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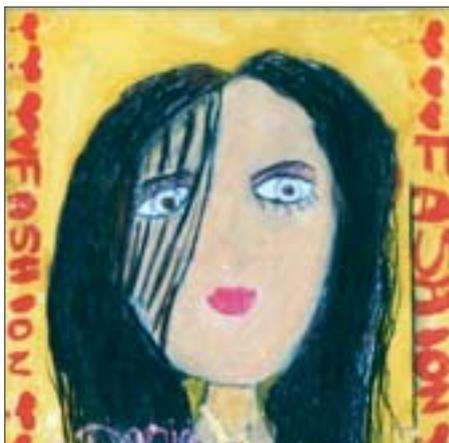
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Highlight of the Issue

SABIS® *Collección de Libros En Español*

With teams based in Peru, Guatemala, and Argentina, SABIS® has launched a major project to develop books in its language series in Spanish. Following the SABIS® language program used in English, the books in the SABIS® Spanish Series will identify key concepts and sequencing for the study of Spanish including: grammar, writing, vocabulary, spelling and reading comprehension.

The teams, working in tandem, are re-writing the SABIS® Readers in Spanish. Within the coming academic year, students at SABIS® member schools will be able to read about the adventures of Cabeza de Vaca and other significant historical characters in Spanish.



One of the creative drawings

ISC - Cairo

Art and Writing Award for SABIS® Students

Four seniors at *the International School of Choueifat – Cairo* and five others from *the International School of Choueifat – Dreamland* received awards for their artistic talents at a reception in a newly opened Sports Club in Cairo on January 24, 2004.

The 'Our School Art and Writing Competition' was open to the top 60 schools in Egypt and attracted over 500 entries this year. Students competed in several categories such as: painting, drawing, poetry,

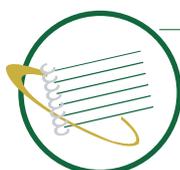
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short story and photography. The honored students participated in a national TV interview following the award presentation. *All nine SABIS® students are active members in the SABIS® SLO™ at the schools. Congratulations!*

Adma - Lebanon



Second Annual EMEA IT Conference

Over sixteen Information Technology Administrators from all over SABIS® member schools in the Gulf, Europe and the Levant area attended the second annual Europe Middle East and Africa (EMEA) IT Conference hosted by Intered, the managing arm of the SABIS® School Network from January 26th through January 29th, 2004.

The conference was held at the Regency Palace hotel in Adma, Lebanon. The conference addressed many IT issues within the school and focused on four major areas: implementation of SABIS® IT procedures, SABIS® Software Systems, School Network Topology and Network Security and Back-ups.

The conference included a variety of presenters who addressed a wide assortment of topics with the aim of managing more efficient school IT environments. Roundtable discussions were part of the conference, allowing interaction among all participants including discussion and debate of some future enhancement ideas. These ideas will be considered when developing new software for release or when implementing new procedures.

This year's conference proved again that these interactive meetings contribute in helping the IT administrators do their job more effectively and in a more secure environment.

SLO News



Cultural Exchange Program at ISM

Twelve *ISM* students in grades eight through twelve participated in a cultural exchange program with Vasco de Quiroga High School in Morelia, Mexico this spring. The program was coordinated by Leslie Gale, Spanish Program Coordinator for SABIS® Educational Systems, Inc. and Alfredo Peche, Spanish teacher at *ISM*. *ISM* students travelled to Mexico during Spring Break and stayed with the families of Mexican high school students. The students experienced what it is like to live in a Spanish speaking country by living with a Mexican family, attending high school classes, and participating in exciting activities and excursions around the colonial city of Morelia and the surrounding 'pueblos'. They saw first-hand how Mexican artisans turn copper into works of art. They hiked on the site of a volcanic eruption (the volcano is still active) that buried an entire Mexican town and lived in a city with over 450 years of Hispanic history. They also visited archeological sites from the pre-Hispanic period, learnt how to make tamales and went to a Mexican open-air market to purchase all of the necessary ingredients. They learnt traditional Mexican dances and created handicrafts using traditional Mexican techniques. And so much more!

The exchange program will be completed in April, when twelve students from Vasco de Quiroga High School will travel to MN during their Spring break to stay with the families of the *ISM* students who participated in the trip to Mexico. These Mexican students will experience American culture by attending some classes at *ISM*, going to a Twins' game, visiting important sites around

the Twin Cities like the Science Museum, Mall of America, the MN Zoo to name only a few. The exchange students will visit Duluth and see Lake Superior, they will tour the Metrodome, and go ice-skating (for the first time in their lives, perhaps). It will be an amazing experience for students on both sides of the border!

For more information, please visit www.ism-sabis.net

Peter J. Negroni, Former Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools

Testimonials *Senior Vice President, The College Board*

// The SABIS® International Charter School is proof positive that charter schools cannot only deliver on the promise of improved academic results for all students, but also can prove to be the catalyst for reform in the rest of the school district. //

Flint - Michigan

Upper School Choir at IAF



The International Academy of Flint, Michigan Upper School Choir was initially formed in the summer of 2003. An *IAF* administrator knew of choir conductor Jerome Threlkeld and believed him to be the perfect person to mold voices and lead an inspirational program. The choir met several times during the summer, growing in number as summer school students enrolled, and created an energetic upbeat mood among summer program participants.

When fall classes began, the choir was officially formed with regular practices occurring during Activity Period as well as after school. The choir now totals forty blended voices, with two sixth grade students and the remainder coming from grades seven – twelve. Choir conductor Threlkeld is accompanied by Dandre' Williams, a University of Michigan - Flint student, who plays excellent keyboard.

The first performance of the choir occurred in October at the University of Michigan - Flint Peace Day Celebration, an annual event acknowledging non-violence and harmony among people. The performances marked the choir's first public appearance and they received a standing ovation for not only their voices, but for their spirit and their ability to entertain and "grab the hearts" of the audience. The choir is as dynamic as its director and the combination of youthful energy, talent and the sincere desire to entertain is transmitted to the audience. All present get directly involved in the music. Often audience members rise to their feet, clap their hands, and some even shout!



IAF Choir

Since its debut, the choir has also performed at the Multicultural Day of Diversity Program at Flint's International Institute, at Genesys Regional Medical Center Holiday Music Program, which was broadcast on a public access TV, Comcast Channel 17. The choir also sang marvelously at *IAF's* own Winter Music Program, as well as twice in all-school assemblies.

On February 24, the choir returned to Genesys Regional Medical Center to perform as part of a Gospel Extravaganza, entitled "From Genesys to Revelation", an event which was part of the Medical Center's celebration of Black History Month.

Eager to showcase the talents of *IAF's* students, the choir has been expanded to include a drummer, 11th grader Joseph Cotton. Joseph has been playing in church for several years, and his sense of rhythm and timing provides the choir with a new and exciting sound. As the year progresses, perhaps additional instruments can be included. With a little more practice, the choir will be expected to record their own CD as they continue to create a lasting spirit of friendship.

For more information, please visit www.iaf-sabis.net

Ski Trip

Ski Trip for ISC - Doha, Amman and Egypt Students



Students from *ISC-Doha, Amman, Cairo and Dreamland* ventured across borders on a four-day ski trip, jam-packed with excitement in the winter wonderland of Faraya, Lebanon. Students learnt to ski under the expert guidance of Lebanon's leading ski instructors and made impressive progress. Many students went rapidly from being unstable beginners to becoming comfortable, tackling the harder slopes of Faraya.



Not only did the students gain skills and experience on the snow-covered mountain slopes, but they had a fun-filled time off the slopes as well. At the lodge, students entertained themselves playing billiards and table tennis. They also told each other the tales of their skiing exploits around a warm fire. Students and supervisors had an excellent time, one that will be remembered in the years to come!

Major Construction Projects Underway

Qatar, Germany, Bahrain and Lebanon



The 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years will see the commencement and completion of construction projects for new as well as existing schools within the SABIS® School Network. Detailed planning and construction projects are currently underway including:

Doha, Qatar: At *the International School of Choueifat- Doha, Qatar*, a new campus is currently under construction and is targeted to open for the 2004-05 academic year. Situated on 45,000m² in the West Bay area of Doha, the new campus will feature world-class teaching and sports facilities including a semi-Olympic sized swimming pool and soccer pitch.

Neuss, Germany: Plans for the construction of the permanent facility to house *the Internationale Schule am Rhein in Neuss* are in the final stages. According to Mr. Thomas Uhling, *ISR* Co-CEO, construction is set to begin in the spring of 2005.

Manama, Bahrain; Adma, Lebanon: Architects have been selected and detailed plans are being finalized to pave the way for the construction of two major school campuses as new member schools in the SABIS® School Network.

For more information about the SABIS® School Network, visit www.sabis.net

Feature School

ICPA, Cincinnati, Ohio



The International College Preparatory Academy (ICPA) opened its doors for the first day of school on September 2, 2003. The 2003-2004 school year started off with ca. six hundred students in grades KG-6. *ICPA* is a member of the SABIS® School Network which currently includes 28 schools spanning four continents, educating ca. 22,500 students.



Academics



ICPA implements the SABIS® Educational System, an educational system that offers a rigorous, internationally-oriented, college-preparatory curriculum, emphasizing the core subjects of English, Maths, Sciences, and World Languages.

Students have performed exceptionally well in the official examinations of the first two terms of this 2003-2004 AY. The school has offered classes each Saturday to prepare the fourth and sixth graders for their state testing, the Ohio Proficiency Test. The school also offers Saturday tutoring sessions during Term III for students who need additional support in any subject area.



The SABIS® Student Life Organization™

SLO Prefects are active participants in several areas: discipline, sports, and other clubs. Since the beginning of the school year, several exciting events took place such as pep rallies, a holiday assembly which featured choreographed musical numbers along with artwork from the students.

An Honors' Assembly was held in two separate presentations on January 20, 2004 in the school cafeteria. It featured over 100 talented students in its first HONORS ASSEMBLY for 2004. In 2 separate presentations, 1st - 3rd grader & 4th - 6th graders were honored for their behavioral and academic performance. For the 1st - 3rd graders, teachers presented 65 Behavior Awards, 61 Academic Awards & 37 S.T.A.R Awards, for those students who earn both Behavior & Academic Honors. *ICPA's* 4th-6th graders finished with 29 Behavior Awards, 5 Academic Awards, and 3 S.T.A.R. students.

Active Student Life participants were well represented amongst those receiving awards in the assembly. Of the 100+ students honored, at least a third are active members in Student Life!

Both the **ICPA** Director & AQC encouraged all students to strive for awards at the next HONORS ASSEMBLY. The assemblies ended with 1 class from each section being identified as "Most Well Behaved During An Assembly". Both of those classes were treated to a pizza & ice cream social with the Director!

The Black History Month event was another exceptional success. It featured music, history, dance and artwork from the students. The art teacher trained a group of students to perform well on steel drums. The Dance, Art, and Drama Clubs all participated in this successful event.



Sports

Boys' and girls' basketball teams have been formed from grades three through six. They practice every Saturday morning, in preparation for competitions with other schools in the Cincinnati area. A volleyball team has just started. **ICPA** staff members are involved actively as coaches for all the sports teams.

ICPA is presently involved in a very active recruitment campaign to increase enrollment and to welcome new students. The newly-formed Parent Connection will offer a tremendous support and play a key role in identifying ways to attract students and families through their marketing efforts. The Parent Connection works closely with the Director of the school to support **ICPA**.

As a member of the SABIS® School Network, **ICPA** aims to instill in the students a life-long desire for learning and give them a world-class education that equips them with the ability to face the challenges of the future.

For more information on the school, please access www.icpa-sabis.net

SABIS® is an educational organization that manages K-12 co-educational schools worldwide. Today, the network comprises 28 schools spanning across 4 continents. Since the first school was founded in 1886, thousands of graduates have joined top universities in North America, Europe, Australia & the Middle East.

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