

The International School of Panama

# Middle School News

## Good-bye to School Year 2009-2010

Although the 2009-2010 school year is coming to a close, we continue to be as busy as ever.

Students have been reviewing for final exams and they have been equally engaged in important end-of-year projects.

The Middle School Team would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents, for your support and the trust you place in us as we work with your children each day.

We are pleased with the progress our students have made and we owe that to the partnership we share. Collaboration and strong communication between home and school is the foundation for success.

At this time of the year we bid farewell to many students and their families. We wish each of you the very best in your new home and school. We hope that fond memories of ISP will accompany you wherever you

go.

We also say "Hasta Luego" to Ms. Jodie Roderick and Mrs. Helen Villamil who are off to pursue new adventures in faraway lands. We will miss both teachers and we hope that ISP will remain in their hearts. ISP has been enriched by their presence and participation in all aspects of school life. Thank you for being a special part of our school community.

### Important Dates:

#### Semester Exams

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 7,8 and 9,  
12:00 dismissal each day

#### Middle School Move-Up

Thursday, June 10, 9:00 am  
ISP Gym  
Dismissal 12:00

## Sixth Grade Academic Bowl Champs

### ***The Bull Dawgs Second Place***

Luis Lopez, Brandon Kramer,  
Jesper Anderson, Charles Grover



### ***The Prophets Champions***

Iñigo Gonzalez, Juan Pablo Cortes,  
Martin Wanckel, Mateo Prado



### ***The Bull's Eye Third Place***

Alan Daher, Tomas Manterola,  
Aaditya Krishnamurthy, Jun Hyuk Kim





The competition was tough but our students were well represented by: Aaron Abouganem, Moises Abouganem, Paul Coosmans, Iñigo Gonzalez, Leonardo Gonzalez, and Mateo Prado



## Ping - Pong Fever

Ping-Pong is a sport that is growing in popularity at ISP.

There is a Middle School club dedicated to the game, and students in Elementary and Middle School participated in an After School Program throughout the second semester.

Coach Ruben Rivera, a seasoned Ping-Pong player and champion, helped students hone their skills and prepare

for competition.

On Wednesday, June 2, ISP hosted its first Ping-Pong tournament. Participating schools included, ISP, Episcopal, San Marcos, Episcopal Panama and Panamerican School.

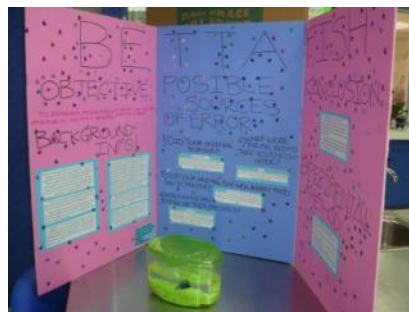
Congratulations to all participating schools. We look forward to more tournaments next year!



Moises and Aaron Abouganem also compete locally. Here they are showing their second-and third -lace medals. Way to go!



## Alive and Well Presentations



## 7th Grade Teambuilding, Getting Ready for 8th Grade



## We are the next 8th grade!



On Friday, May 28, 7th grade students participated in an activity designed to focus on social skills for appropriate interaction needed for success in 8th grade and beyond.

The workshop began with a skit put on by teachers that portrayed an exaggerated version of what behaviors and attitudes are observed among students.

The skit was followed by discussion groups in which students came up with important essential agreements for working together responsibly in 8th grade.

The workshop ended with a teambuilding activity that focused on cooperation and teamwork in order to achieve a positive learning environment for all.

## Connections Field Trip - Helping Others

“It was a life-changing experience that helped me understand how lucky I am to have all these things and yet still ask for more.”  
Isabella Derlon

“It was amazing to feed and play with the little kids. I felt very thankful.”  
Jade Martindale

“My experience in Nutre Hogar let me think about how fortunate I am to have a family, food and health.”



“I enjoyed interacting with the kids. The part I enjoyed the most was watching the kids when they were very happy.”



“I had to clean a baby, put diapers on her and dress her. When we were finished, my self-esteem was up and I felt proud.”  
Aaron Wyder