

THE WEEKLY CURRENT

Cayman International School's Newsletter

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ISS VISITORS

CIS welcomed two special guests to campus this week, Mrs. Liz Duffy and Mr. Dave Randall. Liz began as the new President of International Schools Services (ISS) in July, and this was her first visit to Cayman International School. Mr. David Randall (ISS Vice President, Caribbean) was also here this week as part of his routine visits.



Both Liz and Dave visited classrooms and made themselves



available to faculty and parents to meet with them during their visit. It was wonderful having them at CIS and we would especially like to express how great it was to meet Liz and that we look forward to future visits from her. CIS thanks its community for welcoming them to Cayman and to our campus.

CIS Empty Bowls for Feed Our Future

The Art Department wishes to thank everyone for their *creativity, time, & donations* to helping provide school lunches for those on island in need.

We've ALMOST met our GOAL of \$4000!

Remaining bowls are ONLY \$5.00 and will be available to purchase until the end of next week (May 27).

Thank you for your continued support!



Events

- May 23 HS Trips
- May 24 DI Globals until May 26
- May 27 Civvies Day, Donate \$2 for Feed Our Future to wear orange civvies
- Jun 01 K-12 Art Show, until Jun 03, MPR
- Jun 01 IB Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m., ARC
- Jun 01 EC Parent Series 5:30-6:30 p.m., MPR,
- Jun 01 ES Parent Series, 6:45-7:45 p.m., MPR,
- Jun 02 PTA General meeting, 1:00-2:00 p.m., MPR
- Jun 03 PTA Ladies Night Out, TBA
- Jun 03 PTA Scholarship Due
- Jun 04 SAT, 7:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- Jun 06 Review Week begins
- Jun 10 Graduation

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



CIS Construction

Some of the summer construction works have begun during *non-school* hours on some of the first level campus hallways. Further works will be taking place on the weekends and nights. Beginning today at 4:00 p.m., work will commence on the door frames and halls of the upstairs A Block. CIS aims to create the best learning environment for our students and we appreciate our partnership with DART and the facility enhancements occurring on campus. More information regarding the summer construction project will be provided soon.

Please contact the administration if you have and questions or concerns.



CIVVIES DAY

On Friday, May 27, donate \$2 to wear **orange** civvies.

Money raised will be given to



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Toastmaster Vitoria B.

Vitoria B graduated from Toastmasters last Saturday, May 14.

Toastmaster is a leadership program with the aim to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. It provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

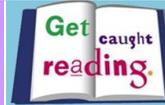
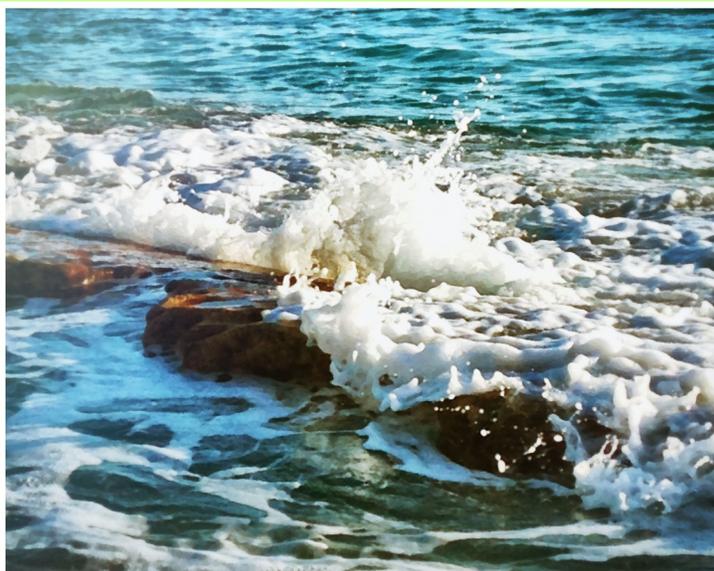
Through Toastmasters people are able to expand their vocabulary and improve their communication and leadership skills. Well done Vitoria.



Yearbook Background Photo Contest Winners

The yearbook committee received many pictures for the 15/16 yearbook. The editors of each section got to choose the pictures they wanted to use as their section's background and those photos became the winning pictures. It is exciting that the faculty and students have played a role in creating the school's yearbook. All winners got 50% off of the cost of their yearbook. For the next six weeks, the newsletter will feature one of our six contest winners.

The below photo is by 2nd grader, **Talia L:**



Get Caught Reading

Where can you get caught reading?

Beach? Park? Football pitch? Camana Bay? Cozy reading chair?

Leading up to summer, we want to celebrate and promote CIS's love for reading in a 'Get Caught Reading' challenge. We are encouraging all students to get caught in the act of reading either at home; or even better in the community. From now to June 16 upload your 'bookselfies' on Instagram or twitter with the hashtag **#CISinspires!**

The Challenge:

1. Have fun reading!
2. Take a 'bookselfie' or have your parents take a picture of you reading.
3. Upload your picture on Instagram or twitter using the hashtag **#CISinspires.**
4. Each photo will receive a entry ballot for the draw on **June 17, 2016.**



Optional- Bring in a printed copy of your photos for the display board!

#CISinspires

Click the hashtag to see what is happening at CIS and sure to follow us [@cayintschool](https://twitter.com/cayintschool)

EC AND ES HEADLINES

Save The Date– Parent Coffees and Parent Series

Please join us for the last Parent-Principal Coffees and Parent Series Evenings of the Year. More information about each event will follow in class newsletters and in next week's CIS Current.

EC Parent-Principal Coffee Tuesday, May 31st 8:15-9:15 am

ES Parent-Principal Coffee Frida, June 3rd 8:15-9:15 am

EC Parent Series Evening Wednesday, June 1st 5:30-6:30 pm

ES Parent Series Evening Wednesday, June 1st 6:45-7:45 pm



EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY HEADLINES

Elementary Swim Gala

Congratulations swimmers! Thank you Elementary School faculty for your support. Thank you parents for coming and cheering on your children.



Students have been working tirelessly this school year to improve upon their strokes and swimming knowledge. I feel so lucky to have been able to work with them all, and see their growth from week to week as they figure out how to dive, breath properly, execute flip turns, and glide through the water using their own strength to propel themselves.



What a huge accomplishment to show off their skills on Tuesday. High fives for Elementary School swimmers.



- Ms. Stephanie, Swimming Coach

Tyra A– FCCA Poster Competition

This year the Ministry of Tourism has invited students to participate in the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association - 2016 Children's Environmental Poster Competition: "Reuse, Recycle...Renew the Caribbean".

The winners of the competition receive a significant monetary award as well as the schools they attend. On her own initiative, grade five student, Tyra A. worked diligently on a poster and summary and entered it the contest this week.

Her creativity and artistic talents are demonstrated in her poster; and in an accompanying summary has shown her passion for protecting the environment and her desire to make a difference in the world. Tyra used recycled materials to create her poster and recommends we reuse items as much as possible. In the closing of her summary description she states: "We all are required to do our part whether it is in the city, towns, along our highways, or shorelines. There is always a consequence to our actions and it is time to change our behaviors. We all must start now."



Winners of the competition will be announced on Friday, June 17th. Good luck, Tyra! You can be very proud of your initiative, efforts, and talents. You are an outstanding representative of CIS.

SECONDARY HEADLINES

Starfish Conservation– Grade 7

Grade 7 has been working on a Starfish Conservation project to communicate to the public that by lifting starfish out of the water for only a few seconds, you can cause irreversible damage to their tissue. Also, that sunscreen on your hands is detrimental to their health. They felt a message communicating specifically that starfish are harmed by lifting them out of the water, rather than just out of their environment, will clear up the misconception many people have.



Grade 7 realize that people will always want to take photos with the starfish. However, if the public is aware of the intensity of damage done to a starfish with just a few seconds out of the water, they will be inclined to be more mindful. Students have truly been an inspiration with the passion and dedication they displayed through the course of this conservation project.

On Friday, May 27, students are celebrating their hard work with an 'Information and Display' evening at school. They will showcase all their work, including the two short films they filmed and produced.

They would like for you to join them and celebrate their work in a big way!

SECONDARY HEADLINES

Career Day

CIS welcomed professionals from 16 different career areas to campus on Wednesday, May 18. Students started the morning by gathering in the ARC for a panel discussion and heard from professionals across the island about their experiences that led them to their chosen career fields. Following the panel discussion, students attended break-out sessions in their interest areas and participated in small group discussions with professionals. Students asked questions and shared concerns, while participants shared their passions, including both personal and professional experiences in break-out sessions. On behalf of the entire CIS community, we would like to thank the following professionals for taking time out of their busy days to inspire our kids!

Caitlin Crumpton, Senior Events Coordinator, DART

Tunisia Barnes, Tourism Training and Development Coordinator, Department of Tourism

Dr. Brenda Bush, Veterinarian, Island Vet

Miriam Foster, Social Empowerment Programs, Family Resource Center

Kate Ure, Nurse, The Heart Health Center

Emma Graham Taylor, Human Resources, Ogier

Joshua Zimmer, Article Clerk/Trainee Lawyer, Ogier

Leigh Smellie, Business Development and Marketing Executive, Ogier

Tammy Warender, Marine Biologist, Department of Environment

Maria Whan Tong, Marketing Specialist

Natasha Playne, CIIPA, Cayman Islands Society of Professional Accountants

Dr. Martin Richards, UCCI, Chair of Business Studies Department

Simon Garnett, Chief Financial Officer at Sackville Bank Limited

Richard Abbott, President, Abbott Aerospace SEZC Ltd.

Julianne Falconi, Medical Student, St. Matthews Medical School

Jacqueline Bleicher, Urban Planner, DECCO Ltd.

Roddy Graham, Engineer/Construction Manager, DECCO Ltd.

Richard Pelletier, Entrepreneur (Retired Chemical Engineer)

Michelle Butler, Interior Designer, Owner of Design Studio.

A special thanks goes to Ms. Beth, HS Counselor, and Ms. Kim, MS Counsellor, for organizing this event for our secondary students.



Middle School news

The MS Dodgeball and Water Bunker Challenge Extravaganza was a HUGE success last Thursday, May 12.

Classes competed throughout the evening to determine who would reign as the MS 2015-2016 Dodgeball champions.



A BIG THANK YOU to PTA for their support and help with the event and to SMOKIN BRO'S BBQ for pulling up the Food Truck to fuel our athletes. Students enjoyed the delicious BBQ food throughout the intense competition.

Following the tournament, students headed outside the ARC for a Water Bunker/Balloon Challenge and some sweet treats sponsored by our amazing PTA!



Ms. Stephanie's 7th grade homeroom class are the REIGNING CHAMPIONS! Well done!

PTA

Ladies Night Fundraiser- POSTPONED!

Unfortunately, due to extenuating circumstances including multiple conflicts, the Ladies Night is being postponed for two weeks.

The venue will change (the new venue will be confirmed this week). It will be a great night and a fantastic chance to snap up some super deals on the auction items from our generous supporters. With the end of the year fast approaching, it will be a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a great night out with the ladies of the school before you all depart for the summer.

Tickets and venue information will be available from Monday 23 May from PTA members and your room parents.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT *with Sarah F.*



What is your background and heritage?

-I was born in Geneva, Switzerland. I lived there until I was one which is when I moved here to Grand Cayman. My father is Swiss, and my mother is Algerian, so I have family all over the place.

Which countries have you lived in?

-I have lived in Switzerland, the Cayman Islands, and I lived in Singapore for a short while.

How long have you been living in the Cayman Islands?

-I've been living in the Cayman Islands for almost 17 years now, since I moved here when I was one years old.

How many years have you been at CIS?

-I've been at CIS, since before it was even called CIS. I've been at this school since pre-k so almost 16 years.

Which is your favorite book? Why?

-My favourite book is Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi. I love this book and the film because of how it gives the view of war and the horrors of the Islamic State through the eyes of an Iranian girl growing up in this situation. I also love the illustration, the way the panels are created adds emphasis on the story and emotions.

What is your favorite movie and why?

-My favourite movie of all time is Into the Wild which is directed by Sean Penn. I didn't fall in love with the movie but more with the story of a man who is tired of society and the materialistic world and decides to become one with the wild. It gives me a whole new look on life and to appreciate its beauty.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Why?

-If I had a superpower, I would want it to be shape shifting. I could become whatever I want whenever I want, if I wanted to fly, I could be a bird. The idea of changing yourself to become anything is why I would want to be a shape shifter.

Which is your favorite place on earth? Why?

-My favourite place on earth is my Grandmother's house in Switzerland. It's in the mountains so the atmosphere of the place is amazing, and the memories I hold from summers there makes it so special to me.

What are your plans after you graduate from CIS?

-My plans for after I graduate CIS is to go to college in New York City. I want to get my degree for Illustration and Animation. After my studies, I want to pursue a career in creating Animated films for any of my favourite Animation Studios.



CIS Mission Statement:

Cayman International School endeavors to provide each of our students the opportunity to achieve his/her academic and personal best within a U.S./International educational environment that encourages and inspires leadership, character, and community service while embracing cultural diversity.



SEEN ON CAMPUS



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



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IB INFORMATION NIGHT

WELCOME TO ALL STUDENTS
AND PARENTS WHO WANT TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT IB

Have questions
about IB?
Want to know what
it's really like to do
the IB at CIS?
Want tips about
about IB and
college?

Join Us!

WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 1ST
5:30-6:30 IN
THE ARC

Food and Drinks
available!



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Hosted by grade 12 IB students for an insider's point of
view

Attendance required for grade 10 students hoping to take IB courses