claryssa Tomaz, Eliana Rocha, Silvia Bizetti, Elissa Fadlalla, Christine Deboer, and Chad Anderson.



# SARAU DO 8º ANO & CHÁ DO DIA DAS MÃES

DONA MARTA FRANCO DIAS DA SILVA  
Diretora do Programa de Estudos Brasileiros



Neste último semestre, a classe do 8º ano, sob a direção da Professora Isly, trabalhou com a obra brasileira romântica "A Moreninha," de Joaquim Manoel de Macedo, e nela acontece uma das mais elegantes festas do séc 19: O sarau.

Essa festa combinava arte e cultura, quando jovens se encontravam para ler poemas, executar músicas, os homens falavam de negócios e, geralmente terminava em um baile.

Nós nos dividimos em nove GT's (Grupos de Trabalho) para a preparação da peça do sarau: cenário, redação (publicação e arte), textos literários, cultura musical, mídia e produção, figurino, maquiagem, recepção (cardápio), material & acessórios, logística.

Por um mês, treinamos as falas, a valsa e pintamos o cenário. Na última semana, ensaiamos com o figurino da época. No dia tão esperado, tivemos momentos de risos, de seriedade, de emoção, momentos inesquecíveis. Logo nos arrumamos para receber as mães, com um sorriso enorme porque ELAS MERECEM!! Foi um dia maravilhoso!!!

Nós, 8º ano, agradecemos a direção do teatro pela a Profa. Maria Smith, que nos deu palavras de incentivo. Agradecemos também a colaboração das professoras Marta, Ana Lúcia, Eliana, Eliana e Chad.

Como foi nossa primeira vez em apresentação a tantas mães, a experiência foi inesquecível! (GT "Publicação & Arte")



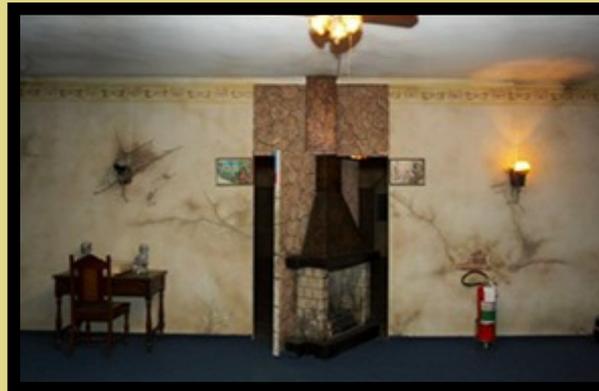
# CIDADE DO LIVRO

No dia 25 de março de 2014 os alunos do 4º ano do Ensino Fundamental I fizeram um passeio à *Cidade do Livro*. A *Cidade do Livro* é um espaço cenográfico tematizado que oferece passeios diferentes, voltados para o estímulo do prazer pela leitura e pela escrita.

Os alunos do 4º ano participaram do projeto "Teens". O grande foco do passeio foi levar os alunos à percepção de que eles também são autores e que devem, com frequência, relatar e escrever suas próprias histórias, baseadas em suas aventuras.

Mistério, aventura e descoberta marcaram o dia. Os alunos contaram com a ajuda dos monitores que atendiam pelos pseudônimos: 'Picolé' e 'Batata' e com a ajuda do detetive "Xerox Holmes".

Ms. Owsley, D. Renata, Mrs. Cargile, Mrs. Malone e o Sr. José Carlos Almeida acompanharam as crianças durante o passeio. O grupo explorou o universo da leitura e da escrita nos vários gêneros literários e também em temas transversais como profissões, coleta seletiva de lixo, meio ambiente, ciências, ética



e cidadania. As crianças precisaram trabalhar em equipe utilizando percepção e conhecimentos gerais, trabalhando paralelamente seus medos, ansiedades e limites. Foi um passeio memorável.

# PROJETO RECICLAGEM



A excursão do 3º ano no Projeto Reciclázaro foi bem proveitosa. Os alunos visitaram as instalações da CEFOPEA, que é um centro de formação profissional, educação ambiental e geração de renda para jovens, adultos e idosos em situação de vulnerabilidade social.

Todo aluno ou visitante tem acesso a informações básicas sobre coleta seletiva, reciclagem e descarte correto dos materiais, consumo consciente, tecnologias limpas, funcionamento de um viveiro de árvores e flores e o cultivo de espécies vegetais adaptáveis às condições de vida nas grandes cidades.





**Charcoal and Pencil Technic - Rendering of Human Anatomy**  
**Artist: 8th Grade Student**



**Pencil Medium - Self Portrait.  
Artist: Isabella Bann - 8th Grade**



MS. JULIA CHRISTNER  
Preschool Coordinator

# PRESCHOOL FUN & LEARNING



This semester in pre-school we had fun playing on our playground with water on hot days.

We participated in the International Festival wearing colors and costumes from Brazil, Korea, Japan, and China.



We visited the fazendinha and fed goats and chickens and milked a cow!



### "What did you like most at the fazendinha?"

Sean (PK2) "Dando comidinha para a vaca."  
Gabriela (PK2) "Everything!"  
Eduardo (PK2) "I liked the pig."

We learned about fairy tales and D. Marta and Mr. Rugg came to read stories to us!



We had a dress-up day and superheroes, princesses, and even a lion visited our class.



Izabela (PK1) "Andando de cavalo."  
Kevin (PK1) "Cavalo."  
Isabella (PK1) "Horse."

# INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

MS. JENNIFER KIERSTEAD  
Elementary Principal



The elementary students participated in the program to kick off the activities of the International Festival. Different classes sang while others played their recorders. We also heard updates from different ministries who are associated with parents of our students. We had a beautiful day with sun and fun.

PACA hosted over 1,330 visitors at the school's annual International Festival. The profit of this event was donated to raise awareness and funds for a wide variety of non-profit organizations. For several years we have partnered with these groups as they help rescue street kids, provide a safe refuge for children from the city's most dangerous favelas, empower youth to make a fresh start, and break the chains of addiction.

The seven organizations that each received R\$3.000,00 from this event were Casa ABBA, Casa Esperança, Arca das Crianças, Associação Restauração, Associação Água, Lar Tia Edna, and Associação Construindo Para Cristo. Each organization also shared about their work at the opening program.

We started the day with a special program by our students, showcasing their musical talents. Afterwards, our guests enjoyed delicious food from 10 different countries (Korea, Japan, China, Italy, India, Colombia, Argentina, Chile, Brazil and United States). Games and prizes were available for children as parents enjoyed eating with friends. During the event there were special acts to entertain the guests.

There are many people, corporations and churches to thank for making this event successful. All of our 340 students, 40 teachers, 70 parents and many other volunteers contributed to make this event a true celebration of God's diversity and creativity of the human race.

We want to specifically thank the following organizations for their donations and participation: Macarrão Alfa, American Cafeteria, Knauf AMF Forros do Brasil, Anico, Bann Química, Dalde do Brasil, Doce Vida, Igreja Água Viva, Igreja Han-In, Igreja Joo Eun, Igreja Missionária Oriental, Igreja SINAM, Igreja Yon Hap, M&S Odontologia, NS, Oficina Eventos, Saborama, Smart & Charm, SP Media, UG Pão Natural Caseiro, UNISA and Verbo da Vida Transportes.

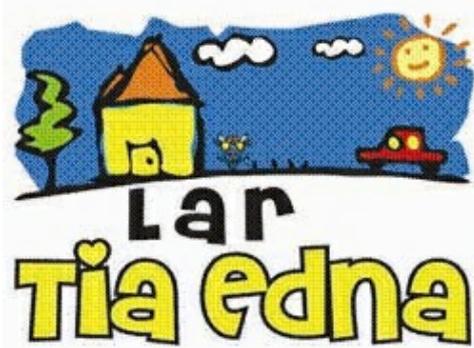


American Cafeteria



# EASTER ASSEMBLY

After celebrating together for the sunrise service, many stayed for breakfast and for the Easter Assembly. The different elementary classes presented several songs even one in Hebrew. The High School Choir also sang. Angelica Kim, STUCO president, presented the food collected during the food drive to Nilma and several of the children from Lar Tia Edna. It was a blessed time of celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection while helping others in our community.



# SCIENCE FAIR & ART SHOW

The elementary and Middle School students worked diligently in Art and Science to be ready to share their learning with the PACA community. On Friday night, April 11th, the PACA was alive with excitement as many gathered for the annual Art Show, Science Fair and Book Sale. Each elementary class had a place in the gym to share their projects while the 7th and 8th graders had their projects in the cafeteria. 6th grade had their projects in the Science Lab and the Art Show was showcased in the Art room. The advanced High School art students also had their art on display.



## LEAVING ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Unfortunately being part of an international school means that teachers come and go. We have been blessed to know these two ladies and pray God's blessing on their lives and they seek what He has for them next.

Emily Mathews joined us three years ago from Virginia. She had been teaching first grade but came to PACA to teach Kindergarten. She has worked hard and invested in the lives of our little ones. She plans to return to the U.S., find a teaching job there and continue to work on her Master's program.



Elizabeth Owsley joined us two years ago as our fourth grade teacher. She grew up in an international school much like PACA, and it was great to have her join us here. She encouraged her students to read and be excited about learning. She also plans to return to the U.S. and find a teaching job there.



## LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

PACA celebrated the World Cup. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, students and staff wore Brazil colors/jerseys. On Tuesday and Thursday, students and staff wore other country colors/jerseys. It was a fun week to celebrate our diversity and eat some international food in the cafeteria in anticipation of the World Cup starting on June 12th.

Field Day this year was centered around the World Cup....so soccer it was! The students got very excited to be part of this special afternoon. They were divided into teams and wore a team color. Thursday afternoon will begin the festivities of soccer, soccer and more soccer drills. Tug of War is a favorite at the end of the afternoon.





MR. NELSON DEWEY  
Secondary Principal

# SCIENCE FAIR

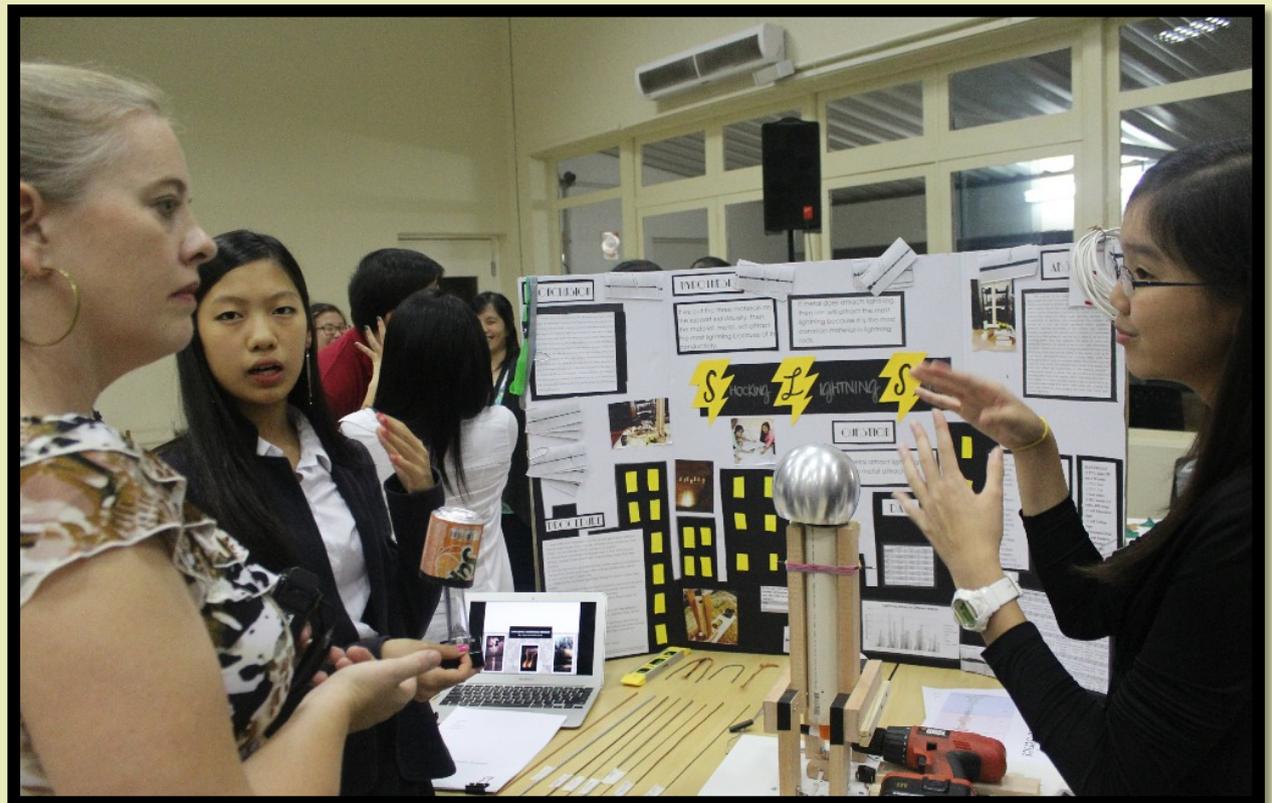


In the middle school students work in pairs or alone to perform a real science experiment. They start with back ground research, design their own processes to test a hypothesis and prepare their results to present in class and at the science fair.

This year's fair had numerous unique and exciting projects. Ms. Wiebe, Mrs. Zuercher

and their students are to be congratulated for their outstanding work. In recognition of all of the effort that students invest in the fair, the science department has instituted a judging system. Mr. Costello coordinated a team of seven judges to interview each student and evaluate the design and execution of each project. Awards were given to the top projects in each class.

One of the highlights in the middle school this year was the annual science fair. Students K-8 participate in this event that draws friends and family to see the projects they develop in science class.





### National Honor Society Members

**Seniors:** Angelica Kim, Jun Park, Christopher Shu

**Juniors:** Amy Choi, Pedro Chun, Daiana Ko, André Pai, Sandra Saldaña, Cléo Santos, Rachel Song, Jane Yang, William Yoshida

**Sophomores:** Bianca Abreu, Mark Davis, Laura Dubena, Daniel Garcia, Rachel Hecke, Amy Kim, Celine Lee, Caleb Lim, Sydney Lister, Noela Park, Esther Smoak

The National Honor Society (NHS) is USA's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

New members are selected by the school's faculty and must maintain a minimum GPA requirement of 3.5 for a whole year.

# Class of 2014



## College Acceptances for the Class of 2014

Azusa Pacific University  
 Boston University  
 California State University, Fresno  
 Columbia College, Chicago  
 Drew University  
 Drexel University  
 East Carolina University  
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Furman University  
 Hope College  
 Lewis University

Liberty University  
 Lynn University  
 Michigan State  
 New York University  
 North Carolina State  
 Pace University  
 Penn State  
 Pratt Institute  
 Purdue University  
 Rice University  
 Rutgers University  
 Samford University  
 San Diego State  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 Temple University

University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Irvine  
 University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
 University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
 University of Massachusetts, Boston  
 University of British Columbia  
 University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Tampa

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SEMESTER:**

**July 31**

First Day of School for Middle and High School (Half Day)

**August 1**

First Day of School for Elementary students  
Half Day of school for Preschool  
New Parents Breakfast

**August 4**

First Full Day of School for Preschool

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