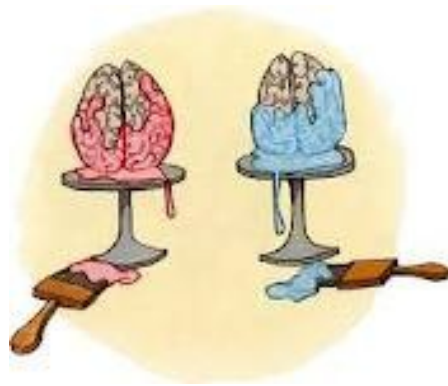




Do Boys and Girls Learn Differently?

Please join me for a presentation of the *Family & Education Series* on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 8:15 in the middle school assembly hall.

This event, **Do Boys and Girls Learn Differently?** is suitable for all CDS parents who are curious about how gender may affect their children's experiences and achievement at school.



AASCA Middle School Choir Festival

Country Day School is participating in the AASCA Middle School Honor Choir Festival at Marian Baker School on March 7-11, 2012. For those of you who are unfamiliar with AASCA, it stands for Association of American Schools in Central America; CDS is an active member. Two years ago, we hosted the festival, but this year it is being hosted by Marion Baker School. The 18 members of our middle school choir have been preparing all year for this event that allows them to share musical and multicultural experiences with students from schools in several countries. The choir students will miss two days of classes, but will not be considered absent as they are representing CDS. Choir teacher Marcela Lizano and I will be talking to sixth grade teachers to coordinate the work the students will miss those days. If you require more information, please contact marcela_lizano@cds.ed.cr.

Parent Meeting with Dr. Nolan

I would like to invite all of our advisory parent representatives and any other interested middle school parents to meet with me for an informal conversation on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 8:00 in the assembly hall. I'd like to hear what is on your minds, your questions about middle school, and recommendations for how I can work with parents to ensure the best quality education for your children. I hope to see you there!

Parents, please put your children's names in their personal belongings, especially lunch boxes, food containers, jackets, and uniforms. Our lost and found shelves fill up very quickly, but if we find a name, we will make a point of finding the owner.



AASCA Drama Festival

Starting February 15, Country Day School will host the 2012 AASCA Drama Festival. Six schools from four Central American countries will participate in three days of one-act plays, monologues, improvisation, and workshops taught by the area's finest thespians. Events on Thursday and Friday will be open to our community.



Swimming Season Begins

The swimming season will be from February 7th to May 29. Middle school students can come to the swimming pool every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:30. The coach will be Oscar Jimenez.

Fun Run

The CDS Fun Run will be held on February 26, a time for the community to gather and celebrate good health and fitness as many of its members challenge themselves in a 5-kilometer race through Escazú. The elementary students run the 1-K and the preschoolers run their version of the Fun Run, and many students and family members cheer and motivate the runners to the finish line.

February Is Healthy People Month

Country Day School has designated February this year as a month to celebrate and promote healthy people. In anticipation of encouraging good nutrition, we made several recent food changes in our middle school kiosk; these changes have been received with great enthusiasm. For example, this morning during recess I saw several students munching on sweet roasted plantains topped with cheese. Others were enjoying bowls of fruit salad. Several, who used to eat potato chips or sweet buns during snack time, were choosing fresh sliced pineapple or bread sticks. In addition to improving nutrition, we will also be promoting physical fitness, good mental health, and smart decision-making. Stayed tuned for more information as the month progresses.

Calendar

- Jan. 31 Family & Education Series event "**Do Boys and Girls Learn Differently?**" MS assembly hall, 8:15.
- Feb. 1 Advisory Parent Representatives meet with Dr. Nolan, 8:00.
- Feb. 2 MS girls soccer game vs. Lincoln at Lincoln, 3:15.
- Feb. 7 Swimming season begins, 3:00.
- Feb. 8 to 10 Sixth grade trip.
- Feb. 14 Last day to pay for seventh grade trip to Arenal Volcano National Park.
- Feb. 15 to 18 AASCA drama festival hosted by CDS.
- Feb. 16 MS boys soccer game vs. Lincoln at Lincoln, 3:15.
- Feb. 20 Presidents Day (holiday).
- Feb. 21 to 25 Iowa Tests of Basic Skills given to all middle school students.
- Feb. 22 MS boys soccer game vs. Humboldt at CDS, 3:15.
- Feb. 22 MS girls soccer game vs. Humboldt at CDS, 4:15.
- Feb. 26 CDS 5 K Fun Run.
- Feb. 29 MS girls soccer game vs. MBS at CDS, 3:15.
- Feb. 29 MS boys soccer game vs. MBS at CDS, 4:15.
- Feb. 29 to March 2 Seventh grade trip.
- March 7 to 11 AASCA Middle School Honor Choir Festival hosted by Marion Baker School.

MS Principal has posted a new item, 'Facebook: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly'

When I was a child, my father loved cowboy movies. As a result, the first movie I ever saw in a real theater was a 1966 Italian spaghetti Western starring Clint Eastwood. I don't remember much about the movie, but I have always been amused by the title: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. As odd [...]

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