



PACA

NEWS

Our Mission: To nurture and develop young people, through quality education rooted in biblical truth, who impact their world through Christ.



Important Dates:

January 26, 2015

School starts for 2nd Semester

January 23-27, 2015

Senior Trip

February 16 - 18

No School: Carnaval

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NURTURING HEARTS. DEVELOPING MINDS. EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY.

Word from Mr. Robin Rugg, Superintendent



From Right to Left: Mr. Rugg, Paulo Chun (Alumnus) and Mr. Kubo.

This school year marks my 20th as a member of the PACA staff. It has been a distinct privilege and tremendous blessing to be part of this school since the early 1990's and to have served with so many godly men and women. I continue to be amazed at God's goodness and His ability to use PACA to impact lives for His kingdom.

Through the fifty-five years that PACA has existed, the school has continually sought to serve our students through the lenses of a Christian worldview. In this service, the school tries to communicate to its students, parents

and those that come into contact with the PACA community what the school's mission, vision and core values represent.

While these three components are a key representation as to who we are as a school, it was felt that an addition of a short, concise tagline would be beneficial. These short phrases are distinctive and easily remembered, and speak to what the organization values.

Through work with a variety of constituents within the PACA community, the Board of Directors has approved the following taglines to be associated with PACA:

NURTURING HEARTS DEVELOPING MINDS EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY

These seven words are the springboard to understanding what type of school PACA is and what our staff sets out to do through educating all of its students. Each represents components of our mission, vision and core values and culminate in the last tagline,



"Educating for Eternity", emphasizing that while we prepare our students for excellence in this world, our ultimate goal for them is the eternal security they can receive through Christ's salvation.

While they are just seven words, what they bring to mind when attached to a school can be incredibly powerful. I am excited that with the support of the PACA staff, its parents and other community partners, we can work together to nurture students' hearts, help develop their minds and guide them to understand and accept God's perfect plan to spend eternity with Him.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS • TRIP TO KOREA • STUCO NEWS

An update from the school's Guidance Office by Mrs. Claudia Kuhnast, Guidance Counselor

We had 42 college visits on campus this semester! We also received a group of 8 Christian colleges. They were able to talk to PACA students in 7th -12th grades, telling them about the benefits of a Christian Education.

Representatives from college admission offices visited PACA to present information to prospective students and parents. There are several benefits of college rep visits for our PACA students.

College representatives meet with interested students in small groups to discuss topics such as the academic programs, campus life, financial aid and admission procedures of their college. They also answer students'

questions. Students can also let the college know they are seriously interested. Many of the representatives are also admission officers from the college, so students have a unique opportunity to make contact with a person who may be evaluating their application in the future.

Next semester, we will have more visits and the Linden College fair. We will keep our community posted about these important visits.



Catching up with former teachers and alumni in Korea.

I also had the privilege of traveling to Korea to visit Yonsei University; it was an opportunity to understand more about the Korean university system. I was also able to see several PACA Alumni who are now living in Korea, as well as Mr. Chad Anderson and Ms. Grace Kim, former PACA teachers.

And last but not least, I had the opportunity to help STUCO organize several events that promoted unity, solidarity and generosity. We had the Stuco Retreat, the Welcome Back party, Warrior Week, the high school retreat, and the Thanksgiving Clothing drive. What a blessing to be able to work with great students!



RELAÇÕES INTERNACIONAIS

Programa de Estudos Brasileiros, Dona Marta Franco da Silva, Diretora

Ao longo deste semestre, os alunos de Geografia do 7º ano tiveram a oportunidade de receber em classe a Srta. Denise Souza, **especialista em Relações Internacionais**, que trabalhou com alguns temas da atualidade como: comparação de dados socioeconômicos dos países das Américas; análise da declaração da ONU dos direitos humanos; estratégias para ajuda humanitária; combate à violência, dentre outros.



Foi um tempo de muito aprendizado, pois trabalharam em equipes, desenvolvendo habilidades de pesquisas e estratégias em assuntos ligados à geopolítica atual.



"Reescrever os direitos humanos me ajudou a refletir e entender melhor cada um deles". "Eu nem sabia que a declaração da ONU dos direitos humanos era tão longa". "Aprendi que há uma lista longa, mas nem todos são respeitados" (alunos do 7º ano).

"Criar estratégias de ajuda humanitária para povos carentes me ajudou a perceber a dificuldade de povos que vivem em guerra, povos que não têm acesso à água potável, saúde e educação" (aluno do 7º ano).



Investir nos Professores! O Desenvolvimento profissional dos professores na Paca é uma constante e é o melhor investimento para a educação dos nossos alunos. A Professora Renata e o Mr. Stockement completaram o penúltimo módulo do mestrado em educação internacional, no campus da *Cairn University* na Alemanha. A Professora Silvia Bizetti teve a oportunidade de participar da sua formatura do mestrado, no campus dos EUA da *Cairn University*, e foi a oradora da sua turma.



PASTEL É CULTURA

Notícias do Programa de Estudos Brasileiros

Ir à feira e poder pedir seu próprio pastel em português, participar desse mundo colorido e único da nossa cultura é uma das atividades com data marcada nas classes de Português para estrangeiros. Nesse ano, a novidade foi a descoberta da mandioca. Um aluno pensou que eram toras de madeira.



FESTIVAL ESTUDANTIL



No dia 13 de setembro nossa escolar participou do Festival Estudantil organizado pela ACSI-Brasil.

Foi uma **excelente oportunidade para nossos alunos** interagirem com os alunos das diversas escolas brasileiras participantes.

Parabenizamos a todos os nossos alunos participantes em especial, nossa equipe de conhecimentos gerais, que foram os 1º colocados. Também destacamos os alunos que participaram do campeonato de xadrez, que obtiveram bons resultados, com destaque à nossa campeã de sempre, Karen Hoshino.

MOMENTO CULTURAL

No dia 01 de outubro, o 12º ano foi ao teatro Ressurreição, localizado no bairro do Jabaquara, onde a classe assistiu à peça "Memórias Póstumas de Brás Cubas", **uma das obras pedidas nos vestibulares da FUVEST e Unicamp.**

O passeio foi muito gratificante e os alunos tiveram a oportunidade de comparar a peça teatral com o livro, uma vez que a leitura já tinha sido realizada nas aulas de Literatura.

Além do ganho cultural para todos os alunos, inclusive os estrangeiros, e preparo para o vestibular, foi mais uma oportunidade para os alunos formandos estarem juntos como classe.



BUGGY FOR BOOKS (ELEMENTARY READING CONTEST)



News from the Elementary Program by Miss. Jennifer Kierstead, Elementary Principal

Bugs were everywhere on campus... We kicked off the reading contest in September with the theme "Buggy for Books." It was a fun morning of bugs and stories. We had many parents come and join us. The third graders presented their assembly during the opening program. Miss Kierstead was Miss Ladybug for the day. Mr. Rugg shared about some of his favorite books.

There were lots of activities for the elementary students. In the gym, students



decorated elementary library, they listened to some buggy stories. Students made some buggy crafts in the art room and in Dona Ana Lucia's room, they listened to a Brazilian storyteller.

Miss Kierstead and Mrs. Morosov made some butterfly cookies for our morning snacks.

Throughout the month, we had several special activities. We had book week, a special speaker who came and showed us bugs he has collected and studied, as well as a dress up day at the end of the reading contest.

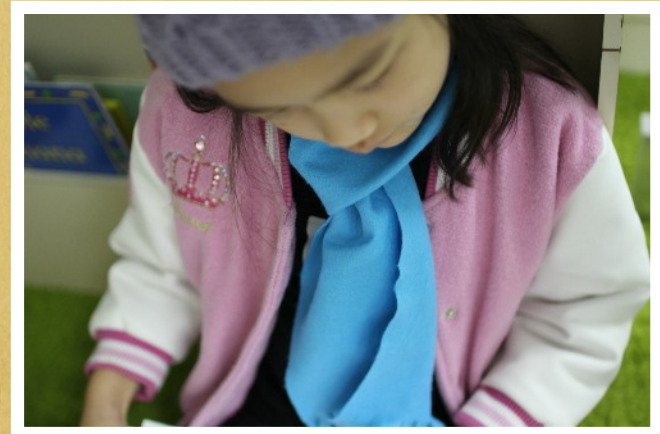
We got to ask questions to the author of the book, **Defending the Line: The David**

Luiz Story, written by Alex Carpenter, a PACA alumnus from 2004. Mrs. Laurie Carpenter shared her English translation of a Brazilian book, **A Bola e Goleiro**, in our closing chapel.

Students read throughout the month of October. Students were able to earn prizes for each week that they read - bookmarks, plastic bugs, pencils/erasers and a candy butterfly.

For those who read every week and remembered to bring their paper signed each week, we celebrated by eating ice cream cake together.

My desire is that students have caught the "reading bug" and will continue reading even though the contest is over.



participated in buggy games. They played games on buggy websites in the computer lab. The music room hosted a spider story with special musical instruments. In our

CIDADE DA ABELHAS IN EMBU DAS ARTES



Field Trip for the Elementary students for the Reading Contest



As an extension of the reading contest, **we took the whole elementary to the city of the bees in Embu.** The students were excited! God gave us a beautiful day for each group to enjoy His creation. Students were able to hear about and see God's creation firsthand.

After a lesson by the beekeeper, we walked through the woods as he guided us and explained about the different trees and insects. We saw a hillside that contained many of the bee houses. We also got to see bees up close (behind glass). The students went through a giant bee to see how it functions and were able to taste honey.

Several students commented that **"It was fun,"** and **"It was the best day ever!"** Each grade summarized their favorite part of the day:

Kindergarten - looking at the bees, eating honey, playing on their playground.

1st grade - playing at the park, seeing the bees, walking through the big bee, slide, being on the bus with friends.

2nd grade - eating honey, seeing the bees and their houses, playing, the beekeeper's lesson.

3rd grade - seeing the bees, going into the Mata Atlântica, the long slide in the playground, and buying honey.



4th grade - playing, seeing the bee houses, going through the big bee, walking through the bee maze.

5th grade - eating honey, no school, slides on the playground.

120 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

News from the Secondary Program by Mr. Nelson Dewey, Secondary Principal

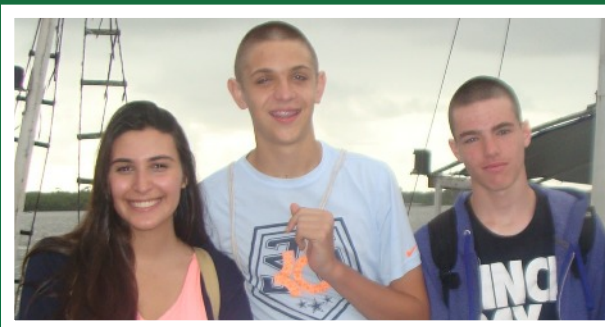
One of the requirements for graduating from PACA is that students complete 120 hours of community service. The purpose is to **encourage students to develop a heart for serving others** and to give them an opportunity to discover their gifts and talents in ministry. The activities must meet the following requirements:

- Be beneficial to the school, church, mission work or community.
- Not be part of any type of personal fundraiser.
- Be accomplished with an attitude of service.
- Does not include responsibilities to one's immediate family.

Silvano Kubo, our campus pastor, organizes an outreach day each semester in which kids help in various ministries associated with the school. Some students help at church, others tutor or babysit. The kids have found many other unique ways to serve the community. Maria Saldaña, a tenth grader, worked with



Projeto Sonhar Acordado where she spent a day playing games and hanging out with a young under-privileged girl. Daiana Ko (Senior) and Celine Lee (Junior) served food and washed dishes with **Sociedade Pequeno Jesus**. Bea Soldi, Jonathan Dunn and Rafael Rugg went to **Ilha do Cardoso** to distribute Christmas presents and Bibles to people living in small villages. 120 hours of service seems like a daunting task, but when students approach it with creativity and a heart of service, it can bring great joy to the students and those they serve.



WARRIOR UPDATE



This year, **our basketball teams were very successful**, not only in our São Paulo High School League (SPHSL) but also at the Big 8 Tournament.

Our boys' team did not reach the semi-finals in the SPHSL but achieved 2nd place at the Big 8 tournament, fighting hard and only losing to Graded by a few points.

Our girls' team had an undefeated record in the SPHSL, allowing us to host the finals and gain the victory. This is the 4th year in a row that our girls' basketball team won the SPHSL. At the Big 8 tournament, our girls met their first defeat of the season against ASA for a few points in the first game, but picked themselves up and went on to win the finals against the same team; receiving the 1st place medal and trophy.

POOL UPDATE

Development Office Update



Thank you for helping us surpass our fundraising goal to help buy the equipment needed to provide a heated swimming pool. The cost of buying and installing solar panels and four heat exchangers is estimated at R\$110.000. Through generous donations from parents, alumni and students through the Walkathon, **we raised R\$131.000!** This success will improve the water temperature of our swimming pool to make it more comfortable for our students.

In 1979, a generous PACA family donated the pool to the school. Mr. Jorge Atalla paid for the labor and materials of the



Photo taken on December 19, 2014.
Tiles are being placed.

swimming pool so that his children's school could have a swimming pool. Since then, PACA is one of the few international schools that has a 25-meter pool. And, our students get swim classes in February through March during Physical Education. **When classes start in January, we will have a heated pool!** Thank you for your generous support.

CHESS CHAMPIONS

Two of our PACA students, Karen (8th grade) and Meilin (5th grade), have been busy this semester competing in different chess tournaments. The two sisters represented PACA at the World Schools Chess Championships 2014 held at Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais. Karen finished in 4th place and Meilin finished in 7th place.

Earlier in the semester these two sisters also went to Durban, South Africa to play in the WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014.



PRESCHOOL - MAKING FRIENDS - MAKING BROWNIES - HAVING FUN

Life in Preschool by Mrs. Julia Dewey, Preschool Coordinator



On Tuesday, 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 library, Mrs. Serafini, came and read us a story. It was a great day and some of our moms came to play with us too!

We enjoyed special activities to commemorate Children's Day throughout one week in October.

- On Wednesday, we had fun wearing dress-up clothes to school!

- On Thursday, we loved wearing our pajamas to school and hearing bedtime stories.
- On Friday, we made brownies to share at an afternoon picnic.

During the end of October, **we planted carrot and lettuce 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!

This semester, we learned 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 also learned 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.

Isabella said, "Eu gosto de brincar, naptime, PE, library, go to my house, and I like my backpack."

Emily said, "I like to read story, make foods, make groups, gosto da mesa com buracos (the water table)."

Isaac said, "I like play, eat, show and tell, puppet."

Arthur said, "Gosto de ler livros dos animais, do leão."

Aline said, "Gosto do Apple TV porque adoro ouvir as músicas."