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## The C.A.P.S. Newsletter

### Miss Mariana/Miss Krissy

K3-K4 students made a Mother's Day present. They were very excited about keeping it a secret to give their moms a big surprise. They also learned a beautiful Mother's Day song. They will be learning about nature: how plants grow, about flowers, and weather. In June, they will be studying landscaping and the different types of transportation. Their teachers are very proud of all the K3-K4 children. All of them have done an amazing job!!!

### Miss Hanna

Recently in class, we were doing a lot of writing exercises. The students are also reading different textbooks. At the end of May, each student will be giving a small speech. Some of the topics are strawberries, present wrapping, golf, rhino, and the Taj Mahal.  
Good job Grade 2 and 3!!!

### Poetry Winners

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades: Eshani & Laksha  
6<sup>th</sup> grade: Robin  
8<sup>th</sup> grade: Maria  
Teachers: Miss Ann  
Best Overall: Carolina

### Miss Roshini

We are learning the solar system. We are busy learning a beautiful song about the planets. We hope to have a little performance soon! The children are enjoying learning space facts. They have learned how to spot the difference between a star and a planet. Tiya, Kaylee and Latika are great singers and are going to be a fine chorus for our planet performance. Miss Ann, thanks a million for taking over K-5 while I went away. The children enjoyed having you as their teacher.

### Miss Ann

As the school year winds down the 5/6 grade class is very busy. We have been finishing up our final areas of content and reviewing what we've learned this year. We have recently been discussing the upcoming World Cup and many students are excited for it to begin on June 11<sup>th</sup>. In science we are beginning a chapter about different forms of energy and will be looking into healthy forms of food energy.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at CAPS and anxiously await the second because of my wonderful students and co-workers. Thank you so much for making my first year so enjoyable!

## Miss Annmarie

The end of the school year is fast approaching and our class is very busy. In math, we have been working on a measurement unit. The students made a "gallon man" to help them make conversions quickly and easily. In social studies, students are learning about major rivers mountain regions, deserts, and plains around the world and how these landforms affect the lifestyles of the people that live near them. The students are also finishing up several different projects in reading class. Some students are discussing the importance of historical figures and others are creating a chapter to add to the book we read "Sideways Stories from Wayside School." Two groups will also be rehearsing for a reader's theater performance. We are starting our last chapter in science class, as well. Students will be studying volcanoes and earthquakes. It has been an exciting year. The students have worked extremely hard and I am very proud of their accomplishments. They have made my first year at CAPS a truly great experience.

## Library News

K5 had a Library Fun Day and made something for their mother for Mother's Day. Scholastic orders have been sent off and the books will be back before the end of school. We had a Book Fair on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10a.m. to 2p.m. It was a great success and I would like to thank all the parents and students who supported us on that day. Books are still for sale in the library until the end of the school year.

## Miss Linda

Our class has finished our insect study and we are now working on our last component "It's a Wet, Wet, World!" We will be learning about oceans, ponds, and wetlands. The class is going to be working on projects, experiments, and water research. At the end of the month we celebrated with our annual overnight "Wet-N-Wild!"

Joke of the Month provided by Kishan:  
"Knock, knock"..."Who's there?" "Cows,"  
"Cows who?" "Cows say moo not who!"

## Star Students

- Miss Mariana/Miss Krissy
- Vansh, Thya, Pranav, & Ajay have done a great job academically throughout the school year.
- Moksh's overall confidence has grown.
- Sabrina is always happy to be at school.
- Miss Roshini
- Tiya, Kaylee, & Latika are great singers.
- Miss Linda
- Ali has shown all of us that he can always follow procedures and his class work is excellent! Way to go Ali!!!
- Miss Hanna
- Nati, Zerong, Jayden, Ritik, Ibraheem, & Kai Lan are very good ball kickers.
- Richard & Mamoun love to play four square.
- Sara, Dilisha, Musliaan, Priyanka, & Tanishq are very good dancers.
- Deveny is very good in art and is very imaginative.
- Derlin earns high grades in social studies.
- Abdul is a very fast runner.
- Miss Annmarie
- All of my students are stars.
- Miss Ann
- Jia puts forth a great effort in all her subject areas and has a positive attitude.
- Andres is a spelling superstar.
- Miss Deana
- Abed does really well in math and social studies.

### Birthdays

#### June

3 - Andres 5/6  
5 - Gehna K5  
10 - Alejandra 5/6  
16 - Miss Annmarie  
16 - Dheeraj 3/4  
20 - Ivan K5

#### July

7- Eleanor 5/6  
9 - Jayden 2/3      20 - Dilsha 2/3  
14 - Asala 5/6      22 - Carolus 5/6  
15 - Laksha 3/4      25 - Abdul K3/K4  
16 - Neftali 7/8      25 - Kaylee K5  
17 - Puck 7/8      26 - Tanishq 2/3  
17 - Stephen Virt.      27 - Cristian Virt.  
20 - Ajay K3/K4      30 - Ali 1/2

### Star Spanish Students

K5-Nirjha and Priyanshu are more confident now and they are talking more Spanish in class.

Gr. 1 & 2-Ali and Adriana are doing very well on quizzes. Jia Yan completes all work neatly and on time.

Gr. 2 & 3-Mamoun and Priyanka have shown great improvement.

Gr. 3 & 4- Emily is a good reader and had the initiative to write book reports.

Gr. 5 & 6- Maria and Michelle are outstanding students. Despite their Spanish background, they are humble and always want to learn more.

Gr. 7 & 8- Beginners: Abed and Chloe work independently and earn very high grades.

Advanced: Bryan and David were the first team to finish writing the Big Book for children.

### Miss Cristina

The students in grade 2 & 3 finished writing the play "La Gallinita Paulina". It is a great achievement. It is a 4 page play with 16 characters and includes stage directions. It is designed for all of the students to participate. I am very proud of this class. They love challenges. This month we are starting the rehearsals but we do not know if we will be ready to perform this school year.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are almost finished with the Big Books project. The drafts are completed and now they are writing and illustrating the final copies. The goal is to invite students from younger classes to attend the reading of the stories.

Students from 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are working on a weather report in Spanish (Informe Meteorológico). They are using vocabulary related to the climate. They selected a country and region and they are creating the description of the weather and the forecast, using specific expressions and symbols. They will present different types of visuals. Some students decided to create a PowerPoint presentation and others are preparing posters. Presentations start May 21<sup>st</sup>.

K5 will do presentations about their families. They have brought in pictures of their families and are describing them using all the Spanish words they have learned. They are practicing with great enthusiasm.

## Virtual/ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Adventure

The eighth grade class and the virtual students participated in a full day of activities. In the morning, they climbed Veerisberg. By mid morning, they set out kayaking across Spanish Waters. A few struggled to maneuver their vessel, but Coach Edward, who headed up the adventures came to their rescue by speed boat. Everyone made it safely across and we all enjoyed a tuna or chicken sandwich for lunch. A big thank you to Coach's wife for her food preparations for the day. After resting up, the group of twenty headed out to begin rappelling. Around five o'clock, they arrived at Knip Beach in the back of a big VCK truck. A big thanks to Mr. Jim for being the grill master for the evening barbeque. All enjoyed the delicious jerk chicken, steak, fish, potato salad, and rolls.

We had fun swimming and throwing the American football in the water before heading back to the school at dusk.

## Meet Some Athletes

Carolus in Miss Ann's class swims for the Piranhas and has been swimming competitively for 3 years. Recently in a swim meet, he won 8 medals.

Rowdy, Sumit, and Mako of the virtual class have played basketball for many years. They put in lots of hours practicing each week and have scored in and won quite a few games.

## From the Director's Desk

Miss Corine and I have been working really hard for the next school year interviewing parents and possible new students. We will be enrolling new students for next school year, and will be deciding if changes should be made to the grouping of classrooms and/or staff members.

The Star Faculty Member of the month is Miss Cristina. She has great passion for the job and cares a lot about the output of the students. Miss Cristina works extremely hard at both Spanish and Computer class.

Mr. Thom has been hospitalized for a while and I have realized how badly the hospital of Curacao needs funds. It's a place where people who are sick recuperate and should be a pleasant environment. As a school, I would like to take the hospital on as a project for us to work on year round. I would like to raise funds for needed equipment and make art to beautify the rooms. Please let me hear your suggestions via our suggestion box.

## Miss Deana

The 8<sup>th</sup> & 5&6<sup>th</sup> graders have been truly working hard. I am proud to say that all the math classes have completed their books and are reviewing skills to prepare them for next year. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade is reviewing operations with fractions and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is attempting a pre-algebra book with great success. The eighth graders are excited for their upcoming graduation June 15<sup>th</sup>. Teaching here has been a true pleasure. These are great kids.