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# Admin News

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## Important Dates

### August 1, 2017

- 1st Day of School for 6th - 12th Grade (1/2 Day Orientation)

### August 2, 2017

- 1st Full Day of School for Kindergarten - 12th Grade
- Pre-K Orientation for Parents
- New Families Breakfast

### August 3, 2017

- 1st Full Day for Preschool (Pk1 & Pk2)

### August 7, 2017

- 9th - 11th Grade Orientation

### August 19, 2017

- Open House & Family Picnic

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## A Community of Love, Helping Others and God's Peace...

The theme verse for this school year, Philippians 4:9, states, "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." During the last weeks of last school year, when looking for a theme verse for this year, I confess that I chose this verse primarily for the first sentence. There is a direct application for a school setting in those words. In this context, Paul was writing to the early church of Philippi, encouraging them to apply a variety of important teachings to their daily lives. Of course, it is our desire that as students are engaged in learning throughout the school year, they do just the same.

But, as I reflect on this school year and all that it has brought, I am drawn to the second sentence. The word that stands out for me is the word peace. It is key that in Paul's description of God, he uses the term "God of peace." It is only through God in his mercy and the salvation that He offers that true peace

can be found. This is the lesson that is truly essential for our students to understand and put into practice.

I have lived in Brazil for 22 of the past 25 years and have come to love the country as my own. In this time of political and economic uncertainty, it is imperative that Brazilian Christians share about the peace that God can bring to our lives, to our communities, and to our country. Sometimes, it is too easy to focus on the aspects of society that are broken and become discouraged. In the world's brokenness comes the chance to share the Good News of the salvation message and God's daily mercies and provisions.

I pray that all of you have a great upcoming June/July break. Let us commit as a community to love one another, help those around us and embrace the peace that only God can bring us.

**Robin Rugg**  
**Superintendent**

# Science Fair & Art Show

Once again the Science Fair, Art Show, Library Sale and Sports Bake Sale were a hit. Despite the weather, everyone seemed to enjoy seeing all the different Science experiments represented and the displayed Art Show work. It is always a great time to see parents come and support their children in their academic development.

Here are a few pictures that show the students' excitement for what they learned and did in Science and Art classes.

**Ms. Jennifer Kierstead  
Elementary Principal**



The students in Preschool started the new semester at full speed! They began the semester learning about their neighborhoods, and then about farm animals. The kids had also been learning about seeds and plants. This was a wonderful segway to the most exciting event of the semester: our field trip to the Fazendinha! It was a much anticipated trip, where the kids had lots to learn and had lots of fun! The students had the opportunity to ride on horses, milk cows, touch some of the animals, plant sunflower seeds, and make bread. It was an unforgettable experience!

In March, we had another fun event: the International Festival! The Preschool students presented a song, and afterwards, tasted delicious food from many different countries. It was a great day for family and friends of the PACA community to be together and appreciate each other's cultural backgrounds.

During Easter time, the preschoolers had the opportunity to exercise kindness by donating non-perishable food to the Lar Tia Edna orphanage. They were asked to contribute with pasta, beans, and chicken bouillon. It was an important gesture for the kids, since they had been learning about God's love for them through Jesus' sacrifice.



Learning about farm animals up close and personal.

## Preschool learning about farm animals, neighborhoods, vegetables and kindness.

In addition to all these different events, the nutritionist Tia Fabiana came on various occasions and shared about carrots, pumpkins and beets. The students had the opportunity to taste these vegetables in their raw or cooked conditions. This is part of a continuous effort to encourage our preschoolers in forming healthy dietary choices.

The students also had a chance to say good-bye to Mrs. Bettoli, as she went on her maternity leave at the end of April. They were happy to know that Mrs. Rachel Buchanan was going to substitute in Pre-K2 through the end of the school year.

As the semester wraps up, the preschool staff can say that there is evidence of much growth in the students' understanding, learning, and language development. It has been a great year! We wish all the students and their families a great vacation and success in the new school year.

**Mrs. Clara Bettoli  
Preschool Coordinator**





## Reading Challenge over the break...

Break time is here! Vacation is time to take a break from the normal routine of life - stay up late, sleep in, visit with friends, do something new, have an adventure as a family, do things you don't have time to do during the school year, etc.

I am a fan of Pinterest, and there are so many fun ideas for activities during the break time. There are some activities to try out on page 5.

Also, here is a 15 book reading challenge for YOU! If you complete the challenge, you can bring it to Miss K. and Mrs. Serafini in the first week of school in August and you will be rewarded with a treat!

**Ms. Jennifer Kierstead  
Elementary Principal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

# 15 Book Challenge

## 3 GENERAL FICTION BOOKS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 REALISTIC FICTION BOOKS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 MYSTERY BOOKS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 CHAPTER BOOKS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

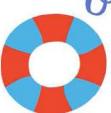
## 2 FREE CHOICE

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

I Love Books!

# 30 Days of Summer Fun

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1  
*go on  
a bike  
ride*2  
*eat ice  
pops*3  
*walk  
downtown*4  
*put  
together  
a puzzle*5  
*catch  
fireflies*6  
**VISIT A  
FARM**7  
*grow  
flowers*8  
*blow  
bubbles*9  
**MAKE  
SHAVED  
ICE**10  
  
drink  
lemonade11  
  
*go  
swimming*12  
*make  
sock  
puppets*13  
*go  
hiking*14  
*read  
in the  
sun*15  
*make a  
life-size  
chalk  
drawing*16  
*experiment  
with  
watercolors*17  
  
*visit a  
farmer's  
market*18  
*make  
no-bake  
cookies*19  
*write  
poems*  
20  
*fly a  
kite*21  
*build a  
fort*22  
  
*visit the  
beach*23  
*put  
together a  
scrapbook*24  
*make  
smores*25  
*ride a  
four  
wheeler*26  
*water  
fight!*27  
*go on a  
nature  
walk*28  
*make a  
music  
video*29  
*visit a  
water  
park*30  
  
**MAKE  
HOMEMADE  
ICE CREAM**



## Scholarship, Character, Leadership and Service...

It is an honor to be chosen for membership in the National Honor Society, an organization that recognizes honor students in American schools throughout the United States and around the world. New members are selected by the faculty and inducted into the society.

In order to be chosen for NHS, a student must demonstrate a fine record of scholarship, character, leadership, and service to others.

We want to recognize the following students that are part of this school year's National Honor Society:

### CURRENT 12TH GRADE:

GIULIA ADOGLIO, GIULIA CASTRO, SUA CHO, LYDIA JIN, CAROLINA NAKATA, JODIE OYAMADA, CAROLINA PAI, MARIA SALDAÑA, VIVIAN SHIU, SEO YOUNG SONG, GABRIELLE WOODS

### CURRENT 11TH GRADE:

ISABELLA BANN, JINNY LEE, GABRIELA RA, THIAGO SERAMISU, MICHELLE SHIM

### NEW 11TH GRADE:

CAITLYN BANN, JENNIFER HUANG, TIFFANY KUNIHIRO, TIMOTHY LIM, MARISA NEPTUNE, RAFAEL RUGG, TAKUMI SUGIHARA

### NEW 10TH GRADE:

REBECCA DEAL, HANNAH HAYASHI, KAREN HOSHINO, EMILY KUHNAST, ERIKA KUHNAST, ESTHER LEE, JULIA PAI, ELI WOODS



## Cavernas, Química, e História dos Quilombos...

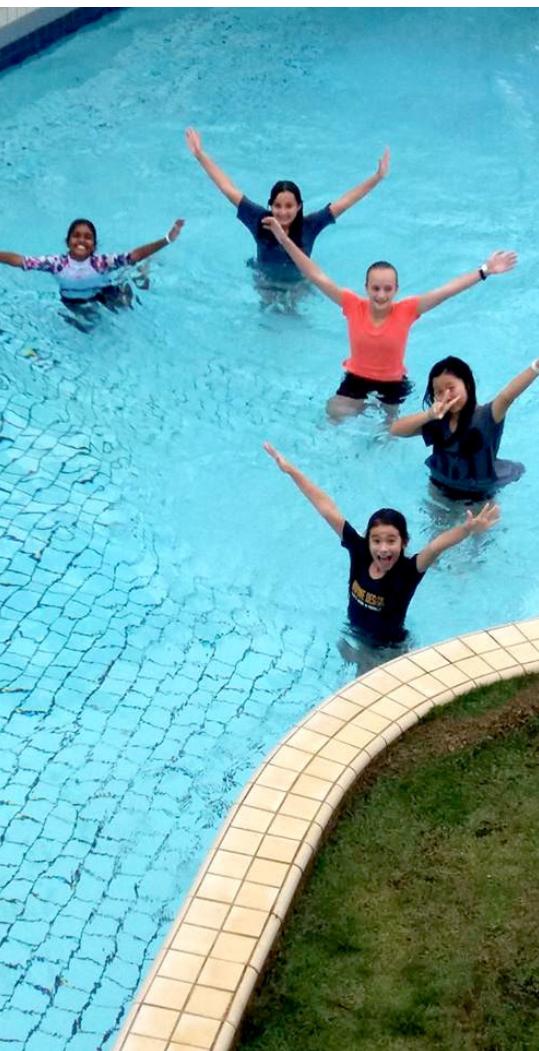
As disciplinas de Química e História do Brasil proporcionaram aos alunos do 2º ano do ensino médio uma exploração incrível a uma das províncias espeleológicas mais importantes do Brasil, o Parque Estadual Turístico do Alto do Ribeira (PETAR), composto por mais de 300 cavernas!

A visita a campo teve como objetivo o estudo químico da formação das cavernas e a história dos quilombos, entrando em contato com a questão da escravidão no Brasil. O parque tem sua área coberta pela densa e exuberante vegetação da

mata atlântica e integra a Zona Núcleo da Reserva da Biosfera. Considerado Sítio do Patrimônio Natural da Humanidade, congrega uma das áreas da Mata Atlântica mais preservadas do Brasil. Em dois dias de exploração, foi possível a visita ao Núcleo Ouro Grosso pela trilha da Figueira, ao Núcleo Santana pela trilha do Rio Betari chegando ao final a duas cachoeiras, Morro Preto e Couto, e aos Quilombos. Uma experiência, descrita pelos alunos, inesquecível!

**Professora Daniele Rosa  
Ciências**





Excursão e diversão para turma do 5º ano.

## Um passeio ecológico...

Apesar da grande frustração (repentina) sofrida pelo 5º ano/2017 com o cancelamento da visita à Nestlé, grande também foi o contentamento ao saberem da excursão substitutiva para o parque Wet'n Wild!!! Além de muita diversão, interação uns com os outros, houve um passeio ecológico, denominado Caminho das Águas, em que a classe conheceu o tratamento da água utilizada

no parque, sua mata ciliar e a vegetação típica da região (Mata Atlântica).

Dessa forma, retornaram da excursão sentindo-se compensados e privilegiados por terem sido os "pioneiros", em pleno 5º ano e encerrando sua jornada no Elementary School, a visitar um parque aquático!!!

**Professora Isly Franco  
Português**

# Projeto Reciclázaro

A excursão do 3º ano ao 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.

Tiveram acesso a informações básicas sobre coleta seletiva, reciclagem e descarte correto dos materiais, consumo consciente, tecnologias limpas, montagem de composteira doméstica com minhocas californianas, funcionamento de um aquário onde a criação de peixes é integrada ao cultivo de plantas que usam as



sobras e os excretos dos peixes como alimento, limpando novamente a água sem necessidade de descarte, troca, ou limpeza dos tanques de cultivo.

**Professora Cristina Mariani  
Português**



## Importância da Conservação da Fauna

Em nossa excursão, os alunos do 1º ano mergulharam em um mundo marinho, rico em variedades de formas e cores dos espécimes ali representados.

Durante o passeio, todos puderam conhecer o único

Aquário temático do Brasil, considerado uma referência em tratamento e exposição de animais.

Foi, sem dúvida, um momento de muito aprendizado e conscientização da importância



da conservação da fauna em favor de todo Planeta!!

**Ana Lúcia Soldi  
Diretora do Programa de Estudos Brasileiros**



## Um Sarau do Séc. 19



## Meia Hora no Séc. 19

Neste último bimestre, a turma do 8º ano, EF-II, trabalhou com a obra A Moreninha, de Joaquim Manuel de Macedo.

Após a leitura, pesquisas sobre a sociedade do séc. 19 e atividades em projeto escrito, dividiram-se em 11 Grupos de trabalho (GT's) e, com muito empenho, organizaram um sarau nos moldes da época da obra trabalhada com

interpretação e encenação de trechos românticos (alguns alunos surpreenderam a todos quantos assistiram), figurino, músicas, maquiagem, "comes e bebes" e, é claro, o baile...

Realmente, o encerramento do projeto deu-se com chave de ouro!!! Parabéns, 8º ano!!!

**Professora Isly Franco  
Português**



# Projeto Museu de Cera

O projeto Museu de Cera tem o objetivo de trazer à vida os personagens da história do Brasil estudados durante o ano letivo.

Recordamos nossa história em uma vívida linha do tempo, revendo personagens marcantes e conhecendo detalhes importantes das vidas dos mesmos.

No 4º ano, estudamos desde as Grandes Navegações, no período Pré-colonial de nossa história até a proclamação da Independência do Brasil. Este ano, em particular estendemos os personagens além dos períodos estudados para os períodos do Primeiro e Segundo Reinados, pela importância das personagens femininas que contribuíram com eventos significativos da história do Brasil.

Agradecemos a participação dos pais, alunos e professores que se uniram para fazer este evento possível e memorável.

Um agradecimento especial à Mrs. Rugg que treinou e preparou nossa amiguinha Victoria Yoshida para sua participação como Princesa Isabel.

**Professora Renata Santos  
Português**

