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

### Miss Mariana/ Krissy

During the month of December, Miss Mariana and her class have worked on Sinterklaas and Holiday activities. They also practiced for the Holiday concert. They continued with their regular activities of language, math, art, and music. As you can tell it was a very busy month.

They have already started working on International Week. The class will present the country of Mexico. They will learn general facts about Mexico. As you can tell, Miss Mariana's class will be working on their ABC, 123, Do-Re-Mi and MORE!

### Miss Linda

Miss Linda's class is researching Holland for International Week. They are learning about transportation and agriculture. There are 12 provinces in Holland, and a lot of windmills on farms.

After this they are going to learn about opposites, but the main subject of this lesson is learning about the Desert and Polar Regions. That includes the differences of water cycle, animals and...A LOT MORE! Then they will go on a field trip to the organic field and the ostrich farm.

Kyon really is trying very hard to improve his hand writing. Lisandro is working on his behavior.

### Miss Hanna

Miss Hanna's class is learning about the country of Finland for International Week. As in...Did you know that people from Finland eat moose and reindeer meat for dinner?

The students will be making very dazzling wall posters about unique facts of Finland: Example about lakes and forests, hot spa baths and people from Finland.

Nattaniel Koomen is the funniest student. He always tells nice (and HILARIOUS) jokes to the class about his life in Banda Bóu.

The students of grade 2/3 ask various question about world events that they saw on T.V. Miss Hanna tries her best in answering the question by telling them an interesting story: Example, stories about China.

### Miss Roshini

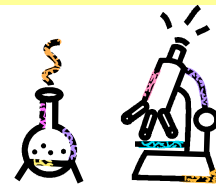
Miss Roshini's class is presenting Australia for international week. The students found a lot of interesting information about Australia. In art they made Boomerangs and "dot-paintings." The students used their fingers to do dot-painting.

They'll be starting nutrition and the food pyramid. Miss Roshini will be teaching about the foods that are healthy and unhealthy. She will be teaching them how to make vegetable soup (because it's safer) and let them taste some other healthy foods.

### Miss Annmarie

The thing I love about this class is that I've never had so many students from so many different countries and they have taught me a lot about their various cultures. I'm amazed at how many languages everyone here knows. I love my stay in Curacao so far, and I'm planning to stay.

My students are very interested in the Scientific process. We have been discussing chemical reactions, simple machines and buoyancy. Maybe the next great scientist will be one of my students!



### Miss Ann

This year has been a great year for us, we've accomplished so much. We've read books like Alice in Wonderland, Devil's Arithmetic, The Year of the Boar, Jackie Robinson, Matilda, Mary Poppins, James and the Giant Peach, and The Westing Game. What I love about this class is that there are fewer students, so I get to know them better, and it's the first class I have to myself. What I love about Curacao is that it's warm here and there are different types of people to meet, and I love being able to swim year round, but I haven't decided to stay yet.

## Car Damage

On Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the last day before the Christmas vacation, someone in a red car parked in the parking lot, by the fence scraped and dented Ms. Kathleen's car. **Will the driver of that car please come forward and take responsibility for the accident?**

## Birthdays

### December 2009

21<sup>st</sup> Kamy grade 1&2

8<sup>th</sup> Alexander k3&k4

13<sup>th</sup> Miceala k3&k4

7<sup>th</sup> Aton grade 3&4

6<sup>th</sup> Julian virtual class

13<sup>th</sup> Asam grade 5&6

16<sup>th</sup> Deveny grade 2&3

8<sup>th</sup> Abdul grade 2&3

14<sup>th</sup> Carolina grade 7&8

### January 2010

7<sup>th</sup> Miss Linda

19<sup>th</sup> Reinaldo k3&k4

20<sup>th</sup> Vansh k3&k4

13<sup>th</sup> Priyanshu k5

26<sup>th</sup> Divanshi k5

5<sup>th</sup> An-Mei grade 3&4

5<sup>th</sup> An-Li grade 3&4

5<sup>th</sup> Riham grade 3&4

24<sup>th</sup> Jia-Yan 3&4

25<sup>th</sup> Derlin grade 2&3

30<sup>th</sup> Jia grade 5&6

## Upcoming Events

Carnival week- no school February 14-19

Valentines Day- February 12 poetry exchange

PTA- planning a BINGO night details will follow.

## **\*Star Students\***

Special congratulations are due to the following students:

### **Miss Mariana class:**

**Chris:** Happy and participates in class activities.

**Micaela:** English has improved since the beginning of school.

**Mahek:** A very artistic student. She loves to color.

### **Miss Roshini's class:**

**Tiya:** For behaving nicely in class.

**Nicole:** fell at Centrum, split her lips, had 5 stitches and it was superb brave that she didn't cry.

### **Miss Linda's class:**

**Adriana:** Showing school pride by picking up trash on the playground without being asked to.

**Kyon:** Improving his handwriting.

### **Miss Hanna's class:**

**Jayden:** He is a cool soccer player.

**Derlin:** She is an excellent drawer.

**Mamoun:** He is an awesome reader.

### **Miss Annmarie's class:**

**Riham:** Is working very hard-great job!

**Kunal:** Is a very creative writer

### **Miss Ann's class:**

**Aemil:** he is fantastic at drawing and Writing

**Eleanor:** doing her best at studying & being a good citizen.

### **Miss Deana's class:**

**Graham:** has the highest overall average this quarter

### **Miss Marianne.s class:**

**Ali and Jacinta:** Are doing such a great job at finishing their courses so that they can graduate.

### **Miss Cristina:**

The following students are consistently showing dedication: **Tiya, Zoey, Muskaan, Emily, Raymond, Moramay and Neftali.**

## Miss Deana

What is 8<sup>th</sup> grade doing?

Mrs. Deana is very proud of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They choreographed their own dances for the holiday show. Their ability to problem solve and work as a team is such an amazing skill for this age. This skill is an asset for any future business endeavor.

## Miss Marianne's Class

Miss Marianne is constantly tracking and tracing the virtual students to make sure they stay on track in their courses. They went on a field trip to "Hilton Beach" that was super fun.

## Basketball games

Basket ball season has finally arrived. All games will be held at Niel Liberia in Suffisant.

C.A.P.S has lost the first game to the Radulphus. Everyone is looking forward to an exciting season.

### Upcoming Games

Time	date	Against
5pm	26-1-10	International
3pm	20-1-10	St.Josef
3pm	18-1-10	Radulphus
4pm	9-2-10	Kol.Jos.Civ.Ago

## From the Director's Desk



I am very happy to see the CAPS Newsletter reappear. It has been a while since we have been delighted with news about all the great things happening at CAPS. I want to send a special thank you to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their teacher for the many hours spent putting together this paper. I also want to send a special thank you to all the staff, school board members, parents and students who have helped to sit on accreditation committees. From April 18 until April 22, a team of 3 people from the USA and 1 person from Brazil will be coming to our school to make sure we are ready to be re-accredited. They will try to interview as many people as possible to find out what is happening at school and what people think about the school. I can tell you that I am extremely proud of us as a community. Our main 2 words at CAPS are **RESPECT** and **RESPONSIBILITY** and I see you try every day to adhere to both of these pillars of strength. **RESPECT**, you show to everyone around you and to yourself. You do the same with **RESPONSIBILITY**. If try to do the right thing every day, and be as kind and considerate as you be, you truly belong at CAPS.

## Where are they now?

### A talk with Ian Anton Budish

Pt: What is your full name?

I: Ian Anton Budish

PT: When is your birthday?

I: November 8<sup>th</sup>

PT: Any brothers or sisters

I: Yes, an older sister, Inga

PT: How many piercings do you have?

I: I have ten piercings

PT: How is it being Mrs. Helga and Mr. Thom's son?

I: They taught me how to work hard and they are very loving

PT: Are you married?

I: Yes, her name is Elaine

PT: What is your current occupation?

I: I am a general contractor, and I have my own little construction business

PT: Where do you live?

I: I live in Rhode Island

PT: How was the school back then? Were there many students?

I: The school was much smaller, and there were about 30 students

PT: Who was your teacher?

I: Everybody, but I can only remember Thom and Jennifer right now.

PT: Was there a virtual system at that time?

I: No

PT: From what year to what year were you in C.A.P.S?

I: I was there from 1995-2000

PT: How did the school change?

I: Well, like I said before there was no virtual system and the school was smaller.

PT: What do you like about the school now?

I: I like all the colors and art around the school

PT: Do you do art like your father?

I: Yes, I studied it in college, but he does painting and I do mostly more sculpting

## What is the Virtual Program?:

Virtual learning has been around the globe for a number of years. CAPS is the very first school in Curacao that has a complete Virtual High school program. This kind of learning is happening more and more around the world. It seems strange because most people are not familiar with it.

Our Virtual school is directly connected to the Florida Virtual School. Students here at CAPS have regular school hours, but they do most of their subjects on the computer. They do have P.E, Art, Dutch and Music as contact subjects to mix the day up a bit. The students also go on fieldtrips and participate in all the CAPS activities.

In every newsletter we would like to inform you a little more about the program. If you have any specific questions, you would like answered, please contact us at [helgabudish@gmail.com](mailto:helgabudish@gmail.com) and we will make sure to address them right away.

Virtual student interviewed: **Rowdy Thielman**

Rowdy likes the fact that you can work anytime you want (24 hours a day – 7 days a week), anywhere (even if you have to leave the island for some reason) at any speed you like. You do not have to wait for your classmates to catch up and you can go over a difficult lesson as often as you need. You must however, like working independently. You have access to your teacher on-line as well as the mentor in the class. The classroom mentor charts all assignments completed on a daily basis. This program is very organized. Rowdy would pick the Virtual program over a traditional classroom setting.

Rowdy's favorite part of the day is recess!!!!

## Thank You!

The caps newsletter staff wants to thank all the students, teachers, and parents for donating money to our **Help Haiti Fund**. As you all know there was a catastrophic earthquake, and thanks to you we are able to raise at school **1,881.90** to help them in this time of need.