

THE WEEKLY CURRENT

Cayman International School's Newsletter

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THE GIVING TREE

Every year CIS partners with Children and Family Services to provide gifts for children. On the tree, Elementary Student Leadership members have made and placed gift tags with the age and gender of over one hundred and fifty local children. Ms. Simoni and Ms. Sylma in the front office have the master list which provides some ideas of what each specific child would love to have this Holiday Season.

Please let either Ms. Sylma or Ms. Simoni know the tag(s) you have taken. When you bring your gift back make sure the tag is on the present and let either Ms. Sylma or Ms. Simoni know that you have placed the gift under the tree. This helps us ensure that we are not missing a present for a particular child. ☺

Elementary Student Leadership appreciates your support with the Giving Tree. Also, blue envelopes are available in the front office from ARK to donate a gift certificate for food.



Second Annual PSA Netball Tournament

Five Private School teams went head to head on Wednesday, November 25, for the Private Schools Association (PSA) 2nd Annual Netball Tournament. It was stiff competition as all five teams brought their A-game and were in it to win it. CIS won all four rounds of their matches. This gave them a ticket to the finals where they were up against Cayman Prep. Both teams were seen as underdogs this season. When up against more advanced teams, Cayman Prep and CIS would play their best but would sometimes fall short of the win. However, this was not the case during the tournament, both teams fought hard and made it to the finals. The final match ended at 3-1, with Cayman Prep's victory over CIS. CIS played a fierce game in the finals, we are very proud of our girls. A friendly match of coaches vs students was played to close off the event as members of the five teams came together and truly displayed their excellent sportsmanship.

The coordinator of this year's event, our very own Coach Jayme, was happy to put together this event. "We want to create an atmosphere where these girls can come together and compete not just to win, but to learn and grow in the sport of Netball. We also want to help promote girls in sports on the island and a tournament like this helps to support and promote our girls and encourage them to excel." CIS is proud of Coach Jayme for her hard work and her excellent team of dedicated and talented young ladies.



Events

- Nov 28** Hairspray Rehearsals, 10:00-12:00 p.m., MPR
- Nov 30** Hairspray Rehearsals, 3:00-6:30 p.m., Harquail
- Dec 02** Scholarship Presentation, 1:30-2:20 p.m., MPR
- Dec 03** Secondary Assembly, 2:25-3:15 p.m., ARC
- Dec 03** Hairspray Opening Night, 7:00 p.m., Harquail Theatre
- Dec 04** Inter-primary Swim Meet, 8:00-2:00 p.m., Lions Pool
- Dec 05** SAT, 7:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- Dec 05** Parade of Lights, 6:00 -8:00 p.m., Camana Bay
- Dec 08** ES Parent Coffee, 8:15-9:15 a.m., MPR
- Dec 08** SoccerFeva Parent Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Dec 09** EC Parent Coffee, 8:15-9:15 a.m., MPR
- Dec 10** Secondary Parent Coffee, 8:15-9:15 a.m., MPR
- Dec 10** PTA Holiday Bake Sale and Santa Photo Op, 2:15 p.m., Arc Veranda
- Dec 11** Holiday Open Library, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Library
- Dec 12** SSAT Exams, 10:00-1:30 p.m.
- Dec 14** PSA Track Meet, 8:00 a.m., Truman Bodden Complex
- Dec 15** Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m., ARC

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



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CIS COMMUNITY NEWS



CIS National Honor Society

THANKSGIVING TOY AND TOILETRY DRIVE

Donations go to Impact345
November 23 - December 7

Please drop off all donations to the office



PosterMyWall.com



Donation Suggestions:

All toys should not require batteries or have any English writing or sounds.
They should be suitable for children from the age of 0 to 18.

- Building Blocks
- Toy Cars (No Batteries)
- Bouncy Balls
- Baby Dolls (No Batteries)
- Picture Books (No English)
- Teething Toys
- Coloring Books
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bars of Soap
- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Diapers
- Mouthwash
- Baby Soap/Shampoo
- Feminine Products
- New Underwear
- Children's Easels
- Paint
- Canvas
- Recorders
- Drums
- Children's Musical Instruments
- Puppets
- Playdoh



hairspray JR.

Get your Tickets Now!

Opening night is less than a week away! Next Thursday, the cast of Hairspray Jr will open their show at the Harquail Theatre, located behind Bliss Yoga off of Harquail Drive. The show is student centered; the students have created the set and choreographed a lot of the pieces! They are so excited to share it with you. Get your tickets at the CIS front office or we will also be reserving a few for each night to be purchased at the door, first come first served. We will also be announcing the winners of the raffle prizes on Friday after the show. There are some great prizes for you to win!

See you next week – thanks for your continued support in the growth of our CIS Theatre Program!

–Ms. Anne

Ticket Prices are as follows:

\$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.



Around the world in 80 Anthems



**AroundTheWorld
In80Anthems.com**

On Friday, December 4, CIS will have a special visitor. Her name is Capri. She is an amazing girl who loves to sing. Capri has been singing and playing the piano since she was 5 years old. In reading a book titled "The World Needs Your Kid" by Craig and Marc Kielburger and Shelly Paige, she was touched by the stories about children that had far less than her; in particular, orphans who were living in poverty. This inspired the family to take a year to travel around the world visiting 80 countries and Capri would sing that country's national anthem in the native language. The mission is to raise one million dollars for SOS Children's Villages International. This week, Capri started this quest on November 20 in Ottawa, Canada by singing to the Canadian Senate for National Children's Day. Capri will be arriving to CIS at 10:30 a.m. to sing our national song, "Beloved Isle Cayman" in the MPR. Students, staff and families are welcome to come and hear her sing. For more information check out her website <http://www.aroundtheworldin80anthems.com/>.

Open Library– Holiday Edition

Come out to the Christmas Open Library on Friday, December 11, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the CIS Library! This night will be hosted by the Destination Imagination team, "The Cayman Kids of Kindness" who are doing a service learning project to aid in literacy. Enjoy hot chocolate and a small treat outside the library! Inside there will be arts and crafts stations, read alouds, carols, and games!



This event is being hosted in aid of literacy in the Cayman Islands. The DI team is working with the organization, Cayman Islands Literacy is for Everyone (<http://www.life.org.ky>). The DI Team is asking that each child in attendance bring at least two new books as a donation to this community service. Additionally, there will be a box in the Admin building where you can donate lightly used books for this cause. We hope that you join us for this Winter Wonderland evening!

Ms. Nicole's Grade 3 is Cayman 27's Classroom of the month!

Ms. Nicole and her Grade 3 class were voted as the November Classroom of the month by Cayman 27. In her interview with them, Ms. Nicole highlighted some of the things she engages her students in and how she blends classroom learning with practical experiences. "Integrating the curriculum is a really important thing," she says, "because it shows that what you're learning in class is actually an important skill for life." Her students gave Cayman 27 some wonderful comments about their teacher and her style of teaching. Congrats to you Ms. Nicole you are quite deserving of such an award as you continue to inspire your students in and out of the classroom.

To see a clip of the segment please visit the link here: <http://www.cayman27.com.ky/2015/11/26/classroom-of-the-month-november>



Inter-Island Debate



On Tuesday, November 24 students from the CIS Debating Team competed in an inter-island debate competition at St. Ignatius Catholic School in George Town. Organized by Cayman Island lawyer and CIS parent, Ian W and sponsored by the law firm of Conyers Dill & Pearman, the debate considered the question of whether or not education in school ought to be gender separated. All-girl and all-boy schools have been growing exponentially across America in recent years, and this debate was intended to have students analyze this trend and argue it merits. CIS sent two teams to the competition and each team had an opportunity to debate three times. Judges then scored and commented on the debaters so they could get some feedback on their performance for future efforts. CIS students Samantha C, Kathryn S, Maya A, and Marika S represented CIS with distinction. Mr. Stephen as coach would like to congratulate the entire team on their impressive and eloquent efforts. A most appreciative thank you as well to volunteer judges, Mr. Kevin, Mr. Colin, and our tireless secondary principal, Mr. Doug who provided leadership and encouragement throughout the weeks and months leading up to this competition.

CIS COMMUNITY NEWS CONT'D

Lifeguard shout-out!

A special shout out to a few students in Ms. Stephanie's HS Elective Class who attended the Pirates Week 5k Sea swim to help guard the swimmers. Their names are: Wray, Charlie, Eric, Bryce, Avery, Elliot and Karina! Way to go!



CIS Faculty and Staff November Birthdays

Happy birthday to our faculty and staff members who celebrated their birthday in the month of November!

The celebrants are:

Mr. Mark H, Ms. Shornnette, Ms. Jessica W, Ms. Nicole, Ms. Lee-Anne C, Ms. Anne, Ms. Stephanie H and Ms. Andrea!



Happy Birthday

The 2015/2016 Yearbook Is Available For Pre-Order! Click the link [here](#).

Please contact Mr. Mark (mark.hogan@cayintschool.ky) with any questions.



"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!



An advertisement for Office Supply. It features a Santa Claus figure on the left, a red box with "20% OFF" and "your purchases at" on the right, and a cardboard box labeled "IMPACT DONATION BOX" at the bottom. The text says "when you purchase a school supply item for the". A vertical red bar on the left says "Nov 16 - Dec 19".

An advertisement for an Inter-Primary Swim Meet. It features a stylized illustration of a swimmer in a blue suit and yellow cap. The text provides details about the event.

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! :)

An advertisement for Teaching Opportunities. It features a cartoon illustration of a teacher with blonde hair pointing at a green chalkboard with the equation 2+2. The text describes the recruitment process.

Teaching Opportunities
Do you know an outstanding teacher who is interested in joining the CIS family?
CIS is currently recruiting for select positions for the 2016-17 school year. Interested candidates are encouraged to register with International Schools Services (ISS) www.iss.edu.

An advertisement for Road Projects. It features a cartoon illustration of children and a road sign. The text describes the road work and safety measures.

Road Projects
New developments and road projects have recently been announced by Dart Enterprises Ltd. Studies and careful planning are taking place to ensure that future road works are safe for children and efficient for Cayman International School.
Further information will be provided as plans proceed.

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY HEADLINES

Pre-K3 Mini Golf

A Big Thank you to Mr. Joel, Ms. Alyssa and Mr. Bryan who came on Tuesday, November 27, and organized a golf lesson for Ms. Manuela's Pre-K3 class. All the kids had so much fun and are now very keen golf players.



Parent Series Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents of our Early Childhood students who attended last Wednesday's Parent Series Evening on the topic of Active Learning. We also want to recognize our Pre-K4 team for preparing and presenting the program. Many thanks to Ms. Jess for creating the Prezi presentation and to Ms. Dawn and Ms. Jody for facilitating the session. We appreciate the opportunity to be partners in your child's learning and growing! Parents, children, and teachers enjoyed



a fun-filled, interactive evening of stories and activity with the Storycrafters at our Wednesday's Elementary Parent Series Night. Many thanks to all who came to the session and to Jeri and Barry for spending the week with us here at CIS.

Grade 4 Hurricane Awareness Project

The fourth grade is working collaboratively on a major project regarding Hurricane Awareness. They will be producing a documentary that will bring awareness about hurricane preparedness if the need arises.



This project will take several months, a lot of research, and hard work on the part of every student. It is scheduled to be shown to the public in May 2016, just before the next hurricane season starts. The students are learning many skills that go beyond the content of hurricanes; they are learning how to collaborate on research, think critically about the issues involved in hurricane preparedness, as well as planning, organizing, and constructing a way to communicate with the world around them.

SECONDARY HEADLINES

News from the Secondary Counselling Department

It has been an exciting few months in the Counseling Department! Seniors have been applying to many Universities which include: SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design), PACE (NY), Roanoke College, UBC (University of British Columbia), The University of Calgary, Queen's University, Western University, Guelph University, Simon Fraser, NYU, Pepperdine, Fordham University, DePaul University, Parsons (NY), Ringling University, SVA (School of Visual Art), Waterloo University, High Point University, Plymouth University, University of North Hampton, Middlesex, Ryerson, OCAD (Ontario College and Design) and Virginia Tech to name just a few. The students have done a great job of whittling down their lists to find the best fit for them and truly the excitement has begun to set in. Hopefully all of the January 15 deadlines will be submitted before the Christmas break so students can enjoy the holiday without the stress of this deadline. If you have a student with a January 15 deadline, please remind them to hit the submit button before the break! It has been a very busy semester for the Grade 12's but they have done an excellent job of multi-tasking and keeping their grades up as well as completing University applications. It has been a stressful time but I am certain we will have wonderful results in the spring!



-Ms. Beth

PSA Track Meet- Secondary Students

Track is in full swing. Athletes have begun practicing for the upcoming PSA track meet on Monday, December 14, at the Truman Bodden Sports complex. The **running events** will be the 100, 200, 300/400**, 800, 1500 meters, 4x 100 Relays and an open 4x400. Grade 6-8 girls 300, and all others 400. The field events will include long jump, high jump and shot putt.

If your child is participating in the track meet you will need to complete, sign, and return a permission slip for your child to compete. These will be emailed to the parents of athletes competing and available at the front office by December 8. The permission slips must be returned to the front office by **noon** on Friday, December 11.

On December 14, the day of the meet, parents of competing athletes will need to drop off their child at the Truman Bodden Sport Complex no later than 8:00 a.m. This is so we may take attendance, warm up athletes and make any last minute changes to the roster. The first event starts at 8:30 a.m. and Trophy presentations will be at 1:00 p.m. As of now, we do not have the events schedule but once we receive one we will make it available. Please come and cheer on your child and the team!



CIS PTA

CIS PTA Middle School Movie Night



Thursday, 17 December 2015

5:00pm—7.45pm

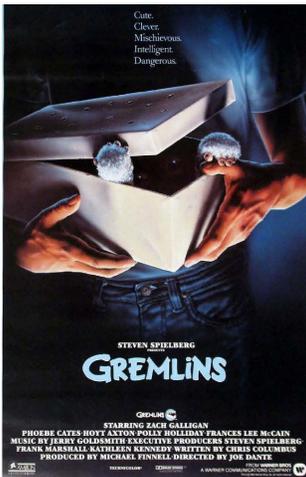
Join your friends for a classic movie, complete with cuteness and a little scare along with some pizza, drinks and snacks!

GREMLINS

A gadget salesman is looking for a special gift for his son and finds one at a store in Chinatown. The shopkeeper is reluctant to sell him the "mogwai" but sells it to him with the warning to never expose him to bright light, water, or to feed him after midnight. All of this happens and the result is a gang of gremlins that decide to tear up the town on Christmas Eve.

Where MPR

Cost \$10 per child
Price includes pizza, popcorn, and a drink
\$1 Snacks & additional drinks



Middle Schoolers— bring along a blanket or beach chair and enjoy this picnic-style movie experience.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 7 December from your MS leadership committee and at drop-off in front of the Admin building

CIS PTA Elementary Movie Night



Thursday, 17 December 2015

5:00pm—7.45pm

Join your kids for some pizza, snacks and a fantastic holiday movie OR take advantage of the drop-off option, get some holiday shopping done and leave your kids with us!

Sony Pictures

Arthur Christmas

How CAN Santa deliver billions of presents to the whole world in just one night? With an army of one million combat-style Field Elves and a vast, state-of-the-art control center under the ice of the North Pole! So how could this incredible operation have MISSED one child?! Arthur, Santa's young son, sets out in a crazy mission to deliver the last present! Deck the halls with excitement, fun and wonder in this new Christmas classic!

Where ARC

Cost Pizza & a drink \$5 (up to 2 slices)
Snacks & drinks \$1
Drop off \$20/child
(incl dinner) \$30/2 children



Bring along a blanket or beach chair and enjoy this picnic-style movie experience. The kids are welcome to dress up!

Pizza and Drop-off tickets will be on sale from Monday 7 December at drop-off in front of the Administration building

PTA Movie Nights! (See flyers above more movie titles, locations, dates and times)

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!

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.

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 or 5166056 if you are willing to volunteer.



Student and Parent PTA Surveys

A short survey was sent out today to receive direct feedback from our school community as to where you want your funds directed, when fundraising for school enhancements. It will only take a few minutes and it will greatly help us to meet the objectives of the majority of the students and parents for the foreseeable future. We thank you in advance for your participation. Together we can achieve greatness!



Holiday Bake Sale and Photos with Santa



On Thursday, December 10, at 2:15 p.m. and onward, there will be a holiday bake sale and a Santa Photo Opportunity on the Veranda of the ARC.

Come out and have your kids pictures taken and enjoy a sweet holiday treat!



SEEN ON CAMPUS



Have you bought your Hairspray Ticket yet?



Sophie l'artiste! (the artist)



They are ready for a PGA Tour!



The Storycrafters had their attention.



Pre-K4 has some new baby chicks.



Grade 5 students sharing stories.



SMILE!



They were talking about applesauce. Yum!



The Netball team after an eventful tournament

If your child has an achievement or experience you would like to share in the Weekly Current, please email [cis@cayintschool.ky](mailto:cis@ cayintschool.ky)



Coach Jayme showing us how its done!



CIS Mission Statement: Our students achieve academic and personal excellence and prepare for higher education within an international environment that inspires learning, character and service.

