

# THE WEEKLY CURRENT

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Cayman International School's Newsletter

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## INTERNATIONAL DAY AT CIS

For a culturally diverse community like Cayman International School (CIS), an International Day is one of the best ways to display the various countries that are represented at the school. On Tuesday, November 17, hundreds of our CIS community members gathered in the ARC for a grand international experience. This year, the event had its largest number of supporters to date which resulted in more excitement, more fun and more food.

The food that was donated to the event was absolutely delicious. Many food items were donated by our international families and other members of the CIS community such as the school's lunch provider, Mise En Place. The crowd sampled foods from across the globe as they explored each region. Some of the food samples included: samosas from India, steak pies from the UK, ackee and salt-fish from Jamaica, empanadas from Honduras, chicken dumplings from China, and gumbo from the USA, just to name a few.



"The International Day event highlighted the cultural diversity of our school and was a fantastic community building event. It provided an opportunity for children and parents to showcase their pride for their home country", said Dr. Jeremy, CIS Director. Apart from having a great time, Dr. Jeremy sees a greater advantage and purpose of an event such as this, "...our International Day, in part, is about celebrating heritage and learning about other countries however, the true intent is focused on growing global-mindedness in children, and building tolerance and appreciation for diversity".

Our International Day event will continue to grow each year and serve as a positive social gathering for the students, CIS families, and even the entire Cayman Islands. CIS would like to thank the International Day Committee and its facilitator Senor Blanco, as well as our students, faculty and staff, parents and our community of supporters; without you all this event would not have been as great a success as it was.



## Events

- Nov 21** Camana Bay Tree Lighting, 5:00 p.m., The Crescent
- Nov 21** Hairspray Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon, MPR
- Nov 23** Tuition Due
- Nov 23** Storycrafters arrive at CIS
- Nov 24** Parent Volunteer Training, 5:30-8:30 p.m. MPR
- Nov 26** CIS Thanksgiving Celebration, 4:00 p.m., ARC
- Nov 25** PSA Netball Tournament, 12:30-5:00 p.m., ARC
- Nov 27** CIVVIES Day, Any Color, \$2 donation for NCVO

*Click the calendar below to view the CIS Calendar for more upcoming events.*



**CIVVIES DAY next**  
**Friday, Nov 27**

Donate \$2 to wear Civvies (any color)

Money raised will be donated to



**Cayman International School**

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## CIS COMMUNITY NEWS

### Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Saturday, November 21, our Grade 4 and Grade 5 students will be performing at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Camana Bay.



Performing students need to arrive at the Crescent by 5:00 p.m. in their school uniform (blue polo shirts). Once they have performed, they can be picked up by a parent/guardian.



The event begins at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see many of you there to support our students and to enjoy this wonderful event!

### Girls' Netball

The Middle School Girls' Netball team continues to make their mark in the PSA league as they claimed another win against Cayman Prep. The girls played well as a team and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the game. Coach Jayme is extremely proud of the girls' continued improvement and success throughout the 2015 season. Well done girls!



### INTER-PRIMARY SWIM MEET

**WHO:** Grades 2-5

**WHERE:** Lions Pool

**WHEN:** December 4, 2015

**WHAT TIME:** 8:10a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Swim Suit, Goggles, Sunscreen, Towel, Cap (optional), Healthy Snack, and a SMILE! :)



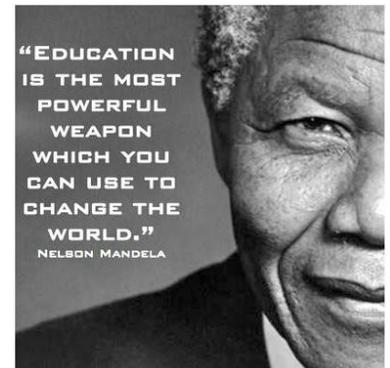
### On Paris and Peace...

Many of us have struggled in processing the calamitous tragedies that have occurred in Paris and other parts of the world. These types of events often ignite self-reflection and urge us to consider questions that are not easily answered.

Why is this happening? How do we stop it? The answers are multifarious, historical, and complex. Being an educator has always provided me with a sense of honor and purpose, as there is a clear mission of peace and service inherent in the profes-



sion. One of my favorite quotes from Nelson Mandela is, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." I am proud that, at CIS, we ARE changing the world. I am extremely passionate about the way in which CIS approaches education and instills values in children. On our campus we could spend all of our time drilling repetitive facts and figures into the minds of young brains, but instead, our focus is deeper. The first part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) mission statement is, "The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect." We are striving to live this at our school every day. Our isolated island campus is a magical place- through the wonderful diversity that our families bring, we transport kids out of the Cayman bubble and enjoy the opportunity to engage in issues and nuances of the wider world. The International Day event this week was a fantastic community building event that highlighted the cultural diversity of CIS and provided an opportunity for children and parents to showcase their pride in their home country. But our International Day is not just about celebrating heritage and learning about other countries; the true intent in the classrooms earlier that day was focused on growing global-mindedness in children, and building tolerance and appreciation for diversity.



In our time of terrorism and violence based in religious and cultural differences, one of the greatest imperatives of education (in schools and in homes) is to teach children that peace can be achieved through understanding, collaboration, service, and global-mindedness.

## CIS COMMUNITY NEWS CONT'D

### Blue Iguana Basketball Jamboree Announcements

#### Blue Iguana Basketball Jamboree – Request for Host Families

CIS Families – March 11 and 12, CIS is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Iguana Basketball Jamboree. We need families to host players and coaches who are visiting and participating in the tournament from other international schools in the Caribbean. If you are willing to host players or coaches, please contact Colin Crumpton ([colin.crumpton@cayintschool.ky](mailto:colin.crumpton@cayintschool.ky)). We need families to host from Wednesday, March 9 to Saturday, March 12, or from Thursday, March 10 to Sunday, March 13. In your e-mail to Colin, specify the number of players or coaches you can accommodate and let him know the dates you are willing to host. Thank you in advance!



#### Blue Iguana Basketball Jamboree – Sponsorship

CIS Supporters – CIS is hosting two major athletic events – the PSA Football Tournament and The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Iguana Basketball Jamboree. We need supporters, sponsorships, and donations to make these competitions a great success. Below is more information on sponsorship.

**GOLD SPONSORSHIP** (\$1,500CI) includes a business logo on the Blue Iguana tournament t-shirt and tournament flyers, ability to advertise with signs, banners and flyers at both tournaments, verbal advertising in radio ads leading up to both tournaments, and verbal advertising by MC's during the events.

**SILVER SPONSORSHIP** (\$750CI) includes a business logo on the Blue Iguana tournament t-shirt and tournament flyers and ability to advertise with signs, banners and flyers at both tournaments.

**BRONZE SPONSORSHIP** (\$500) includes a business logo on the Blue Iguana tournament t-shirt and tournament flyers.

Any level of sponsorship is appreciated, and we will recognize all supporters in the tournament flyer and program. Other donations (food, waters, drinks, etc.) and sponsorships (purchasing of t-shirts, trophies, etc.) are also encouraged. If you are willing to sponsor or donate to these athletic events, please contact Colin Crumpton ([colin.crumpton@cayintschool.ky](mailto:colin.crumpton@cayintschool.ky)).



### The Storycrafters are back!

CIS is excited to bring back the Storycrafters to our school. In addition to being nationally renowned storytellers, they are award-winning radio show hosts, recording artists and writers. Our students are thrilled they are coming to share their craft of storytelling. You can learn more about them and storytelling at the elementary parent series on Wednesday from



6:45-7:45pm. We encourage everyone to view their website <http://www.storycrafters.com> to learn more about our artist in residence for the week of November 23-27. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Innisbrook fundraiser as this project helped to fund this program.

### Save the Date:

#### “Home for The Holidays

The CIS Annual Holiday Concert “Home for the Holidays” will take place on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the ARC.

Students should report to their classroom teachers at 6:00 on that evening. This concert includes all elementary students and secondary band and choir students.



More information to come about the event!

## CIS COMMUNITY NEWS CONT'D

### The Gift of Giving at CIS

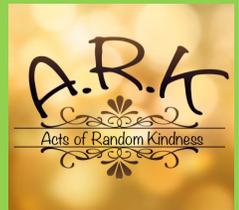
With the holidays just around the corner, now is the time to help make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community. CIS has two different giving programs where we can help others in need.



The first way to assist is with our traditional Giving Tree. In the afternoon of November 27, families will notice a beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the Administration area. On the tree, Elementary Student Leadership members have made and placed gift tags with the age and gender of over one hundred fifty local children. You and your family may choose to take a gift tag(s) from the tree and shop for a gift for the child together. Please ensure your tag number has been recorded by either Ms. Simone or Ms. Sylma. Return the wrapped gift by December 16 with the tag number identifying its recipient. Please ask the receptionist to cross off your number from the master list before placing your gift under the tree.



Another way to help this holiday season is through donating gift vouchers to ARK (Act of Random Kindness). Blue ARK envelopes will be available in the office. We are encouraging families to place a food voucher in the blue envelope and drop it off at the office. Please hand the envelope to either Ms. Sylma or Ms. Simone in the front office. We will ensure ARK receives your gift voucher.



We hope that you will join us in making this Holiday season an opportunity for CIS children to learn more about the joy of giving!

With sincere thanks,

The Elementary Student Leadership Team

CIS AND CAYMAN SPORTS ARE PLEASED TO OFFER MORNING

## TENNIS LESSONS & CARDIO TENNIS SESSIONS

**FOR THE CIS COMMUNITY  
4 WEEK SESSION  
STARTING NOVEMBER 16th**

Offering fun lessons with high quality instruction, and the convenience of playing right where you drop the kids off for school.

**SIGN UP NOW!**

[warren@caymansports.net](mailto:warren@caymansports.net)



### MONDAY

7AM - 8AM  
8.30AM - 9.30AM

Private Lesson Available  
Beginners Group Lesson

### TUESDAY

6.00AM - 7.00AM  
7AM - 8AM  
8.30AM - 9.30AM

Cardio Tennis  
Private Lesson Available  
Intermediate Group Lesson

### WEDNESDAY

8.30AM - 9.30AM

Cardio Tennis Int/Adv

### THURSDAY

6.00AM - 7.00AM  
7AM - 8AM  
8.30AM - 9.30AM

Cardio Tennis  
Private Lesson Available  
Beginners Group Lesson

### FRIDAY

8.30AM - 9.30AM

Cardio Tennis

**Private Individual and Group Lessons are available 7am -8am and 9.30am-10.30am every day.**

### RATES

Cardio tennis \$20CI per person  
Group lesson \$30CI per person  
Privates Individual Lesson \$80CI per hour  
Private Group Lesson - \$90CI 2 people, \$100CI 3 people, \$120CI 4 people  
For CIS Parents Only.

## hairspray JR.

News and Tickets

Watch for our very own CIS Hairspray cast members on Cayman 27 Daybreak news this Monday, November 23. They will give a sneak peak of the show.



Tickets are on sale before and after school outside of the front office. Be on the look out for cast members and parents selling tickets at the Hairspray table. Hairspray tickets are on sale in the front office.

**Prices are:**

\$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children under 12.

**Harquail Theatre Dates and Times:**

December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

December 4 at 7:00 p.m.

December 5 at 2:00 p.m.



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## EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY HEADLINES

### Pre-K4 went to the bank!

Ms. Jody's Pre-K4 class took a trip to the EFG Bank (Cayman) this week. Before going on their field trip they discussed where and why they were going to a real office. While on the trip they made connections and saw what similarities were in their classroom and the EFG office.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a great experience. Some of the office staff described their jobs in words four and five year olds could understand: "I am like the Principal in your school." "I am like the mommy in the office, I make sure everyone has what they need." "I am like your teacher, I ensure you get your work done", and after one child referred to the bank like a restaurant (because a person said "We take orders from clients") he followed up and said, "Yes, we are like money waiters. Instead of food, we take money orders."



### Grade 4 Hurricane Projects

Ms. Jen's Grade 4 Hurricane Preparedness Group would like to thank Ms. Talia, Ms. Tina, and Sonny the Parrot from Island Heritage, as well as, Mr. Larry Tibbetts from Cayman Airways for coming in for an interview about Hurricanes. They gained so much knowledge to further develop their research for their Hurricane project.

Ms. Elena's Grade 4 took a trip to the Cayman Islands National Archive to learn about the history of hurricanes in the Caribbean. They focused on the Storm of 32 and Hurricane Ivan. The class also had some members of CIS Faculty and staff join them in class to discuss their experiences during Hurricane Ivan.



## SECONDARY HEADLINES

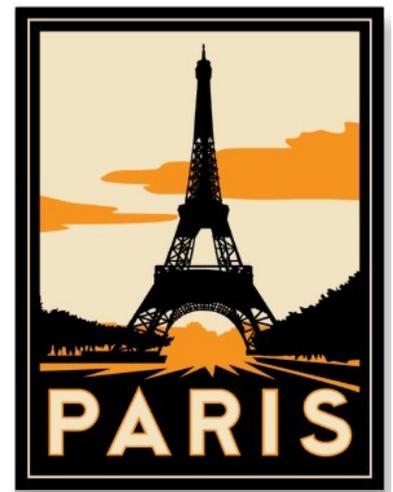
### SECONDARY COUNSELING CORNER

#### Talking With Your Teens About the Attacks in Paris

The tragic events in the news this week have certainly increased anxiety and concerns for safety throughout the world. Although our kids may not feel a personal impact to the events, watching the news or viewing social media, can easily trigger an emotional response of fear, anxiety and uncertainty. Here are a few tips when talking to your teens about the recent attacks:

- Check in with your teens about these issues. They more than likely have absorbed the information through social media or the internet (independently of you). Encourage them to share their feelings and reactions.
- Reassure your children that they are safe.
- Tell your kids that even though a story is getting a lot of attention, it was just one event and was most likely a very rare occurrence.
- Keep in mind that kids look to the way that you react in how they handle their approach.
- Talk with them about the events and get their insights into their developing political views and senses of justice and morality.
- Be careful not to dismiss their ideas/opinions, even if they are different than your own, as this will shut down the conversation immediately.
- Keep in mind that many teens will feel passionately about events and may even personalize them. They'll also probably be aware that their own lives could be impacted by terrorist tactics.
- If you disagree with media portrayals, explain why so that your teens can separate the mediums through which they absorb news from the messages conveyed.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/explaining-the-news-to-our-kids>



## SECONDARY HEADLINES CONT'D

### Ms. Sarah's Parent Meetings



Ms. Sarah P. will be holding parent meetings for her classes over the next two weeks for those who are interested in meeting her or speaking with her further. Given that Ms. Sarah was on maternity leave for the first quarter, these meetings will resemble and take the place of Open School Night. The Grade 6 meeting will be on Wednesday, November 25, at 5:00 p.m. in Room D8. The Grade 7 meeting will be the following Wednesday, December 2, at 5:00 p.m. in Room D8. Feel free to contact Ms. Sarah with any questions, or to make an appointment to meet with her at an alternative time if need be.

### Scholarship Information

On Wednesday, December 2, from 1:30-2:20 in the MPR, Ms. Jovanna Wright (Scholarship Secretariat) will be at CIS. She will discuss important Scholarship information: the application process, required documentation and important deadlines for the overseas scholarships. This presentation is for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students but parents are encouraged to attend. The Overseas Scholarship application process will open on December 1, 2015 and close January 31, 2016. The local application process will open March 1, 2016 and close April 30, 2016. Arrangements will be made for another meeting to discuss the local scholarship program as well. Hope to see you there.



### IB Math & M&M's

Mr. John's IB Math Studies has been covering linear, quadratic and exponential functions. Students explored how bacteria or cancerous cells can grow at exponential rates. The use of M & M's is a great visual for students to see how population sizes can grow rapidly!



### PSA Track and Field

Secondary students get ready to run, jump and throw!

The **PSA Track and Field** meet is around the corner. It is set for December 14 at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex.



The **running events** are the 100, 200, 300/400\*\*, 800, 1500, 4x 100 Relays and an open 4x400 \*\* Grade 6-8 girls 300 all others 400.

**Field Events** Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump. **Shot Put and High Jump** will be in the following categories: Grade 6, 7/8. 9/10, 11/12

Sign-ups have started. If you are interested in participating, see Ms. Lydia or Mr. Colin. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

### CIS PTA

The PTA is excited to be working with all school levels this year, offering a holistic approach to student and teacher enhancements from Early Childhood and Elementary to our Middle and High Schools. PTA representatives have met with the teachers and administrators from the upper levels, in addition to receiving direct feedback from each Student Leadership body to reflect the students' wishes as to where we can help and/or offer enhancements. We're looking forward to working with you all throughout the year to bring exciting, relevant events and enhancements to the students and CIS - *watch this space!*

### CIS Commemorative Doll/Teddy Uniform

Be sure to get your order form in for these adorable doll or teddy uniform before they sell out - they're super cute stocking fillers for young and old!



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## CIS PTA NEWS CONT'D

### PTA Movie Nights! - Dates TBA

Each year we have had a fantastic turn-out to our movie events and this year is shaping up to be no different! The movie nights have to be postponed until further notice but please check future newsletters for updates.

**Elementary Movie Night** - Join your kids for a fun indoor, outdoor-style movie night together or take advantage of our drop off option to get a head start on holiday shopping or enjoy some downtime whilst we take care of your kids, a win/win for all! We're showing Sony Picture's Arthur Christmas which looks like it will be a hit with all ages and genders.

**Middle School Movie Night** - Drop your kids off for a fun movie night, complete with pizza, popcorn and a drink. Additional snacks and drinks will be available for purchase on the night. We will be showing an 80's classic movie, Gremlins - it was a unanimous choice by the Middle School Leadership committee, we're hoping that this generation will also love it!

**Parent Volunteers** - We would love some parent volunteers for both the Elementary and Middle School Movie nights. Please contact Kirsty Isbister at [kirandhayd@gmail.com](mailto:kirandhayd@gmail.com) or 5166056 if you are able to spare a few hours next Friday evening - you will be done by 8pm at which time your night can start!



## SEEN ON CAMPUS



Representing: Cay-Can



Mr. James chillin' at the Caribbean booth



MS Dodgeball



Never too young to do Yoga!



Who says you can't go to school at the beach?!



Is the umbrella big? Or are they tiny?



Ms. GG's Girls Grade 2 football



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kids of all ages and will arrive in time  
for the holidays.

For only \$30, we will have both girls  
uniforms, which will fit 18" dolls incl  
American Girl Dolls and boys uniforms,  
which will be slightly wider for teddies .

We will have limited supplies so please  
hand your order forms and payment in  
to the office by Friday, 27 November



Tear-off Form Title

**Method of Payment**

- Cash
- Cheque

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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