



# IN THE MIDDLE



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## Advisory Parent Representatives

Thank you, parents, who volunteered to be the Advisory Parent Representatives for this year. You are invited, along with our middle school Parent Association Representative, Meg Bowman-Hicks, to meet with Dr. Nolan on Tuesday morning, Sept. 6, at 8:15 in the assembly hall to establish some goals for this year. Our representatives are 6A Ms. Hansen: Miriam Oliveras and Patricia Boccock (alternate); 6B Mrs. Grimm: Adriana Quesada and Sonia Rabinovich (alternate); 6C Mrs. Ruiz: Debbie Ravinovich; 6D Mr. Riley: Florencia Gelman; 7A Mr. González: Piper Guthrie; 7B Ms. McCray: Michelle Derksen; 7C Mrs. Porter: Karla Richardson and Martha Barnett (alternate); 7D Mr. Morales: Kerri Alers; 8A Mr. DeBoer: Ronda Scott; 8B Mr. McCorkle: Felicidad García; 8C Ms. Montero: Meg Bowman; and 8D Mrs. González: Beatriz Mote.

## Spanish Classes Available for Parents

CDS mother Anna Tormo-Prats is offering Spanish language classes for parents. Mrs. Tormo-Prats recognizes that many foreign parents are eager to communicate with Spanish speakers and would love to learn the local language. CDS has shown full support and offered to lend a classroom in the middle school to facilitate this initiative. Classes will be offered at different times during the school day and cover all levels of Spanish from beginners to advanced, as often as parents need. If you need additional information or have any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Tormo-Prats at [annato9824@gmail.com](mailto:annato9824@gmail.com).

## After School Activities

Josh Knudson is creating a **skateboard club** for middle school students on Tuesdays (not Thursdays as previously announced). No experience is required. Participants need to bring their own board and wear a helmet while at Arenas Skatepark. The cost is \$200 for one semester which includes round-trip transportation from CDS and all fees to skate. Sign up with Vanessa Prendas in the middle school office or contact [Joshua\\_knudson@cds.ed.cr](mailto:Joshua_knudson@cds.ed.cr). The **hip hop and street dance class** for middle school boys and girls started yesterday. There is still room for more dancers. The instructor is Martina Blaettler, a professional dance teacher. Students need have no special clothing or experience. The class will be **Thursdays** from **Sept. 1 to Dec. 8**. The cost is 50,000 *colones* for one semester.

## Corre por Mi Race

We hope to have a large CDS turnout of students, staff, and parents for the *Corre por Mi* race in San Jose on **Oct. 2**. All proceeds go to the fight against breast cancer. You may contact Glenda Pearson, CDS Athletic Director, [Glenda\\_Pearson@cds.ed.cr](mailto:Glenda_Pearson@cds.ed.cr) for more information. She will be accepting inscriptions until Sept. 16. The cost is 6,000 *colones*. The race materials, including the shirt, will delivered back at CDS the week before the race.

## The Hogares Seguros Covenant

- I, as a parent, will appropriately SUPERVISE youth gatherings in my home.
- I will not KNOWINGLY ALLOW parties or gathering in my home when I am not home.
- I will not KNOWINGLY SERVE or ALLOW alcohol to be CONSUMED by under-age guests, and I will not ALLOW drugs or any other illegal substances to be CONSUMED by anyone.
- I have DISCUSSED this pledge with my/our child/children.

If you are interested in pledging to the above statements, please email Vanessa Prendas in the middle school office or send in a signed, printed copy by Sept. 9.

## Upcoming Events

Tues., Sept. 6 Middle School parent representatives meeting, assembly hall, 8:15

Wed., Sept. 14 Middle school Independence Day celebration

Thurs., Sept. 15 Holiday – Independence Day (CR)

Wed., Sept. 21 Professional development half-day

Sat., Sept. 24 Family picnic (10:00 – 1:00)

Sun., Oct 2 *Corre por Mi*.

